

College of General Practitioners is a subscribing member and the Disabled Living Foundation will readily advise interested doctors from their extremely comprehensive knowledge of aids.

The Practice Organisation Study will shortly be brought up to date and a new questionnaire sent to all previous participants. This study attempts to outline the internal organisation of different practices so that interested general practitioners may learn details of their colleagues' practices and possibly visit them to share and improve their knowledge of organisation in general practice.

### FUTURE COURSES

The following courses will be held at 14 Princes Gate, London, SW7 1PU:

*November*

29-3 December

Nuffield (module 3, third year)

*February 1977*

21-25 Nuffield (module 4, third year)

*March*

14-18 Advanced general practice (part 2)

21-25 Ages of Man (Part 4)

28-1 April

Nuffield (module 5, third year)

*July*

4-8 Nuffield (module 6, third year)

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### MEDICAL NEWS

J. H. Walker, M.D., M.R.C.G.P., F.F.C.M., D.P.H., has been appointed Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne.

Dr Walker is 48, married, with three

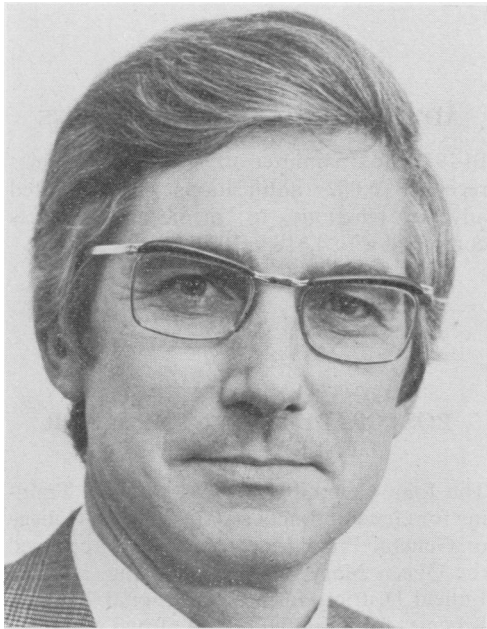
daughters. He qualified M.B., B.S., Durham in 1954, proceeded M.D. in 1959, and in 1972 became a member both of the Royal College of General Practitioners and the Faculty of Community Medicine, subsequently being elected Fellow of the Faculty of Community Medicine earlier this year.

He was a trainee general practitioner in 1956 and became a Lecturer in General Practice at the University of Edinburgh in 1959.

After serving as an Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Lecturer in Public Health, he was appointed Senior Lecturer and Acting Head of the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1968.

Dr Walker has been an active member of the Royal College of General Practitioners, with a particular interest in the Examination for Membership, and he was Honorary Examinations Secretary in 1972.

He was President of the North of England Paediatric Society in 1975 and Treasurer of the Society for Social Medicine and Chairman of the Association of University Teachers of General Practice in the same year. He was the Solomon Marcus Visiting Professor in Family Medicine at the University of Tel-Aviv in 1975 and he has had over 35 articles published in various medical journals, including the *British Medical Journal*, *The Lancet*, the *Journal of the Royal College of General Practitioners*, *The Practitioner*, *Community Medicine*, and the *British Journal of Medical Education*.

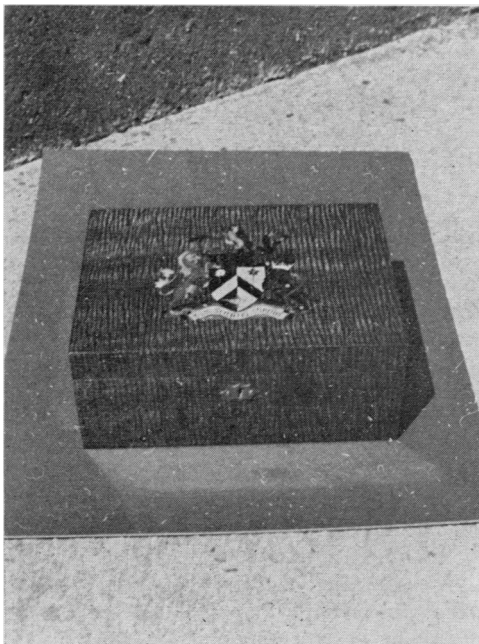


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### MARQUETRY PRIZE

Dr R. G. Bruce, M.R.C.G.P., General Practitioner, Lowestoft, Suffolk, has been awarded first prize in the applied class at the recent National Marquetry Exhibition at Ipswich.

He chose as his subject the Arms of the Royal College of General Practitioners. The box is mahogany and all the woods used are naturally occurring veneers; no dyed wood was used at all.



### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

Mr David Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, reports that in the period 1971-74 in England the biggest single percentage increase in manpower was in hospital administrative and clerical staff at 24 per cent. Regional headquarters staff increased by 18 per cent over the same period and the health side of the Department of Health and Social Security by 14 per cent.

### EAST ANGLIA

Dr David Stuart M.R.C.G.P., D.R.C.O.G., General Practitioner, has been appointed Regional Adviser in General Practice for East Anglia.

Dr Stuart is 44 and qualified in 1955 with a

distinction in forensic medicine. He is in partnership with his wife and three other doctors in Great Yarmouth, and was founder and organiser of the Norwich and Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft Vocational Training Schemes.

Dr Stuart was a member of the East Anglian Regional Hospital Board 1970-74 and Chairman of the Regional General Practice Subcommittee 1973-76.

He was the author of an article on portable electrically heated gloves published in the *British Medical Journal* in 1969.

### DR F. FRØLUND

Dr Flemming Frølund, General Practitioner, Roskilde, Denmark, is one of three joint editors of the *Journal of the Danish Medical Association (Ugeskrift for Læger)*.

Dr Frølund is himself the author of several articles in Danish and English, including a "Personal View" and some "Letters from Denmark" in the *British Medical Journal*.

It is thought he is the only general practitioner in Europe currently editing a general medical journal.

### ADVERSE REACTIONS TO DRUGS

In 1975 the Committee on Safety of Medicines received 5,052 notifications of suspected adverse reactions to medicinal products compared with 4,818 in 1974.

### JOINT COMMITTEE FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAINING FOR GENERAL PRACTICE

The Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice and the Royal College of General Practitioners have now approved the Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, and the Enfield District Hospital Vocational Training Schemes for an initial period of two years.

The Law Hospital Vocational Training Scheme at Carlisle has now been re-approved for a further period of five years.