

and that discussions of the Colleges of General Practice around the North Sea are continuing. Much can be gained by further talks. Great responsibility rests upon the College to make its expertise quickly available throughout Europe. There may not be much time.

National

Secondly, at a national level, is there a need for the College itself to examine its own structure in relation to the E.E.C.? In the past, the committees of the College have been formed to meet the main needs of the time. Could it be that the new importance of the E.E.C. is such that the College needs a committee to observe the scene; to identify the major issues; to bring together members with relevant skills; to send representatives wherever needed; and to brief the college membership?

Individual

On an individual level, we are all Europeans now. Surely this is the time for us all to try to understand the position and philosophy of continental general practice? Medical students and young doctors are travelling and using continental languages more than ever before. Are they pointing the way ahead?

Both Rowe (1972) and Kuenssberg (1972) in discussing entry to Europe have chosen the same phrase "we have much to offer . . . and much to learn".

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MEETING WITH THE CANADIAN COLLEGE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

THREE years ago a note appeared in the *Journal* giving impressions of the congress in Toronto which was attended by some of our members. It was stated then that the lasting effect would be the friendships made or renewed, and that we looked forward to returning the hospitality in 1973. The time for this is well-nigh upon us.

Members of the Canadian College of Family Physicians and their relatives will be our guests at the congress to be held in April at the Central Halls, Westminster, a historic building adjacent to Westminster Abbey and the Houses of Parliament, where the first meeting of the United Nations took place after the war. The President, H.R.H. The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh is expected to attend one of the sessions during the meeting.

So far the exact number of Canadians coming to this country is not known, but it is estimated that there will be 750-1,000. This has given the organising committee some difficulties in making the arrangements for the meeting itself, and also for the hospitality, the formal aspects of which are mainly being organised by the Faculties near London.

We hope that we shall at least match the number of Canadians attending what will be the first, large international meeting which the College has arranged. Members will soon receive details of the congress. We hope that this function will be as great a success as that held in Toronto.

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