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The Section for the Psychiatry of Mental Handicap has prepared comments on the DHSS Mental Handicap Policy Paper. Copies of their comments are available from the College. Council noted with some concern that the DHSS Report *Helping Mentally Handicapped People with Special Problems* contained no references to psychiatric disorders or epilepsy. The Section for the Psychiatry of Mental Handicap has been asked to prepare the College's response to this Report.

A Service of Thanksgiving was held for the late Miss Natalie Cobbing on 29 March 1984. This was well attended and the President gave a very moving tribute to Natalie Cobbing's devoted service to the RMPA and the College (*Bulletin*, July 1984, 8, 141-2).

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff at the Royal Edinburgh Hospital and the Department of Psychiatry who have made this meeting so successful. In particular, I would like to express the College's gratitude to Professor I. Oswald, Dr W. Boyd and Miss Irene Griffin.

### ***Irish Division***

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Irish Division was held at St. Stephen's Hospital, Sarsfieldscourt, Cork, on 28 April 1984.

This was a joint meeting with our colleagues from the Irish Society of Physicians in Geriatric Medicine and addressed itself to the 'Care of the Elderly'. The academic session included two papers, one from Dr Noel Scott (Consultant Psychiatrist/Lecturer in the Psychiatry of Old Age), who gave details of his service in South Belfast. The other paper, 'A Medical Service for Old People', was given by Dr Gillian Twomey, a geriatrician from Cork. These papers were well received by geriatricians and psychiatrists alike. It was agreed that there should be ongoing discussions with our geriatrician colleagues, with a view to producing a document on the 'Care of the Elderly', acceptable to both organizations.

The Business Meeting of the Irish Division elected representatives to the Irish Psychiatric Training Committee. Professor T. J. Fahy took the chair owing to the absence of the Chairman, Dr Gordon McCallum, due to illness. Details were given of the most recent meeting with Department of Health officials. It is hoped that the Working Party (Department of Health) addressing itself to our psychiatric services, will report by May 1984. Members were informed that the Irish Division would be making a statement on the financial cutbacks affecting the quality of patient care.

The members expressed their thanks to Dr David Dunne, Clinical Director, St Stephen's Hospital and the Southern Health Board for hosting such a successful meeting.

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### ***College Library***

Members have continued to be most generous in donating books to the College Library. The Librarian wishes to thank all concerned, especially those members who sent copies of their own works:

Dr F. J. Ayd *Affective Disorders Reassessed: 1983*  
Dr D. H. Bennett *Theory and Practice of Psychiatric Rehabilitation*  
Dr J. A. R. Bickford *De La Pole Hospital*  
Dr D. H. Clark *Brief History of Fulbourn Hospital*  
Dr S. Crown *Contemporary Psychiatry*  
Dr J. H. Dowson *Treatment and Management in Adult Psychiatry*  
Professor G. Edwards *Pharmacological Treatments for Alcoholism*  
Dr L. Fagin *The Forsaken Families*  
Professor J. L. Gibbons *Psychiatry*  
Professor E. S. Paykel *Community Psychiatric Nursing for Neurotic Patients*  
Dr M. A. Simpson *MCQ Tutor: Psychiatry*

Dr D. A. Spencer *An Introductory Foundation Lecture Course on Mental Handicap for Mental Teaching (1984)*  
*The History and Present Role of Wharfe Grange Hospital, Wetherby, West Yorks*  
*Policies and Working Arrangements for the Management and Care of Adults with Mental Handicap (Mental Impairment) under the NHS in Leeds*  
*Senior Registrar Training in Mental Handicap in the Yorkshire Region*  
*Westwood Hol A History of Westwood Hospital, Bradford, Yorkshire*  
*The History and Modern Development of Crooked Acres Hospital, Leeds*  
Dr P. J. Tyrer *Drugs in Psychiatric Practice*  
Dr M. P. I. Weller *The Scientific Basis of Psychiatry*  
Dr D. Wheatley *Psychopharmacology and Sexual Disorders*  
Professor F. A. Whitlock *Symptomatic Affective Disorders*