

we got? Have there been any large scale inquiries as to what the consumer would like to see in the way of reform? If abortion were freely available how many would take advantage of it? Is the experience of Sweden and other countries with different laws applicable to our own society? These are the questions I would like to see answered. I know some work has been done; there was a programme on the BBC recently which seemed to suggest a desire for some liberalization of the law, but I do not know how the inquiry was conducted.

We are living in a rapidly changing society in which many of our old-established standards and ideals are being seriously challenged. One thing I have learnt from over 30 years in general practice and that is the tremendous change in the attitude of women to what are called 'women's diseases'; they will no longer put up with them in silent acceptance as part of the lot of being a woman, but come in ever increasing numbers for treatment and relief. I am sure this will one day be recognized as including unwanted pregnancies.

ACCOMMODATION AT COLLEGE HEADQUARTERS

The College of General Practitioners' Club, to which all members and associates belong, provides temporary residential accommodation for them and their families at 14 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7 (Tel. KNights-bridge 6262). There is parking space for cars. Children under the age of 12 years cannot be admitted, and no dogs are allowed.

The charges, including breakfast, are as follows:

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| For single rooms | £2 per night |
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| For a flatlet (bed-sitting room for two, bathroom and dressing room) | £5 per night or £30 per week |
| For a self-contained flat (double bedroom, sitting room, hall, kitchen and bathroom) | £35 per week |

Members and associates may, subject to approval, hire the reception rooms for social functions and meetings. The charges for these are:

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| Long room (will seat 100) | 25 guineas for each occasion |
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and investigation which he and his partners undertook before the partnership started building their new group premises at Guildford. It had all been terribly exciting and very worth while. Dapdune House was an effort to practice contemporary medicine in contemporary surroundings.

He advised members that it was all-important to seek the help of the expert, whether he was the estate agent looking for the site, or the management consultant compiling facts and figures on the work load and organization of the practice, or the General Practice Advisory Service giving their overall expert guidance. He thought that it was important in these preliminary inquiries to plan to off-load everything that was not medicine on to ancillaries. In this context particularly, it was important to have full discussions about attachment schemes with the local authority. He had been fortunate in obtaining an Upjohn Travelling Fellowship from the College in order to study group practices in Britain. He had gained from other doctors' helpful advice and from their acknowledged mistakes.

Only at this stage could one talk to the architect because it was not until all these preliminary inquiries had been made that one knew one's requirements. He felt that one should specify the type of building that was required but leave the design of it to the architect, and in Dapdune House he hoped members would see not only a functional group practice centre but also an original and delightful building. This last was entirely due to the skill of the architect and the builder.

Members and their friends then adjourned to inspect Dapdune House, where tea was served. They were met by Dr Whitaker and his partners and many of his ancillary helpers who had given up part of their afternoon to guide visitors around the building.

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