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patients to die in hospital, the evidence is that patients want to die at home.

One of my character building experiences as a student was to hear that very compassionate lady, Professor Dorothy Russell, say as the houseman ended his history over a post mortem, 'Ah well, we can certainly say that everything possible was done'. Whether the *double* (or treble!) *entendre* was intended or unconscious I do not know, but it is certain that her meaning would have been both penetrating and kind. Perhaps in doing well, we failed to see that there was one more thing we could have done – to stop doing *things*, reconsider the patient, and go all out to help in other ways even if it needed courage, risked misunderstanding, and seemed dangerously original. One can collect dangerously original, but highly appropriate ideas together in a hospice; they tend to die from competition in a hospital.

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## SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

### DIPLOMA IN THE PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE

The second session of the two-year Course leading to the Diploma in the Philosophy of Medicine of the Society of Apothecaries will begin on Saturday, 11 October 1980. The Course is addressed primarily to graduates of medicine, and lectures will be given on alternate Saturday mornings in London by Michael Lockwood, MA D Phil (Oxon), Lecturer in Philosophy, University College, Oxford.

Further information and application forms are available from the Registrar, (Philosophy of Medicine Course) Faculty of the History and Philosophy of Medicine and Pharmacy. The Society of Apothecaries, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ.

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and well-defined but the graduations between these extremes may be slight and insidious. As a profession we must be watchful of the incidents and be clear in our own minds of our courses of action when confrontation

comes. In the words of Sir John Powell, a 17th century Welsh Judge noted for his honesty:

He who has no inclination to learn more will be very apt to think that he knows enough.

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on the football terraces and the disruption of scientific meetings of learned societies is not so great that we can afford to be complacent about it. The question must be asked, why is it difficult, indeed often impossible, to discuss homosexuality in public in a quiet, disciplined and thoughtful way?

Minority groups are often their own worst enemies and their behaviour is frequently counterproductive

and damages the public image of their cause. The disrupters themselves often do not have a clear idea as to why they behave in a particular way, nor are their long-term motives always understandable. Homosexual men have achieved a great deal of tolerance and freedom for themselves and their cause is ill-served by the small number of demonstrators who take it upon themselves to deny freedom of speech to others.

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Doctors will have additional responsibilities for the accurate documentation of the incidence of diseases in the elderly. It is virtually impossible to predict or estimate morbidity in the elderly. Over the age of 75, it is thought that nearly 65 per cent of patients have some disability; however, there is a hidden incidence of morbidity. Unreported illnesses such as defects in vision, senility, musculoskeletal deficiency, feet prob-

lems and urinary problems are very common but often unrecorded. In part this is an effect of the attitude of patients who regard such symptoms as normal for their age rather than evidence of an active disease process. The professionals and the doctors will have the responsibility adequate documentation and reporting of statistics on disease incidence in the elderly.

Someone has said that one can judge the morality of society by the way it treats its young, its infirm and its elderly. Adequate planning and forethought – with humanity as a large factor in the decision making – on the care of the elderly could lead to a situation where our societies can feel a sense of self respect.

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## Medical groups

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### Further information on Medical Groups

For fuller details, complete lecture lists are available from the secretaries of the medical groups listed below. Please enclose a stamped addressed A4 envelope.

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### Medical ethics library

A common catalogue in medical ethics has been set up as a result of discussions between the librarians of the British Medical Association, King's College, London, and Heythrop College, London and the directors of the King's College Centre of Law, Medicine and Ethics, the Linacre Centre for the Study of the Ethics of Health Care and the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics. There will be a collaborative buying policy for journals and books, and a common admissions policy for *bona fide* students of medical ethics has been agreed amongst the institutions concerned.

### Essay prize competition

The Society for the Study of Medical Ethics is offering a First Prize of £100 and two Second Prizes of £50 for essays on the topic: 'The future of medical ethics'.

Entries must be received by 31 March 1981. For full details and conditions of entry write to: Essay Prize Competition, Society for the Study of Medical Ethics, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG.

