## OBITUARIES

politicians, academics, novelists, Judges, some from the Court of Appeal and the House of Lords. There were of course psychiatrists and staff from the College as also industrialists, bankers and others drawn from the financial world. After a brief Address of Welcome and an outline of our purpose I followed with an outline of the social consequences of mental ill health and some comments about the work of our new Royal College. I referred in my opening to the fact that about five out of ten women and four of ten men had to seek treatment for some form of psychiatric disorder during their lives. A stony silence followed. I quickly switched to another topic and some signs of interest and liveliness returned.

Arnold was to have spoken later, but he asked to speak next. He began with the statement "it is a remarkable fact that more than half the population in this country never needs to seek help for any form of psychiatric disorder". He went on to affirm that progress recently made by psychiatry and to be expected from the activities of the College could be expected to promote significant improvements in the mental health of the population in the foreseeable future. A loud and sustained burst of applause followed. I would not have dared to advance such a claim. But I learned never again to commence a public address with dire and unpropitious data about mental illness and suicide.

Another event related to the Goodman Lectures which had been named in his honour. In February of 1977 he invited me to deliver the Fifth Goodman Lecture. As the fourth had been delivered by Lord Scarman it was a tall order. I suggested the title of 'Mental Health and Illness in Old Age'. However, about six weeks before the event he suggested another topic. He had frequently expressed his total opposition to all forms of censorship in public addresses. I had countered these views in several previous discussions. I had cited the current sadomasochistic pornography which was permeating the media as socially dangerous and requiring control. He had disagreed. He was now suggesting however that my lecture should be devoted to a review of the psychiatric aspects of pornography. I finally gave in and suggested 'Sexual Pornography and Society - A Psychiatric View'.

In the mid and late seventies he was at the pinnacle of his fame. His speeches on Censorship, Divorce, Reform of the Law and the nurturing of artistic creativity were headlined in the Press. The House of Lords was nearly always filled when he was due to speak. Lord Denning, the famous Master of the Rolls described Goodman as one of the best lawyers and solicitors of his generation "He gave advice – and the best advice – both on political and legal matters. He was highly regarded everywhere". Belief in his authority in the corridors of power was such that one cleric sought his help to be made a Canon in the Church of England.

In 1975 he received the accolade of Mastership of University College, Oxford. He brought some rare qualities to his new role. Few of those elected to be Masters or Principals of Oxbridge Colleges had been directly involved as sole representatives of Government in political negotiations on the international stage or had occupied leading positions in a whole range of social institutions and been celebrated for the success they had achieved. The personality that had evolved after decades of full exposure to the outside world was a palimpsest with many layers beneath the surface, still manifest in speech and action. His advice was wise, constructive and often helpful in resolving refractory problems. The new Master made himself freely available to the undergraduates, delighted to entertain them and the Fellows in the Master's Lodge. His Mastership was an outstanding success as reflected in the entry in the University College Magazine for 1986 from which he quotes in his autobiography.

After the end of his Mastership in 1986 he commuted for a time between Oxford, where he spent his weekends, and London where he continued his legal work. He paid his last visit to the College in 1993 when he attended (in a wheelchair) the Annual Meeting and dinner of Honorary Fellows. He was deeply gratified by what he learned of the progress achieved in the work of the College and in the development of the building he had helped us to acquire.

Arnold Goodman was a quintessentially good man and his death is mourned by a host of institutions and individuals who have benefited from his generosity of spirit. He has earned a place of honour in the history of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in virtue of the help he gave us in our hour of need and the example he set in the dedication of his illustrious life to increasing if only by a fraction the sum of human happiness, welfare and justice.

SIR MARTIN ROTH

Richard Russell Prewer, formerly Principal Medical Officer, H.M. Prison, Parkhurst, Isle of Wight

Richard Prewer, Dick to his friends, was born in Woolwich in 1912 and died in Newport in August 1995. At the age of ten he gained a scholarship to Brighton College and from there a Kitchener Scholarship to St Bartholomew's in 1930, qualifying MRCS (BM) LRCP (London) in 1936. He joined the Prison Medical Service in 1938.



