

committee, under Lord Adrian, to consider how the number of X-ray pictures taken of the population may be limited, without depriving the patient of a valuable aid towards his medical treatment. We, however, do not need to wait the committee's report: with such convincing evidence before us we should review our diagnostic habits, and eschew over-indulgence in an aid which, on analysis, may often prove to be an unnecessary refinement.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Under this title the Research Committee of Council have during the last year issued a periodical news sheet to members of the research register. This communication, which is of a private nature and for internal circulation only, is intended to keep members who are interested in research informed as to what is going on in this field of work. Since the *Research Newsletter*, which was originally devised to undertake this work, has become the official organ of the College and been offered for sale to all those who may be interested, the need for a second journal to carry information of a more private nature has become apparent. The work of production has been undertaken by Dr. W. G. Tait, Western Elms Lodge, Reading, Berks. It is necessary to emphasize that *Between Ourselves* is circulated only to members of the research register. The research register is, however, open to all members and associates who are interested in carrying out or helping in research and application for inclusion in the register should be made to Dr. A. Watts, The Limes, Ibstock, Leicester.

Foundation members will remember that the register was started by the foundation council as a method of facilitating contact between practitioners whose interests were similar. Through the register, not only can the research committee discover who are interested, but individual members can learn from it who, amongst their colleagues, are interested in similar kinds of work. It is an attempt to break down those walls which the isolated practitioner tends to build around him in the course of work which, by its nature, is individual and complicated.

As an example of how *Between Ourselves* can help the research worker we would refer readers to the account of the projected work of the North London Faculty on the association of neurosis with

organic disease, reported on page 77 of this issue. The need for a clear definition of neurosis which all workers in the faculty—indeed all workers in all faculties—may use as a criteria in their work was stressed. *Between Ourselves* No. 2 offers definitions: these will doubtless arouse discussion, out of which will come a formula capable of use and comparison by all interested in psychosomatic illness.

There will inevitably be some duplication in the Newsletter and *Between Ourselves*. For instance, warnings of epidemic disease may be published in the restricted news-sheet and later reproduced in the Newsletter. No harm can come of this and we welcome *Between Ourselves* as a useful addition to the publications of the College.

Notices

Butterworth Gold Medal

This award is presented annually to the College of General Practitioners by Messrs. Butterworth & Company, the medical publishers, for an essay by a member or associate of the College on a subject connected with general practice. The subject for next year's essay is:—

“ The Science and Art of Prognosis in General Practice ”.

Essays, identified by motto only (with the author's name and address in a sealed envelope) and not exceeding 10,000 words, should be submitted to the Chairman of the Awards Committee, College of General Practitioners, 14, Black Friars Lane, London, E.C.4., not later than September 16th, 1957.

Christine Murrell Memorial Fellowship Award

Applications are invited for an award, value £150, to a woman medical practitioner registered in one of the British Commonwealth of Nations and on the British Medical Register.

Awards will be made for research, or undertaking of secretarial expenses of research work, or the purchase of equipment required therefor. Awards will be for one year and be renewable for one or two further years.

Form of application may be had on request to the secretary, The Medical Women's Federation, and should be returned not later than 30th April, 1957. It should be accompanied by a plan of the proposed subject of research to be undertaken. The names of three referees should be supplied.