

COMMUNICATION

IN AN organization so large and with so scattered a membership as the College, the problem of how to keep everyone informed of what each part of it is doing must inevitably be difficult. This was realized by the Foundation Council when it divided the country into faculty areas and gave each faculty a large measure of autonomy in the management of its internal affairs.

As the College has grown in influence, so its views on many issues, some of them of national importance, have been sought with increasing frequency. It is sometimes impossible to ascertain the collective opinion of the faculties and council has then to arrive at its decisions without their aid; but council is largely made up of representatives appointed by the faculties and it is the duty of these members to keep the faculties well-informed on what is going on; this can only be done if the faculties give their representatives an opportunity to explain what is happening. Faculties which do not meet regularly and do not invite their council member to address them must not complain if they consider that they are ill-informed on what is happening at headquarters.

Council, however, is well aware of the difficulties of the faculties and of members who are far from faculty centres and has been seeking a solution to this problem, recognizing nevertheless that it is one inherent in any large organization. As one method of keeping all members informed of what council is doing, it has been decided to publish a periodical letter from the chairman of council. The first of these will be found at the beginning of the section of this *Journal* devoted to college news on page 306.

COLLEGE APPEAL

The 1965 appeal continues to make slow and steady progress.

The College is most grateful for many generous donations received through the faculties during the past few months.

It is essential when approaching industry and private individuals that we are able to make a strong point of how much is already being donated to the appeal by members of the College.

Members who do not already donate to the appeal by covenant are urgently asked to consider doing so. Covenants from £1. 0s. 0d. per annum upwards are most welcome.

The appeal needs your help.

Please contact your faculty appeal representative or write to the Appeal Secretary, College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London, S.W.7.