

## *Editorials*

### **THE COLLEGE APPEAL—SECOND PHASE**

**D**URING the first ten years of the life of the College the first duty of the Council was to establish it as a recognized authority on academic general practice. This has been achieved. The early expansion in College membership in this and other countries of the commonwealth cast an enormous and unexpected burden of work on the officers of these early Councils. How well they succeeded may be read in the annual reports. The aims of the College as laid down by the Steering Committee have been pursued steadily throughout these formative years. A permanent home has been acquired and furnished; the library, the photocopying service and the medical recording service are working to capacity. We are now ready to embark on further developments.

Fresh plans for research and for education have already been made but these are greatly handicapped by lack of money. More funds must be raised. Council at its meeting on 26 July authorized the launching of the second phase of the appeal. This will start in September and a campaign director will be at the College to guide and advise on all matters pertaining to the campaign. He will not himself make any direct approach and it is imperative that when they are asked all members and associates play their part. The life of the College depends on their help.

### **ONE FLAME, MANY TORCHES**

**A**N OLYMPIAN flame was lit by those who founded the College a dozen years ago and has already been passed on by many hands. That flame has given us a glimpse of many neglected corners in the Temple of Aesculapius. General practice can never be quite the same again.

Inspired by dedicated leaders with a variety of talents, the College has already made notable contributions to medical education, graduate training, and research technique. Because of the work started under Geoffrey Barber and Richard Scott, the education of medical students need never again be quite so narrow or lopsided