

following centres: Cardiff, Edinburgh, London, Manchester, Belfast and/or Dublin.

Candidates successful in the written papers will be called for oral examination during the week ending 16 March 1974. The closing date for application is 14 January 1974.

Details may be obtained from: Membership Secretary, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU.

M.R.C.G.P. PAPERS

Two sample modified essay questions are available from the Membership Secretary, Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7 1PU. Price: £1.00.

These will be of particular assistance to those candidates who have not taken vocational training courses and to trainers and course organisers. It would be helpful if members would bring this publication to the attention of candidates and trainees.

Log-diaries are also available for use by trainers and course organisers in instructing candidates. Price 10p each.

COLLEGE TIES

College ties are available as follows:

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Ties may be obtained from the receptionist at 14 Princes Gate, or by post from the appeal secretary. In the latter case an invoice will be enclosed with the tie(s) and payment is not required in advance.

COLLEGE ACCOMMODATION

No accommodation will be available at Princes Gate from Friday 28 December 1973 to Monday 14 January 1974, as the housekeepers will be on holiday.

In Memoriam

V. H. L. ANTHONISZ, Kandy, Sri Lanka.

ROGER BEVAN (Foundation member), Uckfield, Sussex.

JOHN GEMMELL (Foundation member), Derby.

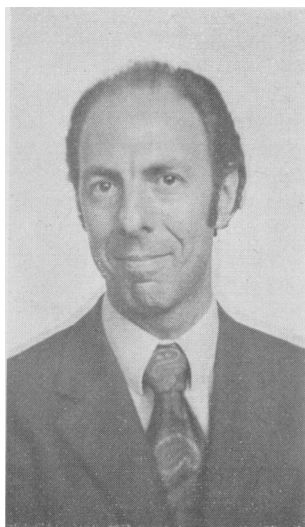
K. H. G. MILNE, London, W.1.

D. C. PENGELLY, Barnstaple, Devon.

R. G. TUKE (Foundation member), Bournemouth, Hampshire.

D. D. YOUNG, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

MEDICAL NEWS



Dr M. L. Marinker

LEICESTER UNIVERSITY

Dr M. L. Marinker, F.R.C.G.P., general practitioner, Grays, Essex, has been appointed to the Foundation Chair of Community Medicine at the University of Leicester. He takes up his appointment on 1 January 1974.

Dr Marinker was formerly a research registrar of the College, is an examiner, and has been an active member of the education committee. He delivered the Gale Memorial Lecture in 1972 which was published (*February Journal*) and has also published papers on the epidemiology of family illness.

He was part author with the late Michael Balint and others of the book *Treatment or diagnosis?* and was awarded an Upjohn Travelling Fellowship to study Balint seminars in relation to vocational training in general practice.

He has also been a member of the Department of Health and Social Security's working

party on the structure and coding of medical data, and a member of the Joint Committee of the Department of Health and Social Security, the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Office of Population Censuses and Surveys which planned the current National Morbidity Survey.

He was one of the authors of *The Future General Practitioner—Learning and Teaching* and has been invited by the College to deliver the 1974 William Pickles Lecture.

Earlier this year he held a visiting professorship in general practice at the University of Iowa, U.S.A.

He is currently a tutor in general practice to St Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, where he has initiated a course in general practice for students in their final year.

NEW DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PRACTICE

Dr Gerald Richards, M.D., Ph.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H., has been appointed Professor of Community Medicine and head of a new department of community medicine and general practice at Leeds University.

He was formerly senior lecturer in the department of child health at the University of Glasgow, and directs the social paediatric and obstetric research unit which was created to investigate many sociomedical problems among children in the Glasgow area.

HUNTER COMMITTEE

Dr R. B. Hunter, Chancellor of Birmingham University, has been appointed Chairman of a committee to advise on the scientific aspects of matters relating to smoking and health.

NEW DIRECTOR OF THE HOSPITAL ADVISORY SERVICE

The Secretary of State for Social Services and the Secretary of State for Wales have appointed Dr Eluned Woodford Williams, M.D., F.R.C.P. to be the new Director of the Hospital Advisory Service.

COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP

Dr Robin Steel, F.R.C.G.P., D.P.M., D.Obst. R.C.O.G., general practitioner, Worcester, has been awarded a Council of Europe Medical Fellowship. He visited Holland and studied the reasons why over 15 per cent of all Dutch general practitioners have attended discussion seminars of psychological problems in their

practices as compared to one per cent of British general practitioners, who are chiefly general practitioners in and around London. The reasons for these differences were sought and discussed in a two-week Council of Europe Travelling Fellowship in Holland when he interviewed general practitioners, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts and others. Suggestions are made from his Dutch experiences that might increase the spread of these groups in Britain, especially in relation to vocational training for general practice.

