

bership of the Board of Censors, the Vocational Training Subcommittee of the Education Committee and the Committee on Fellowship; of the latter he was elected Honorary Secretary for 1980 and 1981 after he had been appointed by the Fellowship at large.

These rather bare statements conceal a wealth of concern and readiness for sustained effort on behalf of the causes in which he believed and cared—general practice and its service to each individual patient and to the

community came first every time, and after his retirement from general practice, he remained in harness as a community physician.

I met John in many and various contexts; always charming and modest, but always ready to do his bit, often in the face of ill-health—the coronary arteries were not kind to him—and in spite of the competing claims of his patients and his family. He clearly derived great support and comfort from his wife, Phyl, and not the least of

John's endearing features was his ability to show his love and affection for her, and above all, his patience and concern to live naturally with Phyl's deafness.

Our thoughts go out to the medical fraternity of Luton who have lost a colleague of real achievement, and to John's family who can take pride in having nurtured a deeply caring and thoughtful general practitioner.

D.G.W.

MEDICAL NEWS

Diploma in Community Child Health

The first examination for the DCCH was held at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh on 30 September 1983. Forty-six candidates completed the examination of whom 32 were successful.

Arrangements are being made for a second examination to be held in March 1984.

Details can be obtained from the Joint Board of Management, DCCH, Royal College of Physicians, 9 Queen Street, Edinburgh EH2 1JQ.

Glyncorwg Health Centre: Annual Report

The editorial office has received a copy of the Annual Report of the Glyncorwg Health Centre. This provides a most interesting account of the work undertaken there and is an excellent example of how a practice can present a review of its activities.

Copies of the Annual Report can be obtained by writing to Dr Julian Tudor Hart, The Queens, Glyncorwg, Nr. Port Talbot, West Glamorgan SA13 3BL. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

The Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care

The *Scandinavian Journal of Primary Health Care* has been launched. It is written in English and as its name suggests, it is concerned with primary health care as represented by both

general practice and community health organizations.

Its primary emphasis is on providing information for the Nordic countries: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden, but it is editorial policy that articles from other countries should be considered for publication and that articles will have a general interest further afield.

The Chief Editor is Professor Paul Backer of Copenhagen and he is supported by an impressive team from other Nordic countries.

Anyone who would like to subscribe directly to the Journal should write to Almqvist & Wiksell Periodical Company, Box 45150, S-104 30 Stockholm, Sweden.

The Royal College of Midwives

Principles on Antenatal Care

The following six principles on antenatal care were adopted as an official statement by the members of the Royal College of Midwives at the Professional Day of the Annual Meetings held at the University of Essex in July 1983:

1. Antenatal care should ensure, as far as possible, the wellbeing of the woman and her unborn child.
2. Antenatal care should meet the physical, social, emotional and educational needs of the pregnant woman.
3. Provision of antenatal care should be flexible, adaptable and readily available, offering the most appro-

priate methods of individualized care.

4. Effectiveness of antenatal care should be evaluated and the patterns and methods used continuously monitored.
5. There should be collaboration, cooperation and good communication between the people providing the care and the woman receiving the care. The midwife should have the maximum opportunity to use fully her knowledge and skills for the benefit of the mother and her unborn child.
6. The ways in which these principles are implemented should be kept under constant review in order that they may always be relevant in providing the best and most appropriate antenatal care service to the woman and her unborn child and their family.

This statement has been circulated widely by the Royal College of Midwives with a proposal that these six principles be discussed and that consideration be given to making recommendations regarding their implementation locally.

Effective Geriatric Medicine

The DHSS has published a book with this title which is a report of the seminar held in Harrogate last year about the special work of physicians in geriatric medicine.

The book can be obtained from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, at the price of £5.80.