

Neuropathology from 1978–1982. Not surprisingly in 1976 he was sought out for the Chair of Neuropathology at the Institute of Psychiatry, which he held with great distinction until his retirement.

Neuropathology is, of course a marvellous discipline, the bed-rock of the neurosciences and of all who take an interest in disorders of the brain. In Nick Corsellis it has had a superb champion. His work shines as a beacon, and we as psychiatrists are tremendously privileged that he has leaned throughout his career towards us and constantly mixed with us. It is now my great honour to present him to you for the Honorary Fellowship of our College.

#### **Dr H. R. Rollin (introduced by Dr D. Richter)**

Back in the 1940s the mental hospitals in this country were very different from today. The patients, commonly dressed in drab ill-fitting suits, were mostly locked in and received little treatment apart from sedative drugs. It was then that Henry Rollin, who had been appointed consultant at Horton, became active in improving the patients' conditions. He got them better clothing, redecorated their wards and developed new facilities for occupational therapy. Always keen on art, music and literature, he brought in highly qualified artists, actors and musicians and introduced lively new forms of art, drama and music therapy. Soon the patients were actively engaged in arranging concerts, painting pictures and taking part in plays. In that way the lives of many of them were completely changed. In music therapy Horton became the leading hospital in the country and probably in the world.

Henry Rollin was keenly interested in the effects of the environment. Soon after qualifying at Leeds he had got a post as ship's surgeon and spent six months sailing in the Blue Funnel Line and visiting many countries round the world. In 1953 he won a Fulbright Fellowship which enabled him to visit hospitals in Philadelphia, at Baltimore and other centres in the USA. Although not impressed by the extremist Freudian teachings of the psychiatrists he met, he loved the country and the opportunity of meeting people of other cultures there. It was not surprising

that later, in 1975, he was appointed Secretary of the Study Tour Sub-Committee of the Royal College, and he took groups of colleagues on visiting tours to Denmark, France, Italy and Mexico.

Always active as a writer, it was in 1961 that Henry Rollin was appointed leader writer by the BMJ, and in that way he developed as a medical journalist what was really a second career. His articles were always lively and well written, and soon we saw many of his editorials, book reviews and articles on forensic, historical and other topics appearing in the BMJ and other medical journals. His election to a Research Fellowship at Nuffield College, Oxford, then enabled him to produce his first book entitled *The Mentally Abnormal Offender and the Law*. I think we are all glad that he is still active as a writer, and besides his journal articles another book entitled *Festina Lente. Psychiatric Odyssey* will be coming out next year. After the establishment of the Royal College, Henry Rollin helped with the fund-raising that was needed to set up its premises at 17 Belgrave Square. We are also indebted to him for helping to build up the College Library there, a task he undertook while serving as Librarian for ten years.

Another of Henry Rollin's activities was stimulated by the large number of mentally abnormal offenders admitted to the hospital where he worked. After serving on the Mental Health Review Tribunals he was appointed to the Parole Board, and then he became one of a small select group of forensic psychiatrists called on by the Home Office to deal with serious criminal cases. In that role, which for him was almost a third career, he has given evidence in numerous criminal courts and in fact he has now examined more murderers than anyone else in this country. As a support of the Medical Defence Union he is actively continuing his work in this special field.

I feel that with so many different interests and three distinct careers it is hardly possible for me in the time available to do justice to all that Henry Rollin has done and there must be some things that I have left out. But I hope I have made it clear that he is a person of exceptional ability who has done a lot, not only for the College, but also to help us all in working for the greater happiness and welfare of our fellow men.

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## **Christmas holiday**

The College will be closed from 7.00 p.m. on Friday 22 December 1989 and will re-open at 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 2 January 1990.

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