

**TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN**

The Board of Trinity College, Dublin recently elected Professor J. S. McCormick, F.R.C.P.I., F.R.C.G.P., a Fellow.

Professor McCormick has worked in general practice in Wicklow since 1956. He was Chairman of the Consultative Council for the future of General Medical Practice in Ireland.

He is at present Dean of the Faculty of Medical and Dental Science. He is also Chairman of the Publications Committee of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

Professor McCormick was one of six new Fellows elected.

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Dr Robert Smith has been appointed Director and Professor of the newly formed Department of Family Medicine in the School of Medicine in Cincinnati, U.S.A. with effect from 1 July 1975.

Dr Robert Smith developed the Department of Family Medicine in Chapel Hill five years ago and started a training programme for residents which received this year 250 applications for six places. He was the first recipient in the United States of the Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners formerly won the Charles Oliver Hawthorne prize of the British Medical Association for systematic research and observation in general practice.

He graduated in Trinity College, Dublin, practised in general practice in London, where he later established the first general practice teaching unit at Guy's Hospital. He moved to the University of North Carolina in 1968.

**JOURNAL OF MEDICAL ETHICS**

The new *Journal of Medical Ethics* is being published by the Society for the Study of Medical Ethics.

It will be published quarterly and the price in the United Kingdom is £8.00 for the four issues.

Professor P. S. Byrne, O.B.E., F.R.C.G.P., is a member of the editorial board.

**CARDEW-STANNING FOUNDATION**

The Cardew-Stanning Foundation has now moved to 6 Arlington Street, St. James's, London SW1A 1RE, Telephone: 01-409-1039.

**THE DEAF PERSON IN HOSPITAL**

A leaflet has been prepared on *The Deaf Person in Hospital* by the principal national

organisation for the deaf. This is intended to smooth the path of the deaf person in hospital and contains hints on ways in which hospital staff can help. Copies of the leaflet are available, free of charge, from the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AH.

**WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST**

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is offering fellowships again this year on topics including: *Safety at work*, and *Rehabilitation after illness and injury*, among other subjects. There is also an open category.

Applications should be sent to 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR.

**PURCHASE OF ADDED YEARS**

The Department of Health and Social Security have decided to extend until 31 December 1975 the option to purchase added years.

**REFERENCE**

*Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners* (1975), 25, Editorial, 158-159.

**CHRONICALLY SICK AND DISABLED PERSONS ACT 1970**

Mr Alfred Morris, Minister for the Disabled, reports that Local Authorities have now identified 440,000 people under Section 1 of this Act.

A new mobility allowance is being presented to Parliament and it is hoped will introduce a new cash benefit of £5 a week for disabled people who have difficulties with transport.

**NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE EXPENDITURE—FORECAST**

The Secretary of State for the Social Services recently informed Parliament of her projections for spending in the different sections of the National Health Service for the next three years.

	<i>£ million</i>	
	1974-75	1975-76
Hospital and community health services	2,424.1	2,512.3
Family practitioner services	664.3	706.6
Other health services	62.0	63.4
Central and miscellaneous services	94.7	99.1
Total	3,245.1	3,381.4

	£ million
	1976-77
Hospital and community health services	2,533·0
Family practitioner services	733·3
Other health services	66·6
Central and miscellaneous services	101·9
Total	3,434·8

### EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

One paragraph of one of the Articles has now been modified to read "Member states will see to it that, where appropriate, the persons concerned acquire in their own interests and in that of their patients, linguistic knowledge necessary for the exercise of their profession in the host country."

### DISTRIBUTION AND SUPERVISION OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

A Joint Working Group has now been formed by the Central Health Services Council, the Committee on Safety of Medicines, and the Medicines Commission.

### NURSE PRACTITIONER FAMILY PLANNING CLINICS

The Department of Health and Social Security has agreed to provide funds for a research project at King's College Hospital, London, for an experimental family planning clinic run by specially trained nurses. The aim of the project is to assess the feasibility of using nurses to give family planning advice, and to prescribe and fit all forms of contraceptives currently in use. The nurses will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the clinic, but a doctor will retain overall responsibility and also countersign prescriptions.

### FEEES FOR CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES

The Department of Health and Social Security have announced that after agreement with the profession general practitioners who provide a contraceptive service will receive an annual fee to cover advice and examination, prescribing and fitting, of female contraceptive appliances where appropriate. The ordinary fee will be £3·50 a year, but a fee of £10 will be paid for a year in which the doctor fits or replaces an intra-uterine device.

Pharmacists will receive a special fee of 40p for each prescription providing a supply of the

Pill for six months or more and the standard fee (24½p) for a prescription covering a shorter period. These arrangements started on 1 July 1975.

### DOCTORS IN HEALTH CENTRES

The number of family practitioners in health centres in England at the end of 1973 was 2,520. The corresponding figures for 1963 and 1968 were 185 and 448 respectively.

