

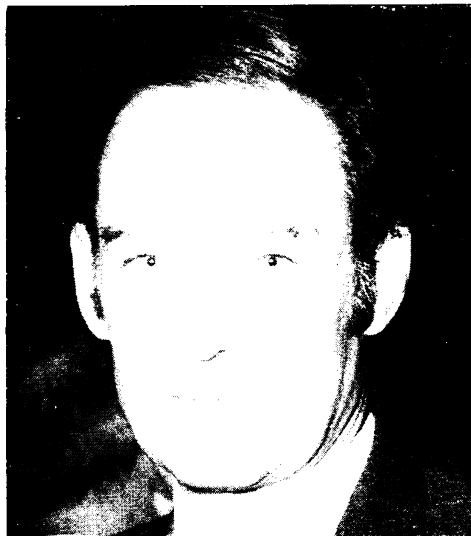
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\*Denotes distinction.

### JEPHCOTT VISITING PROFESSOR



**DR IAN GREVILLE TAIT**

Dr Ian Greville Tait M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.G.P., has been appointed Sir Harry

Jephcott Visiting Professor at University College Hospital, London.

Dr Tait, who is 49, qualified at Cambridge in 1953, and held House appointments at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. He spent a year as a Resident at St Luke's Hospital, New York.

Dr Tait entered general practice in 1959 at Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and was awarded a Fulbright Travel Award to the United States of America in 1955, an Upjohn Travelling Fellowship in 1969, and a Nuffield Travelling Fellowship in 1971. He delivered the 1973 Gale Memorial Lecture.

His publications have included papers on *Psychological Medicine in General Practice*, *The Problem Orientated Medical Record in General Practice*, and *Behavioural Science in Medical Education and Clinical Practice*, several of which have been published in the *Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners*.

### CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICINES COMMISSION

Professor W. J. H. Butterfield has been appointed Chairman of the Medicines Commission of which he became a member in 1975.

Professor Butterfield is Regius Professor of Physics at the University of Cambridge and was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Nottingham from 1971 to 1975.

## MEDICAL NEWS

### EDITOR OF THE LANCET

Dr Ian Douglas-Wilson who has been Editor of *The Lancet* since 1965 is retiring on 30 June 1976.

He will be succeeded by Dr Ian Munro who has been Deputy Editor for the last 11 years.

### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE PRESCRIPTION PRICING AUTHORITY

The total number of staff in post on 31 March 1975 was 1,647.

### GENERAL-PRACTITIONER PRESCRIPTIONS

In the year ending 31 March 1975 the average cost of a general practitioner's prescription was 104.77p.

The lowest average costs per prescription occurred in the area of St Helens and Knowsley Family Practitioner Committee (92.27p), Liverpool (92.37p) and Rotherham (93.06p). The highest costs per prescription were in the area of the Oxfordshire Family Practitioner Committee (117.99p), North Tyneside (115.31p) and in Cornwall (115.16p).

### THE INSTITUTE OF FAMILY PSYCHIATRY

An introductory course in family psychiatry for general practitioners will be held at the Institute of Family Psychiatry, The Ipswich Hospital, from 5-9 April 1975.

Applications should be sent to the Institute of Family Psychiatry, 23 Henley Road, Ipswich, as soon as possible.

### DENTISTS

The total number of dentists in England and Wales at 30 September 1974 was 12,594 which is equivalent to a ratio of one dentist to 3,888 people. In 1973 the ratio was one dentist to 3,938 people.

The three regions with the most dentists per population are North-west Thames (2,386 people per dentist), South-west Thames (2,752 people per dentist), and North-east Thames (3,500 people per dentist).

The three regions with the fewest number of dentists per population in 1974 were: the Trent region (5,743 people per dentist), the Northern region (5,673 people per dentist), and West Midlands region (5,314 people per dentist).

#### REFERENCE

*The Family Practitioner Services* (1975). 2, 220.

### PSYCHOSEXUAL PROBLEMS IN GENERAL PRACTICE

A two-day residential course (which has been approved under Section 63) on psychosexual problems in general practice will be

held at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Ashton Road, Lancaster LA1 4RR, on 27-28 March 1976.

Application should be made to The Dean of Postgraduate Medical Studies, Gateway House, Piccadilly South, Manchester M60 7LP.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON VISUAL CENTRE FOR THE WORKING PARTY ON PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY

The University of London Visual Centre for the Working Party on Public Health Dentistry has produced some tapes on a variety of medical and dental subjects.

Those interested should apply to The Secretary, University of London Audio-Visual Centre, 11 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3RA.

### WORKSHOP FOR THE STUDY OF CORONARY CARE IN THE COMMUNITY

A course will be held on the study of coronary care in the community at the Teaching Centre, North Tees General Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, which will be recognised under Section 63.

The course will be held from 8-12 March 1976 and applications should be made to Dr A. Colling, Regional Adviser in General Practice, Teaching Centre, North Tees General Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

## Obituary

### DR S. H. THOMAS

M.A., M.B., B.Chir, M.R.C.G.P.

Dr S. H. Thomas, General practitioner, Jersey, died suddenly of a myocardial infarct on 28 October 1975, aged 52.

After a varied career in various parts of the world he settled in practice in Jersey in 1961. He was the first M.R.C.G.P. in the Island and was a brilliant example of the excellence of a family practitioner. He leaves a widow and a son.

A. D. WILLIAMS