

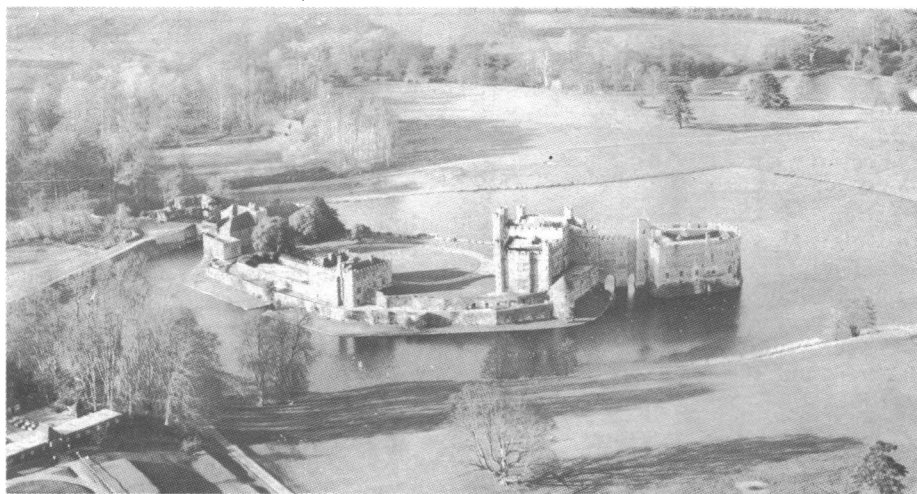
Leeds Castle: Scientific Retreat

By a trust created through the will of the late Olive Lady Baillie, Leeds Castle, near Maidstone in Kent, is to be used for residential meetings of medical scientists of international repute, permitting them to concentrate uninterruptedly in peaceful surroundings on subjects of special importance. Meetings of this kind take place at the Rockefeller Foundation's Villa Serbelloni in Italy, and the U.S. government's Fogarty House at Bethesda, but up to the present no such centre exists in Britain. The trustees responsible for the project include Sir Robert Adeane, Lord Butler, Mr. Gerald van der Kemp, Mrs. Albert Lasker, Lord Geoffrey-Lloyd, Mr. Angus Ogilvy, Mr. William S. Paley, Lord Walston, Mr. Peter Wilson, and Sir John Winniffrith. Princess

Alexandra is the patron, and Mr. John Hay Whitney—to whose family Lady Baillie belonged—is patron of the associated American foundation.

Leeds Castle was first built in 857 and became a royal castle; the last queen to reside there was Catherine, widow of Henry V. In the reign of Charles II it was passed to Lord Culpepper, who also held vast estates in Virginia and Maryland, whence the American connexion.

The trustees' announcement emphasizes Lady Baillie's hope that Leeds Castle may become a centre for advancing medical research by cross-fertilization of ideas, and that it may help to develop still further the close co-operation between British and American doctors and scientists.

**Leukaemia Research Awards**

The trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust invite applications for research awards in the academic year beginning October 1975. The announcement states that candidates with programmes of research "on any aspect of malignant disease which may throw light on problems of leukaemia will be eligible for consideration. The trustees specially wish to encourage studies of the leukaemogenic viruses in mammals, the epidemiology and natural history of leukaemia, and the immunogenetic aspects."

Application forms are available from the Secretary, Scientific Advisory Committee, Lady Tata Memorial Trust, Chester Beatty Research Institute, Fulham Road, London S.W.3, and should be submitted before 31 March 1975.

Holidays for the Physically Handicapped

The Central Council for the Disabled has issued the 1975 edition of its booklet on holidays for the physically disabled. Details of accommodation available for groups, families, or handicapped people travelling alone in many countries overseas as well as in the United Kingdom is given, and in most entries prices, special facilities, and local areas of particular interest and how to visit them are listed. *Holidays for the Physically Handicapped 1975*, is available from Central Council for the Disabled, 34 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1PE, and from major branches of W. H. Smith, price 20p (postage 30p).

