

suggestions, was that most members favoured continuing post-graduate study as a prime essential of membership. The stimulus that the American Academy has given to general practice in the United States is clearly demonstrated by the fact that, in 1948, 31 per cent of graduates were entering family practice and that the figure had reached 51 per cent in 1953. We learn that 53 per cent of medical practitioners in America are today engaged in family practice and that four out of five Americans now have a family physician to whom they turn first when they are sick.

Although the conditions of practice are vastly different in the two countries the ideals and aims of the Academy and the College are identical. We will do well to study carefully each others difficulties.

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### THE PRESIDENT'S HOSPITALITY FUND

Family doctors visiting this country from overseas are entertained from time to time by members of the College, and there is a growing need for some form of hospitality fund to cover part of the expense of this.

Close liaison with colleagues in other countries is of the greatest importance to our College's work; and when several hundred of the College of General Practice of Canada visit Britain—as they are to do this summer to attend the joint British Medical Association and Canadian Medical Association meeting in Edinburgh in July—the problem of arranging suitable hospitality, to repay that so generously given to our own doctors in Canada a few years ago, is one which merits careful thought and the taking of considerable trouble.

It has been suggested that many members and associates of the College, especially those who have been entertained cordially themselves when travelling abroad may care to contribute towards a **President's Hospitality Fund**, to enable us to play our part in entertaining Commonwealth and other overseas general-practitioner visitors.

Council has agreed that a notice stating that such a fund has been opened should be published in the Journal; and it is much to be hoped that the response will be generous.

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