

President's special appeal

It is hoped that by the time this appeal closes on 31st December this year we shall have reached a total of £20,000. This is in every way a magnificent effort and a fitting tribute to Dr Gillie in her last year of office. If any member or associate wishes to add their contribution to this total, donations (covenanted if possible) would be gratefully received and acknowledged by the appeal secretary, 14 Princes Gate, S.W.7.

Cuff-links

Enamelled cuff-links with the College crest have been added to the items on sale in aid of the appeal fund. These are attractively boxed and at 25s. 0d. a pair are excellent value. Details of other items for sale in aid of the appeal fund may be found in this *Journal*.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Payment of subscription by banker's order greatly reduces the College administration cost. Members and associates who do not use this method of paying their subscriptions are requested to do so. Standing order for payment of subscriptions may be obtained from the **subscription secretary, 14 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7.**

Members and associates who have not already paid their subscription for the current year (due 1st July last) are reminded that these are now overdue.

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION**VOCATIONAL TRAINING**

This is the most promising area of development in general practitioner education at the present time. The Vocational Training Working Party at Princes Gate has had a most active year and has now completed its third report. The North-east England Faculty has also prepared a report to form a basis for discussion with the university and with local medical committees in its area. Wessex is well ahead in putting a training scheme into practice. Other places where consultations are taking place are South of Ireland, Merseyside and Manchester.

The General Medical Council has published its Recommendations as to Basic Medical Education. This report contains most encouraging statements on the need for Vocational Training. "The object of . . . basic medical education should . . . be to provide doctors with all that is appropriate to the understanding of medicine as an evolving science and art, and to provide a basis for future vocational training; it is not to train

doctors to be biochemists, surgeons, general practitioners, or any other kind of specialist. . . . The time is approaching when it will be necessary to identify programmes of training for each of the vocational branches of medicine (including general practice) and to arrange by an extension of the Medical Act for some form of official recognition to become available (such as the inclusion of names in a vocational register) for individual doctors when they have completed the training programmes for their selected career in medicine.

The American Academy of General Practice is moving in the same direction; it hopes soon to see in being a primary Certifying Board for Family Practice. This would put general practice on a similar footing with other medical specialties in the U.S.A. with regard to vocational training.

COURSES FOR TEACHERS

One of the most interesting features of this past year has been the development of experimental courses to train potential teachers for general practice. There is no real precedent in the medical schools for these, nor is there in most other university departments. It has been necessary to approach education departments for guidance and assistance in planning as well as operating these courses.

Manchester has given a notable lead; with its rapidly developing department of general practice it has every prospect of requiring many more teachers in the near future (*a*) for staffing the department itself; and (*b*) in peripheral teaching practices. Its courses to date have been residential and intensive. At Liverpool on the other hand, where there is no immediate prospect of a department, the Merseyside faculty is experimenting with an extended course on the basis of one half day every other week during the academic term. This course is evolving gradually as its own members come to appreciate their requirements and deficiencies.

One Scottish faculty which has explored the idea of training teachers reached the practical but negative conclusion that as there was no immediate prospect of using teachers it would be futile to train any at the moment. Like the Boy Scout, we must "Be prepared".

Courses have also been organized at Princes Gate; these, although similar in design and content to the courses at Manchester are not planned for any particular faculty or medical school.

COURSES ARRANGED BY UNIVERSITIES

University of Bristol

Refresher courses for general practitioners

March	4-8	<i>General medicine</i> , Exeter
March	23-24	<i>Radiotherapy and nuclear medicine</i> , Plymouth
March	25-30	<i>Obstetrics</i> , Bristol.
March	29-31	<i>Problems of childhood—their medical and social answers</i> , Taunton.

Further details can be obtained from *The Medical Postgraduate Dean, Senate*

House, Tyndall Avenue, Bristol, 2.

University of Cambridge

Symposia for general practitioners at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge (unless otherwise stated).