COMING EVENTS

University College London.—Freud memorial lectures in psychoanalysis. Mondays, 5.30 p.m., 20 January–10 March, chemistry auditorium, Christopher Ingold Laboratories, Gordon Street, London W.C.1. Admission free, without ticket.

Royal College of Physicians of London.—Clinicopathological conference, 30 January. For details see advertisement on page xiv.

Society for Drug Research.—Symposium, "Role of Toxicology in the Development of a Drug," 6 February, Chelsea College, London S.W.3. Details from Dr. J. F. Cavalla, John Wyeth and Brother Ltd., Huntercombe Lane South, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks.

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.—Multi-disciplinary course, "Lower Limb Amputations," 17–18 February, D.H.S.S. Limb Fitting Centre, Roehampton, London S.W.15. Fee £9. Details and application forms from the society, 14 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4ED. (Tel. 01-242 1941.)

British Institute of Radiology.—Day meeting, "Non-invasive Investigation of the Brain," 19 February, Middlesex Hospital Medical School. Details and application forms from the secretary, B.I.R., 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel. 01-935 6237.)

Birmingham Medical Institute.—Details of the programmes of the institute and its sections, including the Midland Thoracic Society, 1975–6, are obtainable from the secretary, B.M.I., 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3AF, Warwick. (Tel. Edgbaston 5007.)

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, 20 January

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. M. L. Newhouse: Epidemiology of Occupational Disease.

Tuesday, 21 January

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. Hinchcliffe: Clinical Measurement of Vestibular Function.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. M. C. Joseph: Acute Cardiac Illness in the Newborn and Infant.

Wednesday, 22 January

CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE, LONDON S.W.3.—5 p.m., Dr. K. Fletcher, Dr. M. S. Rose: Paraquat Poisoning.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor J. S. Calman: Lymphoedema.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—6 p.m., Dr. Joan Slack: Genetic Influences on Serum Cholesterol Levels and Some Lipoprotein Disorders; 7 p.m., Mr. R. M. Greenhalgh: Lipids and Lipoproteins in Cerebrovascular Disease.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Discussion by Professor H. J. Eysenck: What Utility Has the Illness Concept in Psychiatry?

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor A. J. Bellingham: Significance of Oxygen Affinity in Haemolytic Anaemias.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, HAMPSTEAD.—5.15 p.m., Dr. N. Stanley: Liver and Lung.

Thursday, 23 January

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. Hinchcliffe: Clinical Measurement of Auditory Function.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Royal Free Hospital Medical School, 5.30 p.m., Professor T. H. Schiebler (Würzburg): New Aspects of Placenta Morphology.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Dr. G. Gawlor: The EMI Scanner and the Future of Neuroradiology.

Friday, 24 January

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Research in progress: Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES**DUNDEE**

On 18 July Sir Walter Perry, vice-chancellor of the Open University, will have the honorary LL.D. conferred on him.

ABERDEEN

Appointments.—Dr. P. E. G. Carter (chief medical officer, Student Health Service); Dr. T. A. Jeffers (lecturer, therapeutics and clinical pharmacology).

Corrections**Private Beds in N.H.S. Hospitals**

We regret that a printing error occurred in the letter from Dr. H. A. Clegg (11 January, p. 89). In the second paragraph the first two sentences in the quotation from Michael Foot's *Aneurin Bevan*, 1945–1960 should read: "He agreed that specialists should be allowed to have fee-paying patients in hospitals. The risk was obvious, but the representatives of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons had told him that without this concession some specialists would encourage the establishment of private nursing homes."

Knocking the B.M.A.

We regret that a printing error occurred in the letter from Dr. F. W. B. Breakey (11 January, p. 97). In the second paragraph the last sentence should read: "I am sad about this because there is little alternative to the B.M.A., though I have hopes for the National Association of Doctors in Practice."

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