referrers called HARRIS (Highfield Adolescent Regional Resource Information Service). This service gave advice upon adolescent placements for all types of disorder, it operated through the library at the Warneford Hospital and was available, free of charge, to any referrer throughout the UK.

James was a meticulous person with a sense of propriety and correctness. Those who worked with him would also be aware of his warm, engaging and kind personality. He had a very keen, and sometimes even mischievous sense of humour. A great raconteur, James enjoyed the dining and other facilities at Green College, Oxford where he was a member of common room. He had many interests; he was a keen sailor and participated in the Farsnett race. During his youth and even in his later age he was an active rock climber and he would recount

with a wry smile, his claim to notoriety when as a medical student he was photographed scaling the rock face of Edinburgh Castle.

Following his retirement from the National Health Service James became a member of the Academy of Experts. He enjoyed this aspect of legal work. He also continued with his legal work in child and adolescent psychiatry. James was a very fit person, so it was with a great sense of sadness that his friends, colleagues and relatives learned of his death in 1997 from a heart attack.

James leaves two sons, Alexander-James and Peter from his marriage to Alexina. His last years were spent in the companionship of Pam MacDougall, with whom he shared an enjoyment of theatre and opera.

ANTHONY JAMES

Miscellany

New publications

Michelle Finds a Voice is the story of a young woman with cerebral palsy who is unable to communicate verbally. The book shows how Michelle and her carers are helped to overcome these difficulties. This latest publication in the Books Beyond Words Series, is a joint publication by the Royal College of Psychiatrists and St George's Hospital Medical School. Copies are

available for £10 from the Book Sales Office at the Royal College of Psychiatrists, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. Credit card orders can be taken by telephone on 0171 235 2351 ext. 146.

A new Help is at Hand Leaflet entitled *Manic Depressive Illness* is now available, free of charge, from Mary Ayres at the College.

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