

at the Medical Faculty of the University on 4 and 5 July 1969. This seminar will deal with vital educational and administrative aspects of family medicine. It should be a stimulating introduction to congress week.

We most sincerely hope that members of the Royal College of General Practitioners will find it possible to attend our congress.

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HOWARD P. BOTHA.

Medical education

Sir,

The symposium on Education for General Practice held in Manchester was very stimulating and exciting.

Professor Anderson rightly stressed the need to act quickly on the proposals of the Royal Commission on Medical Education.

It seems to me that the most important action to take involves making new regulations as follows:

1. That new principals in general practice appointed after 1977 must have attended an approved training course, and must hold a qualification from the Royal College of General Practitioners.

2. That new principals appointed between 1974 and 1977, who have not attended an approved course, should get a somewhat lower rate of remuneration than those who have.

Training posts as envisaged in the Royal Commission's report must be made available as the demand for them arises. This demand may not be very great until the increased numbers of students now being admitted to medical schools begin to qualify in the 1970's.

I feel we should do all in our power to persuade the British Medical Association and the Ministry of Health to agree to new regulations on these lines.

Wilmslow.

D. T. PRICE.

Coeliac Society

Sir,

Coeliac disease (and the associated gluten-sensitive enteropathies) are increasingly being diagnosed. As a consequence coeliac disease which was at one time a rare disease has now become a relatively common one.

It is felt by several coeliac sufferers that there is a need for a society to look after sufferers of this disease. Its aims would include authoritative guidance on gluten-free diet, giving sufferers simple information about the condition, as well as endeavouring to promote further research in this disease.

I would be grateful if any of your readers who have patients with coeliac