

Correspondence

Conference on Psychiatry

Sir,

We wish to draw the attention of readers to the suggestion put forward at one of the conferences on psychiatry in general practice reported in the last issue of the *Journal*: viz., "that a record should be made of all activities in this sphere to avoid overlapping and to increase collaboration". In order that such a record may be prepared, we have been asked to collect information about such activities (e.g., seminars, lectures, postgraduate courses, clinical assistantships), with particular reference to their nature, value, and findings.

We should be grateful if general practitioners studying psychiatry, either as individuals, or in groups, would send news of their activities to:
Dr H. R. Playfair, 47 Wolseley Road, Plymouth.

It is intended to publish a report of progress in this field at the end of a year. In addition, we will endeavour to answer enquiries from doctors wishing to participate in such study, wherever possible putting them in touch with proceedings in their area.

Plymouth

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Preventive Medicine

Sir,

A working party has been set up by the College Council to study the relationship of general practitioners with preventive medicine. One problem that we are currently studying is the relationship of the general practitioner to health visitors, with particular emphasis on the ways in which their work may be more closely integrated.

There must be many members and associates who have practical experience of working with health visitors or who have views on the desirability or otherwise of a closer integration of their work with that of the general practitioner.

The working party is anxious to collect opinions and experiences of family doctors throughout the country on this problem and I should be grateful if anyone who is interested would write to me, at 41 Cadogan Gardens, Sloane Square, London, S.W.3.

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