### Diploma in the philosophy of medicine

Eight doctors have successfully passed the first diploma examination in the

philosophy of medicine of the Society of Apothecaries of London. The diploma, designed to indicate 'some familiarity with the methods of contemporary philosophical analysis, as applied to problems within the theory and practice of medicine', involves 40 Saturday morning seminars and two examinations, attended over a two year period. The next course begins on 11 October 1980, and further information and application forms are available from The Registrar, Apothecaries Hall, Black Friars Lane, London EC4V 6EJ.

The inaugural diplomates were: Thomas Barclay Anderson MD, BChir, MRCS, LRCP; Jean Wilson Cuthbert, MB, ChB, DPH, MFOM, DHMSA; Teifion Wynne Davies BSc, MB, BS\*; Sanaa A. Ibrahim Helwa MB, BCh, FFARCS; Ismail Hamdi Mohamed Ismail MB, BCh, FRCS; Ramakanta Jena MB, BS; William Robert Moore MB, BChir, FRCGP, MRCP; Bashir Ahmed Qureshi MB, BS, DCH, MRCP, AFCM, DHMSA.

\*Denotes distinction.

### James Blackie Appeal Fund

The Appeal Committee wishes to express thanks to all who contributed to this Fund. The proceeds are being devoted to The Edinvar Housing Association Drummond Street rehabilitation project. This project reflects two of James Blackie's active concerns: the restoration of property in the central area and the provision of appropriate housing for the disabled. A V Campbell, Treasurer, June 1980.

### MSC helps to meet the nursing shortage

Over 15,000 nursing vacancies are filled each year by the Manpower Services Commission's Nursing Employment Service, operated through Jobcentres and Employment Offices, and an increasing number of Nursing Schools are turning to the public employment services to recruit trainee nurses.

Since 1977, a specialised service for placing temporary and part-time nurses has been in operation. In conjunction with Health Authorities, 20

Nursebanks have been set up throughout the country to find work for qualified nurses who, because of family commitments cannot work either full-time or on a permanent basis.

Mrs Kate Bennett, the MSC's Chief Nursing Consultant said, 'Nursebanks offer flexibility to employers and employees and a quick response to both their needs. They are making a valuable contribution towards helping overcome short-term shortages of nurses in hospitals and improving efficiency in the nursing labour market.'

Final selection of nurses from Nursebanks is made by Health Authorities. But in the first instance, nurses apply through their local Jobcentre or Employment Office whose staff are given professional support and training by an MSC team of qualified nursing consultants.

The expertise gained through recruiting qualified nurses is also helping the Nursing Employment Service to meet a growing number of requests from nursing schools to recruit nurse learners. 'With careers in nursing open to about 30,000 young people every year, this is an important development', Mrs Bennett said.

This year Special Recruitment Weeks for nurses are scheduled to take place in South Wales, Merseyside, London and the North West. Other recruitment drives for qualified nurses and nurse learners are also planned for the near future.

The Nursing Employment Service featured Nursebanks and the recruitment of nurse learners at the Royal College of Nursing's Professional Conference and Annual Congress and Exhibition in Harrogate on 19 to 21 May.

### VIIIth International congress of AMIEV (International Medical Association for the Study of Living Conditions and Health)

1-5 June 1981 Congress Hotel Rosendahl, Tampere, Finland.

Themes: Nutrition and Health, Accidents and Progress of Technology,

Humanism and Medical Responsibility.

Submission of communications: Authors who wish to present oral communications or posters are requested to submit abstracts in English before 15 December 1980.

Registration details will be available by September, 1980. Those who wish to receive additional information on the Congress are kindly requested to contact Congress Secretariat, address: VIIIth International Congress of AMIEV, Department of Public Health, University of Tampere, PO Box 607, 33101 Tampere 10, Finland.

**Report from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine: Guidance on ethics for occupational physicians**  
The Faculty of Occupational Medicine has published a report in June 1980, *Guidance on ethics for occupational physicians*.

Specialists in this field form the largest group of doctors outside the National Health Service, but until the formation of the Faculty in 1978 these doctors had no professional body to represent them, and to ensure high standards of training, competence and professional ethics.

Occupational (industrial) medicine is concerned with *all* aspects of health and work – employee morale, accidents, guidance on fitness for work in various occupations and early detection of new dangers to health at work.

This report has been produced by the Faculty following consultations with interested bodies such as the CBI, TUC, Industrial Society and professional organisations.

