

the department of ophthalmology, Harvard University. In 1963 he was appointed consultant ophthalmic surgeon to St. George's Hospital, London. Professor Phillips's main research interests are intraocular pressure, glaucoma, microsurgery, and hereditary diseases.

#### New Professor of Paediatrics

Dr. Victor Dubowitz has been appointed to the chair of paediatrics tenable at the Institute of Child Health attached to the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London, from 1 October. Dr.

Dubowitz, who is 40, completed his schooling in Beaufort West, South Africa, and qualified from Cape Town University in 1954. After house appointments at the Groote Schuur Hospital and a short spell in general practice he came to England in 1956 and held appointments at Lewisham Hospital and New End Hospital in London and Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, where he developed an interest in neuromuscular disorders. He became research fellow at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in 1958 and lecturer in clinical pathology at the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases in 1960. He was appointed lecturer in child health at Sheffield University in 1961, senior lecturer and consultant paediatrician in 1965 and reader in child health and developmental neurology in 1967. In 1965-6 he was research associate at the Institute for Muscle Disease, New York. His main publications have been on neuromuscular disorders and the neurological maturation of the fetus and newborn.



#### Training for General Practice

The Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales has recommended that all doctors entering general practice should undertake at least three years' training after full registration before appointment as a principal. The council pointed out last week when announcing this recommendation that it accepts a five-year period (as recommended by the Royal Commission on Medical Education) as the ultimate aim but that in present circumstances three years is more realistic.

#### Association of Clinical Neurophysiologists

The following have been elected officers of the recently formed Association of British Clinical Neurophysiologists: *president*, Dr. W. A. Cobb; *secretary*, Dr. Leo Honigsberger; *treasurer*, Dr. P. M. Jeavons.

#### Casualty Surgeons Association

At the Annual General Meeting held on 1 April the following officers were elected: *honorary president*, Mr. M. Ellis; *president*, Mr. D. M. Caro; *vice-president*, Mr. A. M. Murray; *secretary*, Mr. E. P. Abson; *treasurer*, Dr. J. F. Hindle.

#### Membership Questions

A booklet of examples of multiple choice questions from the common part I of the M.R.C.P. (U.K.) examination has been published by the Royal Colleges of Physicians in the United Kingdom. The booklet, price £1.50, is obtainable only from the colleges.

#### COMING EVENTS

**Medical Art Society.**—29th Annual exhibition of drawing, painting and sculpture by members, 13-27 April, Mon. to Sat., 10 a.m.-5.30 p.m., the Archer Gallery, 303 Westbourne Grove, London W.11.

**"Diabetes Mellitus in Focus."**—Postgraduate course, 26-29 April, Zagreb, under the auspices of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes and the Zagreb University Faculty of Medicine. Details from Dr. Zdenko Skrabalo, Vuk Vrbovac Institute for Diabetes, 41000 Zagreb, Petrinjska 34, Yugoslavia.

**Laboratory Animal Science Association.**—Symposium, "Testing and Evaluation in Laboratory Animals," 26 April, 10.30 a.m., Zoological Society of London. Details from