

Choosing Medicine as a Career

A medical degree can be the stepping stone to a career of infinite variety, according to a 57-page booklet *The Scope of Medicine*, published by the *Lancet* (price 30p). A clear account of the medical course is followed by chapters on postgraduate education and choosing a specialty. Of these latter, general practice, hospital work, teaching and research are described in sufficient detail and enthusiastic enough language to encourage the doubtful starter to make further inquiries. Overseas work, the Forces, law, industry, and the fate of women graduates are all included at greater or shorter length, and the booklet ends with a few words on the sort of financial rewards a doctor can hope to enjoy, a list of useful addresses on where to inquire about entry to medical school and where to apply for jobs once qualified, and suggestions for further reading about the chosen career.

New Governor for King's Fund

Lord Cottesloe has been appointed a governor of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London in succession to Lord Rosenheim who died last December. Lord Cottesloe has been a member of the general council since 1953, and has been chairman of the hospital development committee since 1968.

Senior Army Medical Appointment

Brigadier E. L. O. Hood succeeds Major-General J. Irvine, in the rank of major-general, as deputy director-general of Army Medical Services in May. Brigadier Hood is 57 and was commissioned into the R.A.M.C. in 1940, a year after graduating from Edinburgh University.

Hospital Design

The Design Centre's monthly magazine *Design* devotes 25 pages of its March issue to articles on new hospital buildings and some interesting clinical mechanical innovations. The purpose of hospital design is discussed and some of the new hospitals, such as the new Charing Cross Hospital and Queen Elizabeth's Hospital for Children's new extension in Bethnal Green, are used as illustrative examples. The Reeve-Sovam ambulance has a two-page feature, and engineering in the service of medicine is illustrated by electric-powered artificial limbs, many aids for the disabled, and electronic monitoring systems among others.

"British Journal of Audiology"

Formerly called *Sound* this journal takes its new title from volume 7, 1973. It is published quarterly by the Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AH, which considers the new name better describes the scope of scientific and technical papers the journal will carry.

People in the News

Dr. E. S. Anderson, F.R.S., director of the Enteric Reference Laboratory, Public Health Laboratory Service, London, has been appointed visiting professor in applied biology, School of Biological Sciences, Brunel University.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London.—Growing points in medicine session, "Actions of Viruses—Chronic and Delayed Effects," 22 March, 2.15 p.m. For details see advertisement on page xv.

"Diseases of the Colon and Rectum."—Course of morning lectures, 26-30 March. Fee £5.25. Details from the dean of postgraduate studies, St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, London EC1V 2PS. (Tel. 01-253 8821, extn. 36.)

Ultrasonics International 1973.—International conference and exhibition, 27-29 March, Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, sponsored by the journal, *Ultrasonics*. Fee £18 (one day £8). Details from the organizer, Dr. Z. Novak, Ultrasonics International 1973, I.P.C. House, 32 High Street, Guildford, Surrey.

Congress in Family Medicine.—2-7 April, Westminster, London, jointly by the Royal College of General Practitioners and the College of Family Physicians of Canada. Fee £6. Details and application forms from the secretariat of the congress, R.C.G.P., 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU. (Tel. 01-584 6262.)

Society of Chemical Industry.—Day symposium, "Interaction between Food, Micro-organisms and Drugs," 17 April, London S.W.1. Fee £1. Applications, by 11 April, to the assistant secretary, S.C.I., 14 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.

Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom.—Annual congress, 11-13 April, Royal College of Physicians of London. Registration fee £3. Details from the secretary of the society, at Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN (Tel. 01-405 3474.)

Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine.—Course of lectures and discussions, "An introduction to Immunology," 12-13 April. Fee £10. Details of this and other advanced courses are obtainable from the Postgraduate Dean, Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine, Hill Square, Edinburgh EH8 9DR.

Institute of Urology.—Day symposium, "Endoscopic Urology," 14 April. For details see advertisement on page xvi.

Anglo-American Conference on Drug Abuse.—Sponsored by the Royal Society of Medicine and the R.S.M. Foundation, Inc., "Drug Abuse—Society's Reaction; Medicine's Responsibility," 16-18 April, London. Registration fee £20. Details from the conference office, R.S.M., 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AB. (Tel. 01-580 2070.)

British Institute of Radiology.—Discussion forum, "Radiotherapy and Technological Progress—How and Why?" 18 April, 2 p.m., Hammersmith Hospital. Admission free but application must be made to the general secretary, B.I.R., 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel. 01-935 6237.)

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, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF. (Tel. 01-703 5411.)

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.

Tuesday, 20 March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. Y. M. Clayton: Clinical Patterns of Candidiasis.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Dr. A. J. Palfrey: Articular Cartilage and Bone.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor L. P. Garrod: Action of Combinations of Antibiotics.
ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Professor A. Jacobs: Iron Deficiency.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., medical films.

Wednesday, 21 March

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES, GLASGOW.—9.45 a.m., Dr. P. L. R. Dias: Effects of Cross Innervation and Tenotomy on Motor End Plates of Fast and Slow Muscle in the Rabbit.
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Sir David Smithers: Tumours of the Testicle.
LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Cardiothoracic Institute, Brompton, S.W.3, 5 p.m., Professor C. E. Arbesman (New York): IgE Antibody in Human Disease.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4 p.m., Frederic Hewitt lecture by Dr. B. A. Sellick: Contribution of Surgery to Anaesthesia.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. June Almeida: Virology of Hepatitis.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor A. Taylor: Control of Muscle Movement in Man.
WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—8.30 p.m., Dr. T. D. Kellock: Social Aspects of Diabetes.

Friday, 23 March

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Mr. D. P. Burkitt, F.R.S.: Some Common Surgical Diseases Related to Fibre Depleted Diet; 4 p.m., Professor G. Rose: Exercise and Health.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—R. C. Godfrey, H. G. Morgan.

LONDON

The title of professor of anatomy has been conferred on Dr. L. E. W. Vollrath in respect of his post at King's College.

The title of reader in immunobiology has been conferred on Dr. A. J. S. Davies in respect of his post at the Institute of Cancer Research, Royal Cancer Hospital.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND: FACULTY OF ANAESTHETISTS

At the election to the Board of Faculty of Anaesthetists held on 7 March, Professor A. Crampton Smith (Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford) and Professor B. R. J. Simpson (the London Hospital) were elected.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

The following were successful in the Membership examination held in February/March:

T. H. Barlow, M. R. C. Brown, V. A. Church, B. S. Cole, W. G. R. Coultrick, D. M. Cowper, J. M. Craig, D. P. Curran, G. H. C. Daley, A. E. Donaldson, M. J. Y. Fisher, B. T. Harris, J. S. G. Hayes, T. J. Huins, S. E. Jenkinson, I. D. Kerr, P. A. Knoyle, M. S. Kukula, John McKendrick, R. B. Macleod, Hilary J. Marcham, P. C. McNulty, R. W. May, P. L. Pickering, Mary M. Rayner, G. R. M. Sichel, C. W. L. Smith, R. W. Taylor, D. P. Wells, S. J. P. Woods, Ian Wynne-Hughes.

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