*Guidelines on ethics for occupational physicians* covers fundamental aspects such as:

- a) Confidentiality concerning the release of clinical information about individuals;
- b) Confidentiality concerning the release of scientific information about the working processes or procedures, and their effects, on health;
- c) The routine or periodic examination of workers and clinical investigation for the purposes of research;
- d) Relationships with other doctors, management, trades unions, government agencies and others working in the occupational health and safety field, and any other areas where conflicts of interests might arise.

At a reception to launch the publication of the report from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine, the Dean, Dr Peter Swann said: 'We welcome this report as the

fulfilment of one of the main aims of the Faculty – to provide guidelines on ethics for occupational physicians. We are sure that it will be of help to many doctors who work both full and part-time in industry. There are now nearly 1000 doctors in the Faculty and its membership is still growing fast'.

The aims of the Faculty are:

- a) 'To promote for the public benefit the advancement of knowledge in the field of occupational medicine.
- b) 'To act as an authoritative body for the purpose of consultation in matters of Educational or public interest concerning occupational medicine.
- c) 'To develop and maintain the good practice of occupational medicine with a view to providing for the protection of the people at work by ensuring the highest professional standards of competence and ethical integrity'.

Further copies of the report are available from the Faculty Office, Royal College of Physicians – price £1.00.

**Health system still discriminates**  
Kansas City Mo. The health care system continues to discriminate against minority patients, nurses, and other health care workers, according to a new publication of the American Nurses' Association, *A Strategy For Change*. This publication features three papers originally presented at a national conference sponsored by the ANA Commission on Human Rights in June 1979 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The first paper, entitled 'Changing perspective on ethnicity and health', was presented by Janice E Ruffin, former associate professor at Yale University School of Nursing. In it Ms Ruffin cites facts and figures to substantiate the claim that ethnic and racial minorities have been short-changed by the health care system. To begin dealing with this problem, Ms Ruffin suggests that nurses collaborate with other disciplines in developing a science for studying the interrelatedness of biological and sociopsychological factors in expressions of illness and death.

The second paper, 'Nurse and client ethnicity and its effects upon interaction', is written by Shirley A Smoyak, PhD, associate dean for research and graduate director for nursing at Rutgers State University. Dr Smoyak presents the argument that health care professionals who do not understand ethnic styles, patterns, and belief systems run into unseen barriers that frustrate their attempts to work effectively with minority clients.

In 'The effects of the organisational

setting on ethnic nurses and clients', Rosalie K Jackson PhD, chief of allied health service education at the Brentwood Veterans Administration Hospital in Los Angeles, states that racism, sexism, and statusism limit the advancement of minority nurses and keep them out of decision-making processes. They similarly prevent a true understanding of the need of minority clients.

This new 102-page publication is available through Publications Orders, American Nurses' Association, 2420 Pershing Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64108, for \$4.50.

### The chance of a lifetime – 1981

Churchill Travelling Fellowships are open to all UK citizens of any age or occupation, and since no educational or professional qualifications are needed they are of special interest to people who would not be eligible for other types of grants. (Churchill Fellowships are not normally given for academic studies.)

The object of the awards is to enable those who would not otherwise have a chance to gain a better understanding of the lives and work of people in countries overseas, and to bring back useful knowledge, skill and experience for the benefit of our community. About 100 awards are made annually, and there are now nearly 1400 Churchill Fellows.

Grants are offered in different categories each year; candidates whose trade, profession or interest are covered by any of them may propose a project they wish to carry out in whatever countries they choose. The only requirement is that they have to show that they can make effective use of the opportunity both while they are abroad and when they return.

The Final Selection for the next group of awards will be made by interview in London in January 1981. Successful candidates will be expected to start their travels during that year, making their own plans and arrangements within the scope of the grants. The grants will cover return air fare, plus all travel and living expenses abroad for a period of up to three months.

To apply send your name and address only on a postcard between August and mid October to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR. You will receive an explanatory leaflet and a form to complete, which must reach the Trust Office by 1 November 1980. Application forms will not be available until mid August. Requests for forms will not be acknowledged in the meantime in order to save postage.



## Lectures and symposia

Readers are asked to check with their local medical group secretaries for further details. The addresses are on page 161 of this issue.

