

has been filmed, and the film was recently shown in London by Upjohn of England Ltd. It is an interesting venture in medical film-making, for it records the unrehearsed remarks of some distinguished American clinicians and teachers who were presented with cases to diagnose and discuss in front of an audience at the Tufts University School of Medicine and the New England Medical Centre, with the co-operation of the Boston City Hospital. The film takes one hour to run, and three cases are shown—acute cholecystitis, haemorrhage from the spleen, and a duodenal ulcer which first perforated and then bled. The discussions on these cases were instructive without being didactic.

Melanocyte-stimulating Hormone.—Last week we noted the publication in the *Journal of the American Chemical Association* of a letter from Professor C. H. Li and his colleagues at California University on the structural formula of intermedin (see *British Medical Journal*, September 22, p. 719). An earlier publication on the same subject in *Nature* (July 14, p. 90) appeared under the title "Amino-acid Sequence of a Melanophore-stimulating Peptide," in which Dr. J. I. HARRIS, a member of the scientific staff of the Medical Research Council, and Mr. P. Roos, a biochemist from Upsala University, Sweden, working together at Cambridge, recorded not only the complete amino-acid sequence of the hormone but also their appreciation of the possible significance of its central group of amino-acids at positions 7-13.

Scottish Hospitals.—On September 20 Mr. J. NIXON BROWNE, M.P., Joint Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Scottish Office, began a fortnight's tour of hospitals in Scotland by inspecting the Edinburgh Royal Mental Hospital, where he saw examples of overcrowding; in the afternoon he visited the Royal Infirmary.

Sir Sydney Smith, Rector of Edinburgh University, has been elected an honorary member of the Royal Society of New Zealand. This honour is limited to thirty of the world's outstanding men of science at any one time. Sir Sydney was born in New Zealand, and received his early education there.

Dr. Macdonald Critchley has been elected an honorary member of the Rumanian Society of Medical Sciences. He is the first foreigner to receive that distinction. He has just returned from a lecture tour in Rumania.

Dr. H. Gardiner-Hill, physician to St. Thomas's Hospital, London, played himself into office as captain of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews last week. According to reports, the ball proved difficult to find, as it disappeared into a thick mist. However, it was eventually retrieved and the traditional golden sovereign claimed.

COMING EVENTS

Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.—Viscount KILMUIR will give the inaugural address at 3 p.m. on September 28 in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, London, E.C.4.

Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency.—Six lectures on "The Problem Family" will be given from October, 1956, to March, 1957, at St. George's Institute, Bourdon Street, Davies Street, London, W.1. Details from the general secretary, I.S.T.D., 8, Bourdon Street, Davies Street, London, W.1.

Institute of Dermatology.—Semi-permanent exhibition on "Dyskeratosis," October 1-27.

Medical Protection Society.—Annual meeting at Victory House, Leicester Square, London, W.C.2, on October 3 at 3 p.m.

London Hospital Old Students Dinner.—Will be held at the Trocadero, 7 p.m. for 7.45 p.m. on October 11, with Sir HENRY TIDY in the chair. Tickets, 32s. 6d. (or 25s. for those qualified under five years), from Dr. R. R. BOMFORD, 22, Harley Street, London, W.1.

British Council for Rehabilitation.—One-day conference on "Injury, Compensation, and Employment," October 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at B.M.A. House. Details from the general secretary, British Council for Rehabilitation, Tavistock House (South), Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.—The opening meeting at Manson House, London, will be on October 10 at 7.30 p.m., instead of October 18 as previously arranged. Dr. H. A. REID will read a paper on "Sea Snake Research."

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.

Tuesday, October 2

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. P. F. Borrie: Circulation and Vascular Reactions.
ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. L. Guttman: Modern Trends in the Treatment of Traumatic Paraplegia (with lantern slides).
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. N. Milnes: neurological demonstration.

Wednesday, October 3

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. P. J. Hare: Sweat Secretion and Abnormalities.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. N. R. Barrett: Achalasia.
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. J. G. Sandrey: Urological Emergencies in General Practice.
MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF MEDICINE.—At Medical School, Manchester University, 4.30 p.m., Dr. R. M. Forrester: Cerebral Palsy.
MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 8.15 p.m., Professor Walter Bauer (Harvard): Management of Gout.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Professor M. Meizels: Place of Chemical Pathology in Medicine.
SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY.—At Chemical Society, Burlington House, W., 7 p.m., subject: Chromatography. Mr. W. H. C. Shaw, F.R.S., F.R.I.C., Mr. J. P. Jefferies, B.Sc., A.R.I.C., and Mr. T. E. Holt, B.Sc., A.R.I.C.: Determination of Vitamin D and Related Compounds. Part I.—Introduction and Preparation of Compounds in the Irradiation Series. Part II.—Analysis of Irradiation Products. Dr. A. S. Curry, Ph.D.: Some Examples of the Use of Paper Chromatography in Toxicological Analysis.

Thursday, October 4

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. J. H. Paterson: neurology demonstration.
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—4.30 p.m., demonstration and discussion of clinical cases.

Friday, October 5

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—At Midland Hotel, 8 p.m., annual dinner. Guest speaker, Dr. J. R. Rees.
● INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. M. S. Thomson: clinical demonstration.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. E. H. Hudson: clinical demonstration.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., clinical meeting for general practitioners. Mr. S. E. Birdsall: Tonsillectomy in Children and Adults.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Mr. F. R. Edwards: Atrial Septal Defects and their Treatment.
SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: FINE CHEMICALS GROUP AND MICROBIOLOGY GROUP.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 7 p.m., Professor A. Neuberger, F.R.S.: Some Uses of Isotopes in Biochemistry.
WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna: Common Problems of Dermatology.

Saturday, October 6

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 9.30 a.m., joint meeting with Association of Clinical Pathologists. Lecture by Sir Rudolph Peters, F.R.S. Also symposium: Biochemical Lesions: Keto-acid Metabolism and the Citric Acid Cycle.
NORTH OF ENGLAND OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Beckett Hospital, Barnsley, 2 p.m., 10th annual meeting.

Sunday, October 7

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.15 a.m., clinical demonstration for general practitioners—obstetrics and gynaecology.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

MARRIAGES

Fox—Akker.—On September 13, 1956, in Cochin, South India, Wallace Fox, M.D., M.R.C.P., of Tuberculosis Research Unit, Medical Research Council, London, and now at Tuberculosis Chemotherapy Centre, Government Tuberculosis Institute, Chetput, Madras, India, to Gaye Akker, of 3, Chesham Close, London, S.W.

DEATHS

Bindley.—On September 11, 1956, at his home, Ninfeld, Sussex, Robert Alfred Bindley, M.B., late of Harlesden, London, N.W., and Prestwood, Bucks, aged 96.

Butler.—On September 9, 1956, at Tunbridge Wells, James Alfred Butler, M.D., of The Shrubbery, Firs Road, West Mersea, Essex.

Clement.—On September 10, 1956, in a nursing-home, Glasgow, William Clement, M.B., F.R.C.O.G., late of Kirkland, Dunlop, Ayrshire.