January	6	<i>Psychiatry, Fulbourn Hospital.</i>
January	27	<i>Obstetrics and gynaecology</i>
February	10	<i>Orthopaedics and accident service</i>
March	2	<i>E.N.T. disorders</i>
March	16	<i>Paediatrics</i>
March	23	<i>Eye disorders</i>

Arrangements can be made for general practitioners to attend the practice of the United Cambridge Teaching Hospitals for periods of one week or longer. Programmes of ward-rounds and clinics may be obtained from the secretary of the Medical School.

Bury St. Edmunds

Clinical meeting will be held at the out-patients' Hall, West Suffolk Hospital at 8.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 January.

Lunch-time forums from 1.15–2.0 p.m., preceded by buffet luncheon 12.30–1.15 p.m. will be held in the Drummon Hall on Tuesday, 2 January and Friday, 2 February.

Ipswich

Friday club discussion groups for general practitioners take place on the first and third Fridays each month, between 1.45 and 2.45 p.m., preceded by buffet lunch at 1.00 p.m.

Peterborough

Lunch-time clinical meetings are held on the first and third Tuesdays in the month at the Peterborough Memorial Hospital.

University of Dublin

A six-week postgraduate course in general medicine is to be held twice yearly, arranged by the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, in conjunction with University College, Dublin, Trinity College, Dublin, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Details from the *Registrar, The Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 6 Kildare Street, Dublin.*

University of Glasgow

Obstetrics residencies

For periods of one or two weeks in an approved hospital in Glasgow and district. By arrangement throughout the year.

Clinical attachments—continuous

Full-time or part-time attachments to hospital teaching units to enable general practitioners to increase their experience and keep up to date with recent trends and advances. Fee £1 5s. a week for full-time attachment.

Applications to the *Director of Postgraduate Medical Education, The University, Glasgow, W.1.*

University of London

For courses arranged by the University of London and the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, please see the *Postgraduate Diary*, which is circulated to

members in London and the home counties, or apply to the *Secretary, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 18 Guilford Street, London, W.C.1.*

Those wishing to see a copy of the *Postgraduate Diary* should apply to the *Administrative Secretary, The Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7.*

University of Oxford

Programmes of attendance on hospital and public health practice, for one or two weeks, are arranged to suit practitioners' individual requirements. Whole-time or part-time clinical attachments in particular departments can sometimes be arranged. Special arrangements are made for doctors who have not been practising for a period and now wish to return to active work.

Applications for clinical attachments (normally two weeks) in the following departments will be considered:

Obstetrics: Mr J. A. Stallworthy and Mr E. A. Williams, resident attachments, Churchill Hospital.

Psychiatry: Dr G. O'Gorman, Warneford Hospital. Dr B. M. Mandelbrote, Littlemore Hospital, outpatient attachments.

Paediatrics: Dr H. Ellis and Dr B. Bower, clinical attachments.

Further details can be obtained from the *Director of Postgraduate Medical Studies, University of Oxford.*

University of Sheffield

January 9–May 21 Seminars in Psychiatry

Tuesdays–
fortnightly Whiteley Wood Clinic, Sheffield, 10.

Further details can be obtained from *The Postgraduate Dean, The University, Sheffield, 10.*

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF MANIPULATIVE MEDICINE

Lecture programme 1968

February 14 Lecture-demonstration, *Hypnosis*. Clifton-Ford Hotel, Welbeck Street, London, W.1. 8.15 p.m. Admission 2s. 6d.

March 10 Annual symposium, *Degenerative diseases of spinal and peripheral joints*. Wellcome Auditorium, Euston Road, London, N.W.1. 10.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

POSTGRADUATE LECTURES—PERTH AREA

The following open lectures have been arranged and will be held in the Nurses' Home, Perth Royal Infirmary, commencing at 8 p.m.:

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February 16 *Disorders due to surgical assaults on intra-abdominal organs*. PROFESSOR C. C. BOOTH, M.D., F.R.C.P. Postgraduate Medical School of London.

March 21 *Herpes viruses of man*. DR MORAG C. TINBURY, M.D. Virology Department, University of Glasgow.

Two 'recent advances' have also been arranged and will be held in the Nurses' Lecture Room, Bridge of Earn Hospital, commencing at 8 p.m.

January 18 *Ophthalmology*. DR GEBERTT

March 7 *Orthopaedic surgery*. MR C. S. CAMPBELL