

COLLEGE RESEARCH GROUPS

Although the most important part of this work of the College will be to encourage general practitioners to undertake research in those aspects of practice which interest them most, it will also initiate investigations and form College research groups to work on other problems. The investigations will be such as could not well be undertaken outside general practice. It is hoped that, as a result, something of value will be returned to general practice. No attempt will be made to compete with existing research organizations, nor will work be initiated by the College which can better be done by others. When specialized knowledge of research technique is required, advice will be sought from those who have the necessary experience. If, as a result of the coordination of research work by general practitioners, a useful contribution is made to medical knowledge, the College will have served one of the purposes for which it was founded.

RESEARCH REGISTER

There are now many names of doctors, distributed throughout the British Isles, on the Research Register of the College, and at its last meeting the research committee discussed ways and means of keeping these members informed of its intentions. It is hoped that the Research Newsletter will serve as a vehicle for the dissemination of information and ideas on general-practitioner research among members of the Register, and that they will make use of it by writing of their own problems and by requests for specialized information which some other member may be in a position to supply. At first the newsletter will appear occasionally; later at more regular intervals.

THE DIRECTORY

A directory has been prepared which contains the names and addresses of all members and associates on the Register. Against the name of each is noted the particular research interest expressed by him in his original application, and it is hoped that the directory will serve as a means of introducing practitioners who have similar interests. In this way, exchange of ideas and information may be effected, and study groups may be formed which can investigate problems of their own. The directory will be expanded as new names come in. Members are asked to keep the College informed of any change in their interests and opportunities for study.