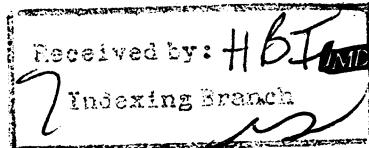


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sights to the promise held out by the reformed NHS (p 1253), but John Bain's general practitioners are clearly finding this hard to do, bogged down as they are with paperwork and a heavy workload (p 1247). We hope it won't stop them reading because this week we start a new series—"A paper that changed my practice"—with a tribute to Virginia Smallpiece, 90 this month and responsible with Pamela Davies for stopping the routine starvation of preterm babies.