

FOUNDING EDITOR

AT a recent meeting of the Editorial Board it was unanimously agreed that Dr R. M. S. McConaghey's name should appear as Founding Editor on the title page of the *Journal*.

Dr McConaghey was responsible for the early *Research Newsletters* of the College and founded the *Journal of the College of General Practitioners*, the first volume of which appeared under this title in 1958. Dr McConaghey retired in 1971 after 17 years as Editor.

JOURNAL OF MEDICAL ETHICS

A NEW journal has now been published by the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics. The first issue appeared in April 1975 and its stated objective is to provide a forum for the reasoned discussion of moral issues arising from the provision of medical care. It holds no brief for any particular viewpoint and it seeks to identify current problems, present factual information, and clarify different moral assumptions.

The Editor is Dr A. V. Campbell and the Editorial Board includes the President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, Professor P. S. Byrne. The first issue includes papers on *Communicating with the dying*, *Composition and function of ethical committees*, *AID and the law*, and a conference on *Abortion and sterilization*.

As clinical techniques advance and as medicine becomes increasingly involved with human behaviour, the ethical dilemmas facing the profession will become greater, not less, in the years ahead. General practice, being in the front line of medical care must always be involved as much, if not more, than any other branch of medicine. We welcome the introduction of this new journal and wish it well.

The Journal of Medical Ethics will be published quarterly and can be obtained from Tavistock House East, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR, price £8·00 in the United Kingdom and £10·00 overseas.