#### REFERENCE

*Family Practitioner Services* (1975). 2, 19.

### ADMINISTRATIVE COST OF THE HEALTH SERVICE

Dr David Owen has stated in Parliament that in 1973/74, the latest year for which figures are available, administrative expenditure by hospital and practitioner service authorities was approximately £98·7 million, representing 4·5 per cent of the total expenditure of the National Health Service.

For community health and school health services which were then the responsibility of local authorities, administrative expenditure was then about £11 million or five per cent of total expenditure.

### CLOSURE OF N.H.S. PHARMACIES

Dr David Owen recently stated in Parliament that during recent years the net reductions in each year in the number of pharmacies on executive councils' lists in England were:

1969	.....	400
1970	.....	300
1971	.....	215
1972	.....	232
1973	.....	240

#### REFERENCE

*Family Practitioner Services* (1975). 2, 17.

### £60 STUDENTSHIPS

The Health Education Council is offering three studentships of £60 on a competitive basis to help with the expenses of medical students who are taking the study of a health education topic in their period of elective study.

Applications should be made to The Director, Education and Training Division, Health Education Council, 78 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1AH.

### PSYCHO-SEXUAL TRAINING

Psycho-sexual seminars are being organised by the Family Planning Association and are being held in London, Glasgow and Cardiff.

A new Seminar is now starting at Bridgnorth in Shropshire and applications should be sent to Dr Jean Grey at 9 Hall Meadow, Hagley, Worcestershire.

### CORRECTIONS

#### *Dr J. Spears*

The acknowledgement section of Dr J. Spears's paper in the April *Journal* should have read as follows: I wish to express sincere thanks to Dr J. B. Peacock, Senior Research Associate, Department of Engineering Production, University of Birmingham for his statistical analyses, to Dr A. C. Kendall for his encouragement and helpful criticism, and to my

partners Drs D. S. Foster, J. R. T. Finlayson, I. C. Baxter and Pauline T. Dooley for their kind co-operation.

#### *Dr Dorothy Younie*

We apologise for an omission of the formal acknowledgement requested by Dr Dorothy Younie in her paper on *Mental subnormality and the general practitioner*, published in the April *Journal*. This acknowledgement should have been to a comprehensive multi-disciplinary study which formed the basis of the material selected for her paper and this will be published under the title *Total Ascertainment of Mental Subnormality in North East Scotland*.

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## Obituaries

### THE HON. ERMINE MARY KYFFIN EVANS

With the death of Mrs Ermine Evans the College has lost its first benefactress. There is the old childhood fantasy of the good fairy in attendance at the moment of birth, the fairy godmother whose influence remains to help the child grow up. Mrs Evans played that role for us. The Steering Committee met and worked at her house in London, No. 7 Mansfield Street, and it was there, on the evening of 19 November 1952 that a handful of signatures on a legal document brought the College to life.

The tradition goes on that the child receives a gift. What more appropriate gift for an infant college than the learning and scholarship of a library? The Geoffrey Evans library at the College, that we know today to be unique among the libraries of the world, was her gift, in memory of her late husband.

The continuing interest in the growth and maturing of the child is vested in her son Ancrum Evans who has served the College as its auditor since the foundation. We have, indeed, good reason to extend our sympathy to him and to his family in their loss, which is also ours.

### FRANK GEORGE HOWARD WATSON M.R.C.G.P., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., D.G.O., L.M. (Rotunda)

Dr Howard Watson, general practitioner in Salisbury for the last 30 years died on 8 May 1975, aged 58.

Frank George Howard Watson was born in Edinburgh on 5 April 1917. The son of a doctor he was educated at Epsom College and St Mary's Hospital Medical School where he qualified in 1942. He joined up immediately and served as a Surgeon Lieutenant in H.M.S. Belfast, taking part in several Russian convoys. After the war he took the D.G.O. (Dublin), L.M. (Rotunda) and the D.Obst.R.C.O.G., and joined a well-established practice in Salisbury. His interest in obstetrics led to his appointment as Assistant Obstetrician at Salisbury Infirmary.

Medical Officer to a local Preparatory School, he was a Member of the Medical Officers of Schools Association, Local Medical Officer to the Civil Service, and Civilian Medical Practitioner to H.Q. Southern Command (now H.Q. U.K.L.F.), a founder member of Salisbury Medical Society. He was an active member of the British Medical Association and held most of the offices of the Division, including that of Secretary. His membership of the Wiltshire Local Medical Committee and the Salisbury Group Hospitals Management Committee took much of his time. He was a founder member of Salisbury Round Table.

Howard had the qualities of a good doctor which gained the respect of his colleagues and the affection of his many patients. He did much more for them than was medically necessary. He never seemed rushed. A good listener and a wise counsellor, he continued to give himself to his work until he was physically unable to continue.