

### INCOME OF TRAINEES

The Minister of State for the Department of Health and Social Security has reported that the average weekly earnings of senior house officers in 1975 varied between £67.8 and £75.0 per week.

He estimated that this would rise in 1976 to a minimum of £82.1 per week and a maximum of £91.6. These figures include an allowance for earnings from extra-duty allowances and are based on the average full-time staff on 1 January each year.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The second editorial in the March *Journal One thousand up!*, commented on the number of trainees and trainees in general practice in October 1975.

These figures were obtained from the Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales.

### MALE HEALTH VISITORS

The Council for the Education and Training of Health Visitors has decided that from September 1977 it shall be a requirement for men to have obtained an acceptable obstetric qualification, as is the case with prospective women students, before starting health visitor training.

### GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL REGISTRATION FEE

The annual retention fee payable by registered medical practitioners to the General Medical Council is being increased from £5 to £8 with effect from 1 May 1976.

### CORRECTIONS

In the February issue of the *Journal* it was reported that Dr D. J. G. Bain had been awarded an Upjohn Travelling Fellowship to study Child Health in Developing Countries.

This should have read to Study Child Health in New Towns and Developing Communities.

In the March issue of the *Journal* Dr E. J. C. Kendall's name was wrongly printed as Rendall, and this error is greatly regretted.

In Dr M. W. Adler's article (March *Journal*), the second line of the summary read "screening for moderate hypertension (i.e. diastolic blood pressure equal to or above 100 mm Hg)" but should have read "(diastolic blood pressure equal to or below 110 mm Hg)".

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## Obituary

### ROBERT PATRICK MAYBIN

M.D., F.R.C.G.P.

Dr Robert Patrick Maybin died on 19 January 1976 at the age of 59.

He was a founder member of the College, a Fellow, and a former member of College Council and in 1972 he delivered the William Pickles Lecture on *Health Centres and the Family Doctor*, which was published in this *Journal*.

He made a significant and valued contribution to the Northern Ireland Faculty, as a long serving member of the Faculty Board, as secretary of the Board, and as Provost. He had also been a member of Irish Council in its early years.

Educated at Wallace High School, Lisburn, Co. Antrim, he studied medicine at the Queen's University of Belfast graduating M.B., B.C.H., B.A.O., in 1938. As a Captain in the Royal Army Medical Corps, he served in North

Africa, Italy, and Yugoslavia and was mentioned in dispatches.

Following the war he proceeded M.D. in 1947 and in 1949 started in single-handed general practice in Ballylesson, a village on the outskirts of Belfast. In this rural practice, he was among the first to record and publish data about his practice. He was also among the earliest to see the value of nurse and health visitor liaison and had a social worker attachment as early as 1956.

In 1963, Dr Maybin was appointed Medical Adviser to the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board, succeeding the late Dr J. M. Hunter, a member of the first Council of the College. In this capacity he came into contact with all general practitioners in Northern Ireland and exerted a considerable influence on the renaissance of general practice in the province. He was closely associated with the development of