

need of constant vigilance to prevent it. The circular is intended for doctors, health officers, social workers, and community nursing staff, and is being distributed from St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh.

Advice on Smoking

So Now You Know About Smoking is the latest in the series of Family Doctor booklets. Written by Dr. Alfred Yarrow, the booklet gives a factual account of the health hazards of smoking. It is available from chemists' shops price 15p or from Family Doctor Publications, Chalton Street, London N.W.1, price 20p.

COMING EVENTS

Institute of Urology.—Day symposium, "Patients and Paperwork," 22 February. For details see advertisement on page xviii.

Refresher Course in Forensic Medicine.—7-9 March, Peebles, Scotland, intended for procurators fiscal and police surgeons. Details from Professor W. A. Harland, Department of Forensic Medicine, Glasgow University, Glasgow G12 8QQ.

Association for the Study of Medical Education.—Day conference, "Teaching Family Planning," 17 March, Royal College of Physicians of London. Details and application forms from the administrator, A.S.M.E., 150b Perth Road, Dundee DD1 4EA. (Tel. 0382 26801.)

B.M.A. Symposium.—"Pain," 21 March, 10 a.m.-4.30 p.m., School of Pharmacy, London W.C.1. Fee £5. Details and application forms from the executive officer (London symposia), B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. (Tel. 01-387 4499, extn. 135.)

Richmond Fellowship for Mental Welfare and Rehabilitation.—International conference, "Half-way Houses—the Future of Therapeutic Communities," 7-9 April, London University Union. Fee £33 (£20 for non-resident). The closing date is 14 March and details are obtainable from the conference secretary, at the fellowship, 8 Addison Road, Kensington, London W14 8DL. (Tel. 01-603 6373.)

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, 10 February

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor I. R. H. Kramer: Leukoplakia and Allied Conditions.

Tuesday, 11 February

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At U.C.H. Medical School, 5 p.m., Dr. J.-C. Larroche (Paris): Encephalopathy in the Neonate.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. B. Moore: Epidemiology of Hospital Cross-infection. **ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.**—2.30 p.m., Pathology section meeting: Pathology of Neurological Deficit.*

Wednesday, 12 February

CARDIOTHORACIC INSTITUTE, LONDON S.W.3.—5 p.m., lecture by Dr. M. Honey.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. R. H. Meara: Skin Manifestations of Internal Malignancy.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—6 p.m., Dr. G. Stewart: Genetics and Variation in Inherited Neuropathies; 7 p.m., Professor P. K. Thomas: The Genetic Neuropathies.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. H. Wolff: Loss—a Central Theme in Psychotherapy. **LONDON UNIVERSITY.**—At Middlesex Hospital Medical School, 5.30 p.m., Professor T. F. Sellers (Atlanta, U.S.A.): Epidemiology of Rheumatic Fever.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5.35 p.m., Milroy lecture by Dr. J. Lorber: History of Management of Myelomeningocele and Hydrocephalus, with special emphasis on Ethical Problems. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS.**—At Tavistock Centre, London N.W.3, 8.15 p.m., Dr. D. Malan, Professor J. Watson: The Psychotherapy Research Project of the Menninger Foundation (1954-72).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor J. C. Postlethwaite: Importance of Plasma Fibrinogen in Arterial Surgery.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. M. Brozovic: Thrombosis and Hypercoagulability.

Thursday, 13 February

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Dr. D. Campbell: Some Aspects of Intensive Care.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—5 p.m., Beecham lecture by Professor J. McClure Browne: Puerperal Sepsis.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor R. Hall: Human Thyroid Stimulators and their Clinical Significance.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE, LONDON E.8.—8 p.m., Mrs. Heather Burton: Use of Volunteers in Hospitals.

Friday, 14 February

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian oration by Sir Rodney Smith: The Hunters and the Arts.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Professor A. W. Wilkinson: Paediatric Surgery Today.

Saturday, 15 February

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, Hills Road, 10.15 a.m., symposium: Dermatology.*

B.M.A. NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

FEBRUARY

- 11 Tues. General Purposes Committee, 5 p.m.
- 12 Wed. Hospital Junior Staffs Group Council (Scotland) (at 7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 2 p.m.
- 14 Fri. Conference of Honorary Secretaries, 10.30 a.m.
- 14 Fri. Ophthalmic Group Committee, 2 p.m.
- 19 Wed. Finance Committee, 2 p.m.
- 19 Wed. Panel on Prizes, Research Awards and Fellowships (Board of Science and Education), 3 p.m.
- 20 Thurs. General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.
- 20 Thurs. Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (at 7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.
- 20 Thurs. Negotiating Subcommittee (C.C.C.M.), 10 a.m.
- 26 Wed. Council, 10 a.m.
- 27 Thurs. Special Representative Meeting, 10 a.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked * are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

Blackpool and Fylde Division.—At Savoy Hotel, Wednesday, 12 February, 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner meeting, Wing Commander A. N. Nicholson: "Present Developments in Aerospace Medicine." Guests are invited.*

Bradford Division.—At Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 12 February, 8.15 p.m., Dr. R. Naylor: "Recent Developments in Pharmacology of Schizophrenia, etc."

East Herts Division.—At Lister Hospital, Stevenage, Wednesday, 12 February, 8 for 8.30 p.m., annual clinical meeting. All doctors in the area are invited.

East Yorkshire Branch.—At Art Gallery, Beverley, Wednesday, 12 February, 7.30 p.m., Mr. A. Plater: "The Work of a Playwright."

Guildford Division.—At medical centre, St. Luke's Hospital, Wednesday, 12 February, 8.15 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Dr. A. D. Leigh: "Life Change and Illness Experience."

Hastings Division.—At postgraduate centre, Tuesday, 11 February, 8.15 p.m., Squadron Leader C. Saxton: "Stress of High Performance Aircraft Cockpit."

Hendon Division.—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 11 February, 8.30 p.m., Dr. F. Dudley Hart: "Inflammation in the Rheumatic Diseases and its Control" (illustrated). Guests are invited.*

Kingston-on-Thames Division.—At Kingston Hospital, Tuesday, 11 February, 8 for 8.30 p.m., Dr. P. E. Brown: "Acupuncture." Guests are invited.

Lewisham Division.—At medical centre, Lewisham Hospital, Saturday, 15 February, 10.45 a.m., day symposium: "Accidents and Emergencies."*

Rotherham Division.—At British Steel Corporation, Thursday, 13 February, 7.30 for 8 p.m., annual dinner dance. Guests are invited.*

Reading Division.—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 12 February, 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. Williams: "The Sports Doping Story" (illustrated). Ladies are invited.

South Middlesex Division.—At Red Lion Hotel, Hounslow, Monday, 10 February, 8.30 p.m., meeting to discuss agenda for S.R.M.

Winchester Division.—At postgraduate centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Wednesday, 12 February, 8.15 p.m., meeting to consider future of division and present situation.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—J. G. Collier, D. C. L. Savage, J. M. A. Whitehouse.

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM A.H.A.(T.).—The following consultant has been appointed: Dr. J. Stuart (haematology).

LEICESTERSHIRE A.H.A.—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr. D. G. Lewis, Dr. S. W. J. Theophilus (anaesthetics); Dr. R. S. A. Thomas (e.n.t.); Dr. D. M. R. Jactett (geriatrics); Dr. D. B. Goulstone (ophthalmology); Dr. J. M. Wales (respiratory diseases).

NORTH-WEST THAMES R.H.A.—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr. B. N. Pickering (thoracic surgery); Dr. J. S. Milledge (physician, special interest in respiratory medicine); Dr. A. A. Da Costa (clinical neurophysiology); Dr. T. J. Goodwin (physician); Dr. J. R. Govan (general physician, special interest in respiratory medicine); Mr. B. P. Dillon (obstetrics and gynaecology).

H.M. FORCES

ARMY

Brigadier W. O'Brien, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed director of Army medicine and consulting physician to the Army, and has been granted the local rank of Major-General.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Group Captains J. N. C. Cooke and E. J. McGuire to be Air Commodores.

Wing Commanders J. H. White, C. A. B. McLaren, and F. C. Hurrell to be Group Captains.

Corrections

Drug Combinations for Anaesthesia

We regret that an error occurred in the letter from Mr. A. D. Forman (18 January, p. 15). In the last sentence of the third paragraph the term "methohexitone combination" should have read "methohexitone/diazepam combination."

Inappropriate ADH Secretion in Chest Disease

In the letter from Dr. J. B. Myers (9 November, p. 345) reference is made in the first sentence of the second paragraph to "B1 receptor sites." This should read "B receptor sites." In reference no. 5 the date of publication should be 1959, not 1969 as printed.

Agenda of Special Representative Meeting

The subheading "Electrical Scheme A" in the agenda of the Special Representative Meeting (1 February, p.290) was printed incorrectly before item 14. It should have appeared before item 15 on p. 291.

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