

**Mr. L. R. Broster**, surgeon at the Charing Cross Hospital, London, has been awarded the Bronze Medal of the Medical Association of South Africa in recognition of his "great services to this association and to the medical profession of South Africa in general." Special reference was made at the meeting of the federal council of the association to Mr. Broster's work on the committee of the Empire Medical Advisory Bureau, of which he has been chairman since 1950.

**Dr. G. W. Ireland**, of Pathhead, Midlothian, has succeeded Sir GEORGE LAIDLAW as chairman of the Scottish Council of Social Service. Dr. Ireland is a member of the Council of the B.M.A., and a member of the General Medical Council and of the Scottish Health Services Council.

**Christmas Cards.**—The National Association for Mental Health is offering three designs of Christmas card this year. A pamphlet illustrating them may be obtained from the headquarters of the association, 39, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

**News in Brief.**—The Telecobalt Unit at Bristol General Hospital was opened by Sir ERNEST ROCK CARLING on November 22.

Speaking at an antibiotics symposium sponsored by Lederle Laboratories in America, Dr. HENRY WELCH, director of antibiotics of the Food and Drugs Administration, said that the broad-spectrum antibiotics, chlortetracycline, oxytetracycline, tetracycline, and chloramphenicol, had accounted for \$137m. out of the \$262m. worth of antibiotics produced last year by United States manufacturers. An additional \$19m. worth had gone for animal food supplements. Penicillin production had amounted to \$58m., and streptomycin and dihydrostreptomycin to \$35m. Since 1942, he added, upwards of 3,500 different antibiotic substances had been isolated and studied.

This year the Springarn Medal, which is awarded "for the highest achievement of an American negro," has been won by a distinguished Chicago dermatologist, Dr. T. K. LAWLESS. The medal is awarded by the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

The proceedings of the symposium on oestrogen determination, described on p. 1157 of our November 13 issue, will be published in full in the *Memoirs of the Society for Endocrinology*. Copies will be available shortly (price 18s.) from the publishers, D. Dobson Ltd., 12, Park Place, St. James's, London, S.W.1.

### COMING EVENTS

**London Medical Orchestra.**—Concert at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.1, December 13, 8.30 p.m. Works by Handel, Beethoven, and Schubert. Admission by programme (1s. 6d.).

**Institute of Dermatology, London.**—Exhibition on varicose conditions of the legs, December 6–24.

**Exhibition of Kinematography**, organized by the Kinematograph Group of the Royal Photographic Society, to illustrate "The Applications of Kinematography in Industry, Science, Medicine, Education, and other Specialized Fields," at 16, Princes Gate, London, S.W.7, December 3–18.

**Bradshaw Lecture.**—Professor LAMBERT ROGERS will lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on "Tumours Involving the Spinal Cord and its Nerve Roots," December 8 at 4 p.m.

### SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

#### Monday, November 29

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—At Department of Pathology, Tennis Court Road, 5 p.m., Dr. J. Frimann-Dahl (Oslo): Radiological Examinations in Acute Abdominal Conditions.

●INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Macdonald Critchley: Disturbances of Vision: At the Highest Level.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 4.30 p.m., Mr. R. A. Brews: Chorion Epithelioma and Vesicular Mole.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., lecture-demonstration by Dr. E. Stengel.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. E. A. Carmichael: Some Observations on the Autonomic Nervous System.

#### Tuesday, November 30

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. L. Mary Pickford: Release and Action of Posterior Pituitary Hormones.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. A. K. Monro: Varicose Conditions of the Leg.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, 12 noon, Professor A. S. Duncan: Antepartum Haemorrhage.

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY: STUDY CIRCLE ON MEDICAL STATISTICS.—At Westminster Medical School, 6 p.m., Dr. L. Bernstein: Teaching of Medical Statistics.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., neurological demonstration by Dr. B. G. Parsons-Smith.

