

tion centres in large cities, including as an experiment a "shop front" centre in one of the Skid Row areas of London.

The tradition of concern about alcoholism is acknowledged by the report, which in its conclusion stresses the need for research as a part of all its new proposals if they are to be more effective than previous attempts. One thing is clear, it adds: alcoholism is unlikely to disappear of its own accord.

#### Medical Group of R.P.S.

Under its chairman, Dr. Leslie Bowcock, the Medical Group of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain held its annual exhibition of medical photography in the Claire Wand Gallery at B.M.A. House on 4 March. Professor Bryan Brooke, professor of surgery at St. George's Hospital, presented the awards. The following were the award-winners: A.B.P.I. colour trophy, Miss Mary Jackson (rosacea treated by drug therapy); Pharmaceutical Society juniors' trophy, Mr. Richard Summers (disarticulated skull); Medical Group technical award, Miss Julie Dorrington (microtopography of the skin); Medical Group merit awards, Miss Eileen Brown (clinical photography) and Mr. Ray Phillips (facial manifestations in skin disease); B.M.J. award, Mr. Colin Burgess (lighting for convenience); *Lancet* trophy, Mr. E. J. Harrison (illustrating *Clostridium tetani*). The exhibition remains open until 22 April. It was announced that Dr. Peter Hansell, director of the departments of medical photography and illustration at the Westminster Hospital Medical School and the Institute of Ophthalmology, has been elected an honorary Fellow of the Royal Photographic Society.

#### Overseas Students

In the university year 1969-70 there were 17,114 overseas students enrolled for full-time undergraduate or postgraduate studies in British universities. Of these 1,025 were studying medicine: 540 undergraduate and 485 postgraduate. Kenya, Malaysia, Mauritius, Pakistan, Uganda, Hong Kong, and India each had over 50 students in the field of medicine, dentistry, and health. Among countries outside the Commonwealth the largest numbers were from Norway, South Africa, and the U.S.A.

#### Plane Tree for R.C.G.P.

On 4 March at a luncheon at the Royal College of General Practitioners, with Dr. G. I. Watson, the president, in the chair, Professor William Gibson of the University of British Columbia presented the college with a seedling plane from the Hippocratic Foundation. It had been grown in Canada from seed from the ancient tree on the island of Cos, and was received on behalf of the college by Dr. R. J. Pinsent. The Greek ambassador was present and gave some soil brought specially from Athens.

#### International Health Foundation Award

The Foundation has announced that SF 5,000 will be awarded during 1971 for the best study submitted on "Gonadal Function in the Man between 45 and 55 Years of Age." An additional prize of SF 2,000 for the best paper by an author under 35 may be awarded if the quality of entries permits. Papers

should arrive by 1 June. Full details are obtainable from the Foundation, 14 rue de Hollande, 1204 Geneva, Switzerland.

#### B.P.A. Essay Competition

The Donald Patterson prize, value £25, for an essay on a subject related to paediatrics and consisting mainly of unpublished work is open to competition by medical practitioners registered in the United Kingdom who have been qualified for not more than ten years. The closing date for entries is 30 June and entry forms as well as further information may be obtained from the honorary secretary, British Paediatric Association, c/o Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London WC1N 1EH.

#### Serum Iron Estimation

Recommendations for the preparation of a reference material and a reference method for serum iron assay have been agreed by an expert panel of the International Committee for Standardization in Haematology. Full details of the procedures will be published in the appropriate specialist journals.

#### Reports Received

*Strokes and How to Live with Them*, by Dr. A. Barham Carter, a Family Doctor booklet published by the British Medical Association, price 10p net.

*Getting Married*, sixteenth issue of this annual Family Doctor booklet published by the British Medical Association, price 15p net.

#### COMING EVENTS

**Institute of Psychiatry.**—Lecture and demonstration courses for postgraduate students in psychiatry will be held from April to June. Details are obtainable from the dean of the institute, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5. (Tel. 01-703 5411.)

**"Medical Communications".**—Day symposium, 4 April, 9.30 a.m., London Hospital Medical College, organized by East London Faculty of Royal College of General Practitioners. Fee £1.25 (including lunch). Applications to Dr. B. Taylor, 646 Mile End Road, Bow, London E3 4LJ. (Tel. 01-980 3676.)

**Christian Medical Fellowship.**—Symposium, "The Impact of Accelerating Discovery on Present Ethical Codes," 24 March, 8.15 p.m. London, W.C.2. For details see advertisement on page xxxi.

#### SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked \* a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

##### Monday, 15 March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. J. L. Verbov: Dermatoglyphics.  
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Dr. N. B. Myant: Metabolism of Cholesterol in Man.

##### Tuesday, 16 March

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH.—At Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 8.30 p.m., Bramwell memorial lecture by Professor W. I. Card.  
ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTRE, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Mr. D. Neal Smith: Human Sterilization.

##### Wednesday, 17 March

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Professor M. Seip (Oslo): Syndrome of Generalized Lipodystrophy.  
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. L. Szur: Radiotherapy for Malignant Skin Diseases—II.  
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. F. H. Scadding: Presenting Features of Bronchial Carcinoma.  
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Mr. F. R. Kilpatrick: Conservative Renal Surgery.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND Gynaecologists.—5.30 p.m., Postgraduate museum demonstration by Dr. C. W. Elston: Pathology of Trophoblastic Disease.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND: FACULTY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—4 p.m., Frederic Hewitt lecture by Dr. C. Scurr: Evolution and Revolution in Anaesthetic Training.  
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor J. Ledingham: Hypertension and the Kidney.  
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11.45 a.m., Clinicopathological conference by Professor A. Renold: Streptozotocine Diabetes—a New Form of Experimental Diabetes.  
WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—8.30 p.m., Dr. Etain Cronin: Use and Abuse of Steroids in Skin Disease.

##### Thursday, 18 March

NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—12 noon, Dr. C. Murray Parkes: Psychological and Psychosomatic Aspects of Bereavement.  
ST. JAMES'S HOSPITAL.—At medical centre, Sarsfield Road, London S.W.12, 2 p.m., Diabetic symposium.\*  
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Professor R. A. Sellwood: Advanced Cancer of the Breast.

##### Friday, 19 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. V. T. Hammond: Management of Chronic Suppurative Otitis Media.  
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Dr. L. Iverson: Role of Catecholamine Uptake Processes in Adrenergic Transmission.

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#### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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