

THE NUFFIELD TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS FOR GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

The following members and associates have been awarded Nuffield Travelling Fellowships for 1962:

From the United Kingdom

DR J. R. P. GIBBONS, T.D., M.D., F.R.C.S.(Ed.), F.R.C.S., Wood Nook, Outwood Lane, Horsforth, Leeds. To visit Australasia for six months to study the relationship between the general practitioner and the hospital services.

DR G. M. R. HOLLIDAY, M.B.E., M.B., D.OBST.R.C.O.G., Eglinton, Mannamead Avenue, Plymouth. To visit Canada and the United States of America for six months to make a study of problems of the antenatal and neonatal periods.

DR H. T. N. SEARS, M.D., M.R.C.P., Danecroft, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. To visit the United States of America for six months to make a study of general practice, with particular reference to the treatment of hypertension.

Correspondence

Membership or membership?

Sir,

The Examination Committee, an account of whose work appears in the Annual Report 1961, has gone a long way towards tackling a difficult problem, but clarification is still needed. I am a foundation member by virtue of faith and a cheque. I am a general practitioner by virtue of a licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians conjointly with membership of the Royal College of Surgeons. When I sent my cheque for membership of the College, membership meant for me much what membership of the Royal College of Surgeons meant, and was in no way an attempt to get a higher degree. It is easy to understand that other licentiates who had proceeded to Membership of the Royal College of Physicians thought of membership rather differently, and that those general practitioners who hold bachelorships or doctorates of universities should think likewise.

What is important is that all doctors having an interest in good general practice should be able to have a place in the College, that this place should be tenable for life, with the possibility but no pressure to attain a higher degree.

Could we have a clear statement of the relationship of: Fellow of the College, Member of the College, member of the College, Associate of the College, aspirant to membership, aspirant to associateship.

Eastbourne.

H. D. FORBES FRASER.