Having joined the RNVR in 1939, he was mobilised in 1939 and did two years general service until posted as a psychiatrist to the Naval Auxiliary Hospital at Barrow Gurney, and after promotion to Surgeon Lieutenant Commander in 1942 he was placed in medical charge of the RN Detention Centre, Canterbury from where he obtained the DPM. The next year he was put in charge of the Naval camp at Keilder, a special unit established to deal with psychopaths and other seriously disturbed cases. He was awarded the VRD in 1946.

Returning to the Prison Service, he was posted to Parkhurst Prison in the Isle of Wight, and later he was put in charge of the nearby Camp Hill Borstal Institution. In 1948 he was posted to Lincoln Prison where he remained until 1955. While there he passed the L1.B. (London), and took an active interest in the psychiatric services in the community, becoming an Honorary Consultant to the Louth County Infirmary, and a member of the Sheffield Hospital Regional Mental Health Advisory Committee. In 1955 he returned to Parkhurst on promotion to Senior Medical Officer, where he was to complete his professional career. During his time there he placed the prison hospital at the forefront of prison medicine. Apart from dealing with the most disturbed and dangerous criminal cases, for which he gained a worldwide reputation, he initiated a major surgical and ophthalmic service for inmates, and set up a training programme for hospital medical officers. In 1971 he became a founder member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, and in 1974 was elected Fellow.

But Dick was much more than a prison psychiatrist. He was a part of the Island medical community and was president of the Isle of Wight Medical Club and a Marriage Guidance Counsellor. He was deeply read in theology and the history of the 17th century, including military history.

In 1938 he married Margaret who predeceased him by some years. They leave behind four sons and a daughter, ten grandchildren and a happily united family.

PAUL HOOPER

Lord Ennals of Norwich, PC, former Labour MP and Secretary of State for Social Services

David Ennals, who died on 17 June, 1995, aged 72, had a lifetime interest in the health of the

nation and was a passionate advocate of The National Health Service which came into being in 1948. He first entered Parliament as Labour MP for Dover in 1964 and it was only fitting that he should eventually be appointed to serve in the Department of Health and Social Security as a junior minister prior to his elevation to the Cabinet of James Callaghan in which he served as Secretary of State for Social Services from 1976–79.

His concern for the welfare of the mentally disordered became paramount as witness his position since 1948 as Chairman of the National Association for Mental Health (MIND).

In recognition of his contribution to the psychiatric care in the community the Royal College of Psychiatrists elected him to the Honorary Fellowship in 1991.

HENRI ROLLIN

## The deaths of the following have also been reported

- LUIS ARENILLAS, Professor of Psychiatry, Faculty of Medicine, Memorial University of Newfoundland, A1B 3V6 Canada
- KEITH WILLIAM BRIDGES, Consultant Psychiatrist, Rawnsley Building, Manchester Royal Infirmary, Oxford Road, Manchester M13 9BX
- OSKAR DIETHELM, Emeritus Professor, The New York Hospital, 525 East 68th Street, NY 10021, USA
- JAMES DOUGLAS FRASER, formerly Medical Superintendent, St Andrew's Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk
- NIGEL JOHN HART, 3 Ardshiel Close, London SW15 1EB JOHN PATRICK HILL, formerly Medical Superintendent, St
- Fintan's Hospital, Co. Laois, Republic of Ireland
- FREDERICK ALDRED SOREN JENSEN, Consultant Psychiatrist, Special Services Unit, 90 John Street South, Stratford, Ontario, Canada
- STEVEN ALEXANDER MACKETTH, retired. 5 Oliver's Battery Crescent, Winchester, Hants SO22 4EU
- DUGALD STEWART MACPHAIL, Consultant Psychotherapist, Broadmoor Hospital, Berks
- MICHAEL JAMES RAYMOND, retired. Sutton Hospital, Surrey CHRISTOPHER REED, Consultant Psychiatrist, Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, Aberdeen
- LESLIE SCHAFFER, Consultant Psychiatrist, Suite III, 1301, 20th Street, Northwest, Washington DC 20036, USA.
- MICHAEL SHEPHERD, retired. 73 Alleyn Park, London SE21 8AT
- ANDREW MACMILLAM, Informed choice Ltd, Broadmeads, Ruskway Lane, Westport, Langport, Somerset TA10 0BW

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