awareness of the emotions and feelings of individual human beings. In his department he made a point of welcoming newcomers, and always greeted a strange face with the words, "I am Dr. Stengel, what is your name?" and in a few moments the newcomer was part of the family circle in the Department.

Stengel's writings were on a wide range of subjects—organic brain disorders, classification in psychiatry and, best known, studies of suicide and attempted suicide. He was essentially a clinical research psychiatrist and had little time for machines and tests. Similarly, he was somewhat impatient of detailed statistical investigation, believing that the more important principles were self-evident when properly

dissected out and identified.

He began his career in Vienna amidst the great names in psychiatry and by his work on the Continent and in Britain he has joined this select group by virtue of his own massive contributions. The Association which preceded our College gave every possible recognition to his worth: after being Chairman of the R.M.P.A.'s Education Committee, and Maudsley Lecturer in 1964, he was elected President for the year 1966-7.

His many friends all over the world will join in sympathy with the great bereavement of Anna, his wife.

C. P. SEAGER.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

University of Oxford and Oxford Regional Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education and Training

A course in Neuroanatomy and Neurophysiology in preparation for the M.R.C.P., M.R.C.Psych., and D.P.M. examinations will be held in the University Department of Human Anatomy from 9–19 September 1973. Enquiries to the Director of Postgraduate Medical Education and Training, Old Radcliffe Observatory, The Medical School, 43 Woodstock Road, Oxford.

American Psychopathological Association

The 64th Annual Meeting of the American Psychopathological Association will be held on 7 and 8 March 1974, at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel, Prudential Center, Boston, Mass. 02199, The principal subject will be the Evaluation of Psychological Therapies. Further information: Jonathan Cole, M.D., Secretary, Boston State Hospital, 591 Morton Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02124.