

**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PRACTICE  
AT DUNDEE UNIVERSITY**

The Leverhulme Trust has awarded a grant of £38,000 to Professor J. Knox, Mr A. Morrison, Mr D. Alexander, the University of Dundee, to carry out a three year programme of studies on medical interviewing.

**PROFESSOR J. M. MALINS**

Professor J. M. Malins, M.D., F.R.C.P., Honorary Professor of Medicine at the University of Birmingham has been appointed Postgraduate Dean in the Birmingham Medical School.

Professor Malins has been an associate of the College from the first months of its foundation and has been actively involved in the development of the Midland Faculty and has served on the Faculty Board for many years.

His special interest is diabetes and he has pioneered methods of collaboration between general practitioners and specialists in diabetic care.

**CORRECTION**

Professor Carol Buck is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Western Ontario, Canada and not in the United States as was stated in the September *Journal*.

***Obituary***

**Duncan MacGillivray Cameron. M.B., Ch.B.,  
F.R.C.G.P.**

Duncan M. Cameron who died on 12 September, aged 73, was not only a Founder Member of the College of General Practitioners but also a moving spirit in the founding of the South-west of England Faculty. He was the first Honorary Secretary and took a large part in the original discussions. This office he held for about ten years until he was elected Provost, 1964-66. Later he was elected Fellow of the College—an honour that gave him much pleasure. During all those years he gave devoted service to the College. His quiet presence will be greatly missed. He was also an active member of the

British Medical Association being Chairman of the Bristol Division in 1939.

Duncan M. Cameron was born in Glasgow where his father was a Minister of the Church of Scotland. He was educated at Hillhead High School and qualified M.B., Ch.B., at Glasgow University in 1924. Like many young men of that time he saw the world by joining the merchant navy, later he settled in practice in Glasgow where he remained for ten years. In 1936 he moved to Bristol, joining a practice in South Bristol where he remained in active practice till a few months before his death.

One of his early interests was homoeopathy; this he studied in Glasgow under Dr Henderson Patrick. When he came to Bristol he attended under Sir John Weir in London and obtained the diploma of the Faculty of Homoeopathy. Locally he joined the staff of the Homoeopathic Hospital where he remained for many years.

In 1939 though nearly 40 years old he volunteered for the R.A.M.C., was posted to France and served there until the time of Dunkirk when the hospital in which he worked was evacuated through Boulogne: later he served in Egypt and the Sudan till the end of the war.

The large congregation at the funeral service held in Trinity United Reformed Church—formerly Presbyterian—where Duncan Cameron had been an Elder for many years, heard the minister, the Rev William Minnis, make reference to the many fine qualities of heart and mind that made up the character of Duncan Cameron. He was a good, kind and gentle man who had a genuine care for others: his service to the community as a general practitioner in the army and in civilian life earned him the description of "The perfect doctor". His service to the Church, particularly as the son of a Highland Minister, had angles of insight into Church and Manse denied to many, but it was as a man, husband, brother, friend and colleague he would be remembered.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

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