Matson and Tachdjian, 1963), it is evident that a number of children suffering from spinal cord lesions present with scoliosis. The deformity is often associated with backache and spinal rigidity. In many instances, the clinical examination and the survey radiographs are insufficient to reveal the true nature of the disease. Inevitably, several cases may be misdiagnosed. It seems appropriate, therefore, to suggest that, in the absence of an apparent cause of scoliosis in a child, a lumbar puncture should be performed and the CSF protein content estimated. While a normal finding is a reasonable assurance that scoliosis is not secondary to spinal cord neoplasm, a high protein content should be an indication for myelography to confirm or exclude the presence of an intraspinal neoplasm.

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This important self-scrutiny by psychiatric teachers was marred only by bursts of intolerance of others' views, particularly around psychotherapy, and 'medical' versus 'psychological' models precisely lacking that 'balance between scientific and intuitive appraisal' sought by Lewis. Although more emphasis could usefully have been given to overseas doctors' special needs, the deficits in peripheral hospital teaching and experience, the role of academic departments in clarifying objectives and developing skills in teaching, this does not detract from the great importance of this document to every teacher of the psychiatric trainee.

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