

### **South-east England Faculty**

The faculty were circulated regarding their interest in the five topics mentioned in the last *Newsletter*. Most interest was expressed in the proposed study of the natural course of threatened abortion and into the various incidences of "normal abnormalities". Further planning is taking place.

### **College Stand at British Medical Association Scientific Exhibition at Brighton**

The College is to exhibit a stand at the annual B.M.A. meeting in July. It is being organised by the South-east England faculty, in whose area the meeting is taking place. The theme will be "Collective Investigations". An electrically controlled map illustrating the spread of epidemic winter vomiting throughout the country in 1954-5 will be the main exhibit. This will be supported by news of other research projects—completed and in progress.

**There is an urgent need for volunteers to man the stand for short periods during the exhibition.** Would any member, from any faculty, willing to help, please contact Dr. John Fry, at 36, Croydon Road, Beckenham, KENT.

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### **Offers of Help ?**

SIR,—I wonder if the wives of any of the members and associates of the College would like to take part, in a small way, in the activities of the College. Most research involves a good deal of routine work, particularly when large numbers of cards or forms are involved; and this takes time which the general practitioner often cannot spare. I and several other "medical housewives" have been able to help Dr. Watson with some of the routine work of the measles investigation over the past year, and we have found it very interesting. I feel that it would be worth while collecting a panel of wives who would be prepared from time to time to do part-time work of this kind at home if the demand arises.

There must be many wives, medical or otherwise, with special talents or experience that might be very useful now and in the future. At present there is a demand for linguists prepared to translate foreign scientific and medical papers. It has been suggested that a translation service might be set up on this basis, which the Research Committee could use when required.

I should be very glad to hear from anyone who would like to be associated with the College in this way.

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