### Tuesday 7 October

LMG symposium: PORNOGRAPHY: a reappraisal of the issues 6.00 pm  
Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham

Professor Norman Morris, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, West London Hospital, and Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University of London

Professor Bernard Williams, Knightbridge Professor of Philosophy, King's College, Cambridge

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, Honorary General Secretary of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association  
Dr Maurice Yaffé, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Guy's Hospital

### Thursday 9 October

LMG symposium: PAIN CONTROL IN HOSPITAL: medical or nursing problem? 5.45 pm Guy's Hospital Medical School  
Professor R G Spector, Professor of Applied Pharmacology, Guy's Hospital Medical School

Mrs Barbara Saunders, Terminal Care Support Team, St Thomas's Hospital

Dr C D T James, Consultant Anaesthetist and Consultant i/c Pain Relief Clinic, King's College Hospital, Visiting Anaesthetist St Christopher's Hospice

Dr Barbara Tizard, Reader in Education, Thomas Coram Research Unit, Institute of Education, London

### Monday 13 October

MMG symposium: GREAT EXPECTATIONS: can medicine live up to its image? 5.30 pm Lecture Theatre 3, Medical School, University of Manchester

### Tuesday 14 October

LMG symposium: ABORTION: can

legislation procure morality? 5.45 pm  
KCH Medical School

Dr Steven Greer, Senior Lecturer and Consultant Psychiatrist, Department of Psychological Medicine, KCH Medical School

Professor Peter Huntingford, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mile End Hospital  
The Revd John Mahoney, SJ, Principal of Heythrop College

### Thursday 16 October

LMG symposium: THE HEROIN ADDICT: a suitable case for sympathy? 5.45 pm  
The London Hospital

Professor R D Cohen, Professor of Metabolic Medicine, The London Hospital Medical College

Dr Michael Gossop, Drug Addiction Unit, Bethlem Royal Hospital, Kent  
Dr A H Ghodse, Consultant Psychiatrist i/c Drug Dependence Treatment Clinic, St George's Hospital  
Mr David Tomlinson, Director Featherstone Lodge Project, Phoenix House

### Tuesday 21 October

LMG symposium: THE PLACE OF BIRTH: a mother's choice? 5.45 pm Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Dr Euan M Ross, Senior Lecturer in Child Health and Community Medicine, Central Middlesex Hospital

Dr Luke Zander, Senior Lecturer, Department of General Practice, St Thomas's Hospital

Mr S J Steele, Director, Academic Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Middlesex Hospital  
A representative of the Association for the Improvement of Maternity Services

### Thursday 23 October

LMG symposium: THE WRONG DOCTORS: selection or training at fault? 5.45 pm Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead

Dr Bruce MacGillivray, Dean of the

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine  
Professor Sir John Walton, Chairman of the GMC Educational Committee

Dr David Armstrong, Lecturer in Sociology, Guy's Hospital Medical School

Mrs Alison Munro, Chairman of the Merton, Sutton, Wandsworth AHA (T)

### Monday 27 October

MMG symposium: ABORTION: the perennial problem 5.30 pm Lecture Theatre 3, Medical School, University of Manchester

### Tuesday 28 October

LMG symposium: THE ETHICS AND ECONOMICS OF HEART TRANSPLANTS 5.45 pm St Bartholomew's Hospital

Professor R A Shooter, The Dean, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College

Mr T A H English, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Papworth Hospital, Cambridge

Lady McCarthy, Chairman of the Oxfordshire AHA (T)

Dr Peter A West, Lecturer in Health Economics, Department of Community Medicine, St Thomas's Hospital

### Thursday 30 October

LMG symposium: LAST EXIT: is the guide to suicide necessary, wise or humane? 6.00 pm St George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting

Professor A H Crisp, Professor of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School

Mr Nicholas Reed, General Secretary EXIT (formerly Voluntary Euthanasia Society)

Dr T S West, Deputy Medical Director, St Christopher's Hospice

### Tuesday 4 November

LMG symposium: CHILDREN AT RISK: is a bad home better than any institution? 5.45 pm St Mary's Hospital Medical School

Professor Thomas Oppé, Professor of Paediatrics, St Mary's Hospital Medical School

Mrs Sally Watling, Senior Social Worker

Dr Anthony Fairburn, Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Bath AHA

