



Dr J. H. Barber

**PROFESSOR OF GENERAL PRACTICE
AT GLASGOW**

Dr J. H. Barber, *J.P.*, M.D., M.R.C.G.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., has been appointed to the first chair of general practice at Glasgow University.

Dr Barber is 41 and graduated from Edinburgh in 1957. He proceeded M.D. in 1966 with a thesis on *A Study of Asymptomatic Bacteriuria in General Practice*. He was the first general practitioner appointed at Livingston new town and in 1972 was appointed senior lecturer in the organisation of primary medical care, a post held jointly between the Departments of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine and of Medicine. He sat the examination for the M.R.C.G.P. in 1970.

Dr Barber's Department will consist of two further full-time appointments and will establish close links with about 40 general practices in Glasgow.

SCOTLAND

Denis Durno, M.D., M.R.C.G.P., General practitioner, Aberdeen, has been appointed Regional Adviser in General Practice for North-east Scotland with effect from February 1974. Dr Durno was formerly a part-time lecturer in the Department of General Practice at the University of Aberdeen.

Dr C. H. HARRIS

Dr Conrad Harris, General practitioner, Manchester; Senior Lecturer in the Depart-

ment of General Practice at the University of Manchester, has recently been awarded the degree of M.Ed. at Manchester University for his thesis on *Measuring the changes in professional attitudes in medical students during the undergraduate period*.

It is thought that this may be the first time that a general practitioner has been awarded this degree.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The fifth Australian General Practitioners' Convention and the second Joint Colleges Conference will be held in Sydney, Australia, from 25-29 August 1975. The theme of the Convention will be *Caring for People*.

Further details can be obtained from the Administration Manager Convention '75, P.O. Box 45N, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000, Australia.

ADVERTISEMENTS SENT BY POST

The amount of direct mail sent to general practitioners by pharmaceutical firms has dropped by about a third during the last year.

EMERGENCY BED SERVICE

The Report of the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London on the Emergency Bed Service for the year ended 31 March 1974 showed that 4,462 medically refereed cases had been dealt with.

LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL SERVICES

The value of social services capital projects for which final approval was given during 1973/74 was £48.3 million compared with £44.7 million in 1972/73.

Children in care

The number of children in care rose from 86,504 in 1972 to 88,800 in 1973.

Care of the elderly

At 31 March 1973 local authorities were providing accommodation for 117,487 residents, of whom 106,361 were over 65.

Home helps

The home help service contained the equivalent of 3,067 whole-time and 75,867 part-time home helps in September 1973. This is an increase of eight per cent.

**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL PRACTICE
AT DUNDEE UNIVERSITY**

The Leverhulme Trust has awarded a grant of £38,000 to Professor J. Knox, Mr A. Morrison, Mr D. Alexander, the University of Dundee, to carry out a three year programme of studies on medical interviewing.

PROFESSOR J. M. MALINS

Professor J. M. Malins, M.D., F.R.C.P., Honorary Professor of Medicine at the University of Birmingham has been appointed Postgraduate Dean in the Birmingham Medical School.

Professor Malins has been an associate of the College from the first months of its foundation and has been actively involved in the development of the Midland Faculty and has served on the Faculty Board for many years.

His special interest is diabetes and he has pioneered methods of collaboration between general practitioners and specialists in diabetic care.

CORRECTION

Professor Carol Buck is Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Western Ontario, Canada and not in the United States as was stated in the September *Journal*.

Obituary

**Duncan MacGillivray Cameron. M.B., Ch.B.,
F.R.C.G.P.**

Duncan M. Cameron who died on 12 September, aged 73, was not only a Founder Member of the College of General Practitioners but also a moving spirit in the founding of the South-west of England Faculty. He was the first Honorary Secretary and took a large part in the original discussions. This office he held for about ten years until he was elected Provost, 1964-66. Later he was elected Fellow of the College—an honour that gave him much pleasure. During all those years he gave devoted service to the College. His quiet presence will be greatly missed. He was also an active member of the

British Medical Association being Chairman of the Bristol Division in 1939.

Duncan M. Cameron was born in Glasgow where his father was a Minister of the Church of Scotland. He was educated at Hillhead High School and qualified M.B., Ch.B., at Glasgow University in 1924. Like many young men of that time he saw the world by joining the merchant navy, later he settled in practice in Glasgow where he remained for ten years. In 1936 he moved to Bristol, joining a practice in South Bristol where he remained in active practice till a few months before his death.

One of his early interests was homoeopathy; this he studied in Glasgow under Dr Henderson Patrick. When he came to Bristol he attended under Sir John Weir in London and obtained the diploma of the Faculty of Homoeopathy. Locally he joined the staff of the Homoeopathic Hospital where he remained for many years.

In 1939 though nearly 40 years old he volunteered for the R.A.M.C., was posted to France and served there until the time of Dunkirk when the hospital in which he worked was evacuated through Boulogne: later he served in Egypt and the Sudan till the end of the war.

The large congregation at the funeral service held in Trinity United Reformed Church—formerly Presbyterian—where Duncan Cameron had been an Elder for many years, heard the minister, the Rev William Minnis, make reference to the many fine qualities of heart and mind that made up the character of Duncan Cameron. He was a good, kind and gentle man who had a genuine care for others: his service to the community as a general practitioner in the army and in civilian life earned him the description of "The perfect doctor". His service to the Church, particularly as the son of a Highland Minister, had angles of insight into Church and Manse denied to many, but it was as a man, husband, brother, friend and colleague he would be remembered.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters.

R. M. COURTENAY