

research and development on medical equipment and hospital supplies in England and Wales. This sum excludes the cost of the Health Departments' own medical, technical, and administrative staff. In addition, about £167 000 was spent by the Health Departments' Biochemical Research and Development Unit. Of the total expenditure on research and development in this field, the report estimates that about 23% was spent on work associated with equipment and aids for the disabled.

### Nearly £2m lent by GP Finance Corporation

The General Practice Finance Corporation lent £1 967 000 in 147 separate loans to 250 NHS general practitioners during the last financial year to help them buy or improve surgery premises. The amount loaned by the corporation, and the number of loans, were higher than in 1975-6. The total advances since the corporation began lending in May 1967 is now about £18½m and 4711 doctors have so far received loans.

The annual report published on 2 August (HMSO, price 35p) shows that during the year the corporation made three issues of stock totalling £1.25m and it achieved another working surplus this year, thus reducing its accumulated deficit. The corporation has to pay its own way, so its interest rate reflects current market conditions. The corporation is chaired by Mr D L Stebbings and among the board members are Drs J G Ball, R C R Gethen, and J A Riddell, who are also members of the General Medical Services Committee.

### First assistantship in nephrology

On 4 August Mr Freddie Green, chairman of the Northern Counties Kidney Research Fund, presented a cheque for £45 000 to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne Development Trust to endow, with the help of the university, a first assistantship in nephrology. The fund co-ordinates the fund-raising activities concerned with kidney research in the north-east and since its inception in 1971 has received £170 000 in donations. On the recommendation of its scientific subcommittee it has financed many projects including medical research fellowships, scientific officers and technicians, computer programming, the purchase of research equipment, and further research into renal preservation, bladder function, renal bone disease, dialysis dementia, and transplant rejections.

The development trust has so far received donations of over £2m to help the university establish new academic posts, and provide amenities not financed by public funds.

### Sheffield University Library

The Sheffield University Library has recently issued the following announcement: The Biomedical Information Service of Sheffield University Library has established itself as a current awareness service in cell biology and physiology with a range of 27 monthly bulletins of references supported entirely by subscriptions. It has now moved into the field of human behaviour with a bimonthly bulletin entitled *Human Sexuality* covering all aspects of sexual behaviour. A

wide range of periodicals is scanned directly but in addition references are obtained from *Current Contents* and *Index Medicus*. However, authors who are publishing in this field are invited to send notices of their papers or preferably reprints to the Biomedical Information Service. The subscription to *Human Sexuality* for 1978 will be £16 pa.

## COMING EVENTS

**University of Dundee**—Symposium on "Drugs and the elderly, perspectives in geriatric clinical pharmacology," 13-14 September, Dundee. Details from Dr I H Stevenson, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee.

**Obstetric Anaesthetists' Association**—Open meeting, 16 September, London. Details from Dr Barbara M Morgan, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6. (Tel 01-748 6802.)

**Royal Society of Medicine**—Two study courses, "Clinical oncology," 12-16 September, London, and "New perspectives: forum for general practitioners," 26-30 September, London. Details from the Conference Secretary, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

## BMA NOTICES

AUGUST	
17 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.
25 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 11 am.
SEPTEMBER	
7 Wed	Scottish Hospital Junior Staff Committee (7 Drumshough Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 2.30 pm.
12 Mon	New Consultant Contract Working Party (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
14 Wed	BMA Executive Committee, 10 am.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

Dr W Jones Williams has been elected a member under Bye-law 117.

### ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

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### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At meetings of the Council of this college held on 22 and 23 July 1977 with the president, Sir John Dewhurst, in the chair, the following were admitted to the membership of the college—N A Abaza, S F M I Abol, O O Abudu, J A Adagba, A H Adam, Hyacinth A Akanwa, E M Akinluyi, G P Alexander, L A A A K Al-Obaid, A B Amoa, A E Anya, Janet Baker, Janet M Baldwin, C Banerjee, N S Barakzai, M A Basheer, M S Bata, T Beedham, L W Bernhardt, D G Bibi, P Bousfield, F M L Charnock, T F Choy, G W Cochrane, D I Conway, D A P Corr, A J Crandon, J M Cruickshank, D C Cumming, W A Curtain, V Das, G P Das, J B Day, Patricia H De Souza, D C Dhillon, F U Edozien, A G A El Badri, A E M E Elhag, S E E T El Mahi, M A A El Menabawey, O A H El Neel, F I El Uri, A A Eskander, B U Ezem, J E Felmingham, D B Garrioch, Elizabeth J Garwood, K Ghosh, S K Ghosh, O F Giwa Osagie, E H Gomes, M P G Gomez, R H Goodley, M F Hamed Abdel Azeim, Pamela M Hamilton H P W C Herath, J R Houston, A A Issa, R Iyer, E A Jacques, H M L Jenkins, Celestine T John, P Kanji, P N Kasan, G A Khogali, P T Khoo, A J Krins, K Kugathasan, P S Kulkarni, J L Lander, D A R Lees, S G C Lim, M O Lobb, D G McLintock, Joyce E B Madigan, C C Madubueze, Sara E E Magee, M O M Mahfouz, A K Mahomed, S R Mallick, A N Montanaro-Gauci, S K Mukhopadhyay, W R Nalliah, R B Nasar, M S A Nasr, B N H Nik Hussin, A A B Nuruddin, I D Nott, G D O'Brien, G Ogbasselisse, J M Okaro, S K Ong, D H Oram, A I Osuji, J A M Otubu, W D Patton, E D Pereira, D R Poole, V Puri, Jessica Rahman, A R Rao Kocherlakota, H Raufi, P Ravi, A B Roberts, D A Rosenberg, T C Rowe, B P Roy Burman, A A Saleh, V Sankarankutty, P Sarojam, Susan M Sellers, N C Siddle, S R Sidhom, R K Sidhu, S Singh, R K Smith, L-K So, O K Solanke, R K Sriskandarajah, P J Steer, Fiona R A Strang, M B Subhi-Saleem, W L D S Tenuwara, P A Townsend, L T Van Der Poel, R Vedavathi, M F Vere, P E Weir, M I Whitehead, M I Whitehead, M J Whittle, P Wittonpanich, K M B Wong, Z M S Zaki, M S Zaklana.

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