

## THE JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

COMMENCING on the 1 January 1968 the *Journal* of the Royal College of General Practitioners will be published monthly. It will continue to be circulated free to all members and associates. For other subscribers, the subscription will be four guineas a year including supplements. The undoubted success of the *Journal* in filling a gap in periodical medical literature has made this step almost inevitable. Debates will continue on whether general practice is a specialty in itself but there can be no doubt that its disciplines are different from those of other types of medical practice. Not only must general practitioners absorb a large quantity of information concerning all other specialties, but also they must learn from and enlarge the frontiers of their own experience. There are many journals designed to purvey information on the advances in medical science and practice. In no other journal can general practitioners state freely and fully their experiences and their ideas. We believe that it is this that makes the *Journal* of the Royal College an important contribution to periodical medical literature.

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### THE COLLEGE APPEAL

A message from the president

THE response to my suggestion that members and associates might wish to mark the granting of the 'Royal' prefix to our College title by subscribing to the appeal fund has been most satisfying. To all those who have given I say a very big 'thank you'. I especially congratulate the Welsh, South-east England, Merseyside and North Wales, Yorkshire and South London faculties on the splendid results of the appeals which they have made and wish the South-east Scotland and the Northern Home Counties faculties success with the appeals which they have just launched.

The sum given and promised to date is £15,000. This contribution will greatly strengthen our position when we come to make our appeal to industry.

If our Royal College is to expand and extend it is from the appeal that the finance must come. I ask any member or associate who has not yet subscribed to consider doing so before the end of this memorable year. I would like to see this special mark of appreciation reach £20,000 during this year.

ANNIS GILLIE, *O.B.E.*,  
President.