

**Moneymed:
a game to develop management
skills in general practice**

Moneymed is available for purchase again. The game was developed in 1981 (see December 1981 *Journal*) to aid in teaching the financial and administrative skills needed for effective practice management. It has proved to be a useful tool in understanding the 'Red Book' and the wide range of legal, economic, administrative and personnel problems which arise in general practice. Orders together with a cheque for £29.50 should be sent to the Information Service, RCGP, 14 Princes Gate, London SW7.

management had worked well in the past, that the presence of two leading figures in the College was useful and that it enabled both to remain in active general practice.

DHSS: Report of a joint working group on collaboration between family practitioner committees and district health authorities. In considering this report Council wished to encourage the new family practitioner committees to take on an active planning role. In order to do this, the new independent family practitioner committees will require increased resources and good information about primary care. Council members themselves were asked to consider the report in detail so that a well argued case can be put forward at the time of the government's green paper on family practitioner committees in the autumn.

Open University. After a long period of negotiation the General Purposes Committee had asked the Chairman to inform the Open University that the College could not support the proposal for a Primary Health Care Unit. The main reason for this is that no preparatory work has been carried out to set up and test the interdisciplinary peripheral network of tutors necessary for the success of any distance learning system. It was regretted that what had initially appeared a most promising initiative could not attract the support of the College.

RCOG discussion document on fetal viability. The College had been asked to comment on this paper by the RCOG and Council was able to support the recommendations contained in it. The most important of the practical recommendations was that the age of fetal viability should be reduced from 28 to 24 weeks. The RCOG paper presented strong evidence that 24 completed weeks of pregnancy does at present represent the stage at which an expelled fetus has a reasonable prospect of survival.

Awards Committee

The following awards were announced—
1984 James Mackenzie Lecturer, Dr J. C. Hasler.
1985 William Pickles Lecturer, Sir George Godber.
1985 James Mackenzie Lecturer, Dr A. G. Donald.
1986 William Pickles Lecturer, Professor D. H. H. Metcalfe.

Finance Committee

The Honorary Treasurer, Dr Douglas

Garvie, presented the summary of income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 1984. He dealt with the apparently ritual questions of detail about the accounts with customary vigour. Full details of the accounts will as usual be available in the Annual Report. In response to a question, the Honorary Treasurer was able to report that there had been very few resignations from the College to the year ended 31 March 1984.

The next meeting of Council will be held on 15 September 1984.

Stuart Fellow

Applications are invited for the post of Stuart Fellow, made possible through the generosity of Stuart Pharmaceuticals Limited. The Fellow will be concerned in the development of medical audit and performance review in general practice, and the pursuance of the College policy known as the Quality Initiative. It is expected that the Fellow will arrange courses and meetings throughout the College faculties and will initiate developments in the field.

Applicants should be medical or non-medical graduates and must be familiar with British general practice. They should have experience of performance review in general practice and in small group learning. The appointment, which is for two years, will be part-time and is intended to commence early in the New Year. The remuneration will be £7,000 a year, depending on age and experience.

Further details may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of Council, The Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU.

The Irish College holds its inaugural meeting

The Inaugural Meeting of the Irish College of General Practitioners was held on Monday 28 May 1984 at Jury's Hotel Dublin.

THE meeting was attended by many distinguished guests from medical schools and colleges throughout Ireland. The Royal College of General Practitioners was represented by the President, Dr John Lawson; the Chairman of Council, Dr Donald Irvine; the Honorary Treasurer, Dr Douglas Garvie and the Honorary Secretary of Council, Dr Bill Styles. Mr Robert Bermingham, Minister for Education and Labour, welcomed the new College on behalf of the Irish Government and especially welcomed its aim to encourage, foster and maintain the highest possible standards in general practice.

Irish general practitioners have felt the need for a national college of their own for some time; particularly they have needed a national voice to inform the public and government of the services that they offer. The initiative for the formation of the new College came from the Irish Institute of General Practice and it has been set up with full approval and support from the RCGP. It is expected that in due course the faculties of the RCGP in the Irish Republic will disband when the Irish College has become fully established. The Northern Ireland Faculty will continue unchanged as a full faculty of the

Royal College of General Practitioners. Members of the Northern Ireland Faculty have welcomed the birth of the Irish College and intend to maintain friendly links with it in the future.

The officers of the new Irish College are Dr John Mason, President; Dr Cormac McNamara, Vice President; Dr Michael Boland, Chairman; Dr Declan Murphy, Secretary; Dr Norman Murphy, Treasurer. The address of the new College is: 10 Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin 2, from where further details about the College, and overseas subscription rates to members of sister Colleges can be obtained.