#### Wednesday, December 1

EDINBURGH CLINICAL CLUB.—4 p.m., visit to Astley-Ainslie Hospital.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Histopathology of Fungous Infection.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor F. C. Ormerod: Otogenic Meningitis.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Dr. W. N. Mascall: Gonococcal Urethritis.

LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—(1) 4.30 p.m., Florence Blair-Bell Memorial Lecture by Sir Charles Dodds, F.R.S.: Thoughts on the Human Menaces—Infection and Cancer. (2) At Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, 7.30 p.m., annual dinner.

MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 154, Great Charles Street, 8.15 p.m., Sir Heneage Ogilvie: Common Mistakes in Surgical Diagnosis.

NOTTINGHAM MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., joint meeting with Nottingham Branch, B.M.A. Dr. G. E. Godber: Some Medical Problems within the National Health Service.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Taylorian Institution, 8.15 p.m., Professor H. A. Krebs, F.R.S.: Role of Biochemical Concepts in Medicine.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Professor J. N. Davidson: Recent Developments in the Biochemistry of the Nucleic Acids.

WORCESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—3.30 for 3.45 p.m., Dr. C. A. H. Watts: Depressive Disorders in General Practice.

#### Thursday, December 2

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. Rosalind Pitt-Rivers, F.R.S.: Thyroid Hormones.

FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—5 p.m., Dr. M. D. McCready: Wartime Homoeopathic Experiences in the Airborne Corps.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Glasgow University Union, 7.30 p.m., Dr. W. Ferguson Anderson: Rehabilitation of the Elderly Patient.

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Dr. J. D. Matthews: Vascular Disease and Naturopathy in Diabetes Mellitus.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 4.30 p.m., Professor J. Young: Pelvic Osteo-Arthropathy of Pregnancy.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.30 p.m., otolaryngology lecture by Mr. D. H. Patey: Diseases of the Parotid Gland.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., Professor B. G. Maegraith: Circulation in Acute Disease.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. D. J. Williams: neurology demonstration.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—4.30 p.m., clinical cases.

#### Friday, December 3

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. R. T. Brain: Diseases of Children.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. N. C. Oswald and Mr. W. P. Cleland.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4.30 p.m., 7th Thomas Percy Legg Memorial Lecture by Mr. St. J. D. Buxton: The Simple Fracture.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—(1) 2 p.m., Mr. W. M. Capper: Side Effects of Gastric and Upper Intestinal Surgery. (2) 4 p.m., Dr. D. A. G. Galton: Chemotherapy of Leukaemia.

●ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.—5 p.m., Professor C. F. W. Illingworth: Peptic Ulcer.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., Mr. D. Innes Williams: Intersex in Clinical Practice.

#### Saturday, December 4

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.30 a.m., symposium: Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 11.15 a.m., Professor I. Donald: Neonatal Asphyxia.

KENT PAEDIATRIC AND CHILD HEALTH SOCIETY.—At Children's Clinic, Farnborough Hospital, Kent, 3 p.m., Symposium on Enuresis. Speakers, Dr. E. R. Bransby, Dr. A. Maberly, and Miss E. Shafto.

MIDLAND TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Birmingham Chest Clinic, 3 p.m., Dr. N. C. Oswald: Chronic Bronchitis.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

**Daunt.**—On October 10, 1954, at Kowloon Hospital, Hong Kong, to Bonnie, wife of Captain I. E. Daunt, R.A.M.C., a son—George Kieran Nicholas.

**Jacoby.**—On November 13, 1954, at Prospect Heights Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, U.S.A., to Thelma, wife of Dr. M. G. Jacoby, of Sunderland, England, a son—David Bernard.

#### DEATHS

**Cameron.**—On October 11, 1954, Malcolm Cameron, M.B., Surgeon Commander, R.N., retired, late of 15, Teesdale Road, Leytonstone, London, E.

**Harper-Smith.**—On November 4, 1954, at Green Meadow, Church Lane, Wivelsfield, Sussex, George Hastie Harper-Smith, M.D., aged 77.

**Hayward.**—On October 30, 1954, the result of an accident at Cambridge, Brian Harry Grant Hayward, M.B., B.S.