

Autumn Quarterly Meeting

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting on 19 and 20 November 1981 will be a joint one with the Danish Psychiatric Society. We anticipate that approximately half the speakers will be from Denmark, and a number of other Danish psychiatrists will also be coming to London. We are hoping that British psychiatrists living in the London area will be willing to offer hospitality to these Danish psychiatrists for two or three nights at the time of the meeting. It is also hoped that a future joint meeting may be held in Copenhagen. The Danish Psychiatric Society has indicated that it would be very willing to return our hospitality at that meeting.

Any doctor in the London area who would be willing to offer hospitality for the duration of the November meeting to one or more of the Danish psychiatrists, and who has not already done so, should contact Miss Natalie Cobbing at the College.

ROBIN M. MURRAY
Honorary Secretary
Programmes and Meetings Committee

Future College Meetings

The Programmes and Meetings Committee would like to hear from both senior and junior psychiatrists who are inter-

ested in presenting papers at either the Spring or Summer Meetings of the College in 1982. The Spring meeting is to be held in Liverpool on 20 and 21 April and the Summer (Annual) meeting (provisionally) from 6 to 8 July in London. In addition, the Committee would also welcome suggestions of unusual and relevant topics for discussion either in full sessions or in smaller workshops. Correspondence should be addressed to the Honorary Secretary, Dr Robin M. Murray, at the College address.

On Sale

College Tie: A new design of College tie with a single crest is now available in dark blue, maroon or dark green at a cost of £4 to members. The previous pattern in dark blue, with the College Arms in yellow and white is still available at a cost of £3.50. There is an additional charge in both cases of 14p. postage and packing within the UK and 90p for overseas mail.

College Plaque: This is a wall plaque measuring 7 ins × 6 ins approximately and showing the College Coat of Arms in four colours, raised on a wooden shield of light oak. The price is £5.50 if bought at the College; plus 65p for postage and packing within the UK, or £2.20 for overseas surface mail.

Forthcoming Events

The **British Institute of Mental Handicap** is holding a one-day conference, 'The Law and Mental Handicap—Looking Forward', on 18 November 1981 at the Commonwealth Institute. Information: Conference Organizer, British Institute of Mental Handicap, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 3PP (telephone: 0562-850251).

A Course on **Therapeutic Communication with Children**, which is open to staff of Child Guidance Clinics and Departments of Child Psychiatry who are already engaged in work with individual children and who wish to contribute current clinical material, will be held at the Child Guidance Training Centre on Monday afternoons during the Autumn term 1981 and Spring term 1982. Information: Mrs J. Hopkins, Child Guidance Training Centre, 120 Belsize Lane, London NW3.

A two-day workshop on **basic committee and management skills for senior trainees in psychiatry** will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 17 and 18 September 1981. The programme covers skills related to effective communication, interdisciplinary teamwork, basics of committee practice and

the structure of Health Service administration. The workshop is sponsored by the British Postgraduate Medical Federation and is approved for study leave and expenses. Course fee £25. Information: Dr Helena Waters, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF or Dr Peter Hill, St George's Hospital, London SW17.

The next three-term course for the **MRCPsych and DPM Basic Sciences Course** will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 13 October 1981 at the Royal Free Hospital. Course includes lectures on genetics, neurophysiology, psychology and pharmacology. Course fee £110. Information: Dr Fay Fransella, Academic Department of Psychiatry, Royal Free Hospital, Pond Street, Hampstead, London NW3 2QG.

The **Royal College of Physicians of London** is holding a conference from 11 to 13 November 1981 on 'Science and Medicine 1981' at the College itself. The Conference aims to present recent scientific developments as they affect medicine. Information and application: Conference Secretary, Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE.