

Medical News

The annual dinner of the Westminster Hospital Medical School will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Saturday, September 26th, at 7.30 p.m., with Mr. A. Tudor Edwards in the chair. On Monday, September 28th, at 3 p.m., Lord Horder will deliver the inaugural address of the medical school at Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, S.W.

The annual dinner of past and present students of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School will take place on Saturday, October 3rd, at Claridge's Hotel, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. The special post-graduate course open to all practitioners without fee will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

The old students' annual dinner of St. Bartholomew's Hospital will be held in the College Hall, Charterhouse Square, on Thursday, October 1st, with Sir Charles Gordon-Watson in the chair.

The annual old students' dinner of St. Thomas's Hospital will be held at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, on Friday, October 2nd, at 7.15 for 7.45 p.m., with Dr. J. R. Harper, C.B.E., in the chair.

A sessional meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held at Rhyl Town Hall, in conjunction with the Welsh Branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, on Friday, September 25th, at 5 p.m., when there will be discussions on "Maternity and Child Welfare," to be opened by Dr. A. E. Williams, and on "The Incidence of Tuberculosis in Cattle-breeding Districts," to be opened by Mr. R. F. Montgomerie.

The sixth session of the International Office for Documentation of Military Medicine and Pharmacy will be held at Geneva from October 12th to 14th. All officers of the health services of armies, navies, and of the air, both active and reserve, are invited to participate.

The German Society of Industrial Accidents will hold a congress at Hamburg under the presidency of Professor zur Verth on September 17th and 18th, when the principal subjects for discussion will be heredity and constitution in relation to insurance, introduced by Aschoff of Freiburg, Weitz of Hamburg, and Siemens of Leyden, and lesions of the meniscus, introduced by Burkle de la Camp of Bochum and Ceelen of Bonn.

The twenty-third Congress of the Alliance of Social Hygiene will be held at Saint Etienne under the presidency of M. Georges Risler, member of the Institut de France, and M. Demozay, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Saint Etienne, from October 2nd to 4th, when discussions will be held on the treatment of social diseases and their prevention and the organization of leisure. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Charles Laurent, 12 Rue des Mutilés du Travail, Saint Etienne.

The first European Congress of "Structive" Surgery will be held in Brussels on October 3rd and 4th under the auspices of the Société Européenne de Chirurgie Structive. The inaugural address will be delivered by Professor J.-L. Faure of Paris. Special prominence will be given to reparatory surgery, cosmetic surgery taking second place. Further particulars may be obtained from Dr. Coelst, 118, Avenue Louise, Brussels.

The King has granted to Dr. Alexander Cruickshank and Dr. Albert Ernest Lorenzen authority to wear the insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the Nile, conferred upon them by His late Majesty the King of Egypt in recognition of valuable services rendered by them.

Volume i of the League of Nations report on the problem of nutrition was noticed in a leading article in the *Journal* of August 22nd. Volume ii (price 6d.) and volume iii (price 5s. 6d.) have now been published by Allen & Unwin (League of Nations Publications Department, 40, Museum Street, W.C.1). The former is a report on the physiological bases of nutrition drawn up by the Technical Commission of the Health Committee at its meeting in London last November, revised and amplified

at the meeting in Geneva in June of this year. The second volume is a comprehensive survey of nutrition in various countries, with special regard to post-war developments in the field of nutrition.

This year marks the centenary of the foundation of the *Bulletin de l'Académie de Médecine*, the first issue of which was published under the editorship of E. Pariset, L. C. Roche, and J. B. Bousquet on October 15th, 1836.

The issue of *Medizinische Klinik* for August 28th is devoted to the proceedings of the German Orthopaedic Congress.

The issue of *Aesculape* for July is devoted to the painter Vincent van Gogh.

The Royal Society of Medicine of Ghent has resumed the publication of its *Annales et Bulletin* in a new form. Each issue deals with some special subject, to which eminent Belgian and foreign writers will contribute. The January-February number is devoted to scarlet fever. Female sexual hormones, treatment of chronic rheumatism, cardiology, especially angina pectoris, vitamins, and cerebral tumours will be discussed in subsequent issues.

The King has appointed Dr. Charles Norman Griffin to be an Official Member of the Executive Council of the Presidency of Dominica.

The Earl of Harewood has become a vice-president of the Institute of Medical Psychology, representing the British Legion.

On August 10th the French Senate passed a law forbidding the sale of pharmaceutical preparations, preventive or curative, by all except chemists.

The following medical appointments to the Household of the Duke and Duchess of York have been made: Dr. G. F. Still, Sir John Weir, K.C.V.O., Dr. H. Letheby Tidy, and Dr. D. T. Davies to be Physicians in Ordinary; and Sir Lancelot E. Barrington-Ward, K.C.V.O., and Mr. A. E. Porritt to be Surgeons in Ordinary.

The first clinic for the treatment of diabetic children, which has been established at King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E., was formally opened on Saturday by Major Oscar Guest, M.P.

Letters, Notes, and Answers

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Ether Convulsions

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