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY

Dr R. J. Taylor, M.R.C.G.P., D.C.H., has been appointed Lecturer in the Department of General Practice at Aberdeen University.

NEW REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES

The following general practitioners have been appointed to the new regional authorities for the reorganised National Health Service taking place on 1 April 1974.

Northern Regional Authority:

Dr T. Gardner, M.R.C.G.P.

Yorkshire Regional Authority:

Ald. Dr D. R. L. M. Poirier, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Trent Regional Authority:

Dr C. J. Wells, O.B.E., M.R.C.G.P.

East Anglia Regional Authority:

Dr A. J. Rowe, M.R.C.G.P.

North-west Thames Regional Authority:

Dr C. J. P. Seccombe, M.R.C.G.P.

North-east Thames Regional Authority:

Dr L. Williams, M.B., Ch.B.

South-east Thames Regional Authority:

Dr P. M. Higgins, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.G.P.

Wessex Regional Authority:

Dr B. P. Clarke, M.B., Ch.B.

Oxford Regional Authority:

Dr P. M. M. Pritchard, M.A., M.R.C.G.P., D.C.H.

South-west Regional Authority:

Dr J. A. S. Forman, O.B.E., F.R.C.G.P.

West Midlands Regional Authority:

Dr J. G. Ball, M.R.C.G.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G.

Mersey Regional Authority:

Dr P. O'Brien, M.D., F.R.C.G.P.

North-western Regional Authority:

Dr S. A. P. Jenkins, M.R.C.G.P.

NEW AREA HEALTH AUTHORITIES

The following general practitioners in Wales have been appointed to the new regional authorities for the reorganised National Health Service taking place on 1 April 1974.

Gwynedd Area Health Authority:

Dr I. Griffith, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.C.S.

Clwyd Area Health Authority:

Dr T. G. Hooson, M.R.C.G.P.

Gwent Area Health Authority:

Dr A. S. Jarman, M.R.C.G.P.

West Glamorgan Area Health Authority:

Dr D. H. Jones, M.R.C.G.P.

Mid-Glamorgan Area Health Authority:

Dr A. D. Morgan, M.B., B.Ch.

Powys Area Health Authority:

Dr D. Kyle, M.A., F.R.C.G.P.

Dr R. C. Humphreys, M.D., M.R.C.G.P.

South Glamorgan Area Health Authority:

Dr H. Cairns, M.R.C.G.P.

Dr G. Murray Jones, M.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dyfed Area Health Authority:

Dr C. L. Perry, B.Sc., M.R.C.G.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G.

M.R.C.G.P. COURSE

A short intensive course designed primarily for candidates for the M.R.C.G.P. examination will be held at the South Staffordshire Medical Centre, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton, in February 1974. Participants are advised to read *The Future General Practitioner—Learning and Teaching* (1972). London: British Medical Journal Ltd., before attending. Further details can be obtained from Dr M. H. Dale, F.R.C.G.P., Pinfold Health Centre, Bloxwich, Staffordshire WS3 3JJ.

**READING POSTGRADUATE
MEDICAL EDUCATION CENTRE**

Sir Richard Doll, O.B.E., D.M., F.R.C.P., Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford, will lecture on *Monitoring the National Health Service* on 20 March 1974.

**DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY**

In the financial year ended 31 March 1973 expenditure on health and personal social services in England amounted to £2,267 million, an increase of 14 per cent on the previous year.

General medical services

The number of principals providing full general medical services in England increased by 401 to 19,775 and the average number of patients per doctor fell by 39 to 2,421.

At the end of the year there were 297 doctors undergoing training in three-year linked vocational training schemes, an increase of 28 per cent on the figures for the previous year.

During 1972 over 70 per cent of health visitors and 68 per cent of home nurses were working with attachment schemes, an increase of over ten per cent in both cases compared with 1971.

During the year 94 health centres were opened, bringing the number in operation to 365.

Home helps

The home help service continued to increase and the number of helps rose by 11.7 per cent to 2,598 whole time and 72,142 part-time home helps in September 1972. This provided helps for 473,900 households.

Social security

About 24,000,000 claims for benefits and allowances were made during 1972. On average the number of benefits and allowances including supplementary benefits being paid in any week was about 18 million.

During 1972 there were 97,640,000 claims for sickness and invalidity benefits, an increase of 11 per cent on 1971. About 52,000 claims were received for attendance allowances.

Family income supplement

The number of claims in 1972 was 310,000 compared with 160,000 in 1971, the first year of the scheme.

CORRECTION***The contribution of general practice to undergraduate medical education***

On line 34 on page 533 of the August *Journal*, the words in Dr Wright's article "... leading either to a lower emphasis ..." should have read "leading either to an undue emphasis ...".