#### Thursday 6 November

LMG lecture: PREPARATION FOR DEATH  
5.45 pm St Thomas's Hospital  
Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh

#### Tuesday 11 November

LMG symposium: IS HOMOSEXUALITY A CAUSE FOR CONCERN? 5.45 pm School of Medicine, University College London

Dr J A Holmes, Consultant Psychiatrist, School of Medicine, University College London

The Revd Michael Hollings, a parish priest in Bayswater

Professor R J Berry, Professor of Genetics, University College London

Ms Jackie Forster, Editor of *Sappho*

#### Thursday 13 November

LMG symposium: IS THE LAW UNFAIR TO THE PSYCHIATRIC PATIENT? 6.15 pm Westminster Medical School

Professor Peter Curzen, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Westminster Medical School

Mr Larry Gostin, Legal Director, MIND (National Association for Mental Health)

Professor Robert Buglass, Professor of Forensic Psychiatry, University of Birmingham

Dr John Hamilton, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, Clinical Tutor Broadmoor Hospital

#### Monday 17 November

MMG seminar: THE TEACHING AND LEARNING OF ETHICS IN MEDICINE  
5.30 pm Lecture Theatre 3, Medical School, University of Manchester

#### Tuesday 18 November

LMG symposium: HAS DEMOCRACY A

PLACE IN THE NHS? 6.00 pm Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham

Professor A Guz, Professor of Medicine at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School

Mr D E Bolt, Consultant Surgeon, West Middlesex Hospital

Mr Stephen T Johnson, Assistant Organising Officer of the Hendon section of NALGO

Mrs Susan Thorne, Secretary to St Thomas's Community Health Council; Visiting Lecturer in Medical Sociology, Bedford College

#### Thursday 20 November

LMG symposium: NEW DRUGS: is safety the paramount consideration? 5.45 pm Guy's Hospital Medical School

Professor J R Trounce, Professor of Clinical Pharmacology, Guy's Hospital Medical School

Lord Justice Ackner

Dr John D N Nabarro, Consultant Physician, Middlesex Hospital

Dr George Beaumont GP; formerly Medical Adviser to Ciba-Geigy

#### Tuesday 25 November

LMG symposium: THE ETHICS OF PSYCHO-SURGERY 5.45 pm KCH Medical School

Dr Paul Bridges, Senior Lecturer and Consultant Psychiatrist, Guy's Hospital Medical School

Dr Ashley Robin, Consultant

Psychiatrist, Runwell Hospital, Essex  
Mr Tony Smythe, Director of MIND (National Association for Mental Health)

#### Thursday 27 November

LMG symposium: THE END OF NATURAL CHILDBIRTH: is there too much fetal monitoring? 5.45 pm The London Hospital

Dr A D M Jackson, Consultant Paediatrician and Postgraduate Sub-Dean, The London Hospital Medical College

Professor R W Beard, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, St Mary's Hospital Medical School

Professor Ian Cooke, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Sheffield

Ms Caroline Flint, National Childbirth Trust Advanced Teacher

#### Tuesday 2 December

LMG symposium: THE MEDICALISATION OF DEVIANCE 5.45 pm Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Professor Lewis Wolpert, Professor of Biology as Applied to Medicine, Middlesex Hospital Medical School

Professor Sydney Brandon, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Leicester

Professor Antony Flew, Professor of Philosophy, University of Reading

#### Thursday 4 December

LMG symposium: ECT: punishment or treatment? 5.45 pm Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead

Professor A Wakeling, Professor of Psychiatry, Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

Dr Anthony Clare, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Psychiatry

Dr John Pippard, Senior Research Fellow, The Royal College of Psychiatrists

Dr R A Hunter, Consultant Psychiatrist, Friern Hospital

#### Tuesday 9 December

LMG lecture: MARITAL BREAKDOWN 5.45 pm St Bartholomew's Hospital

Dr Jack Dominian, Consultant Psychiatrist, Central Middlesex Hospital

#### Thursday 11 December

LMG symposium: RADIATION: too great a risk? 6.00 pm St George's Hospital Medical School, Tooting

Professor Harold Lambert, Consultant Physician, St George's Hospital

Professor Patricia J Lindop, Professor of Radiation Biology, St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College

Ms Sheila McKechnie, Health and Safety Officer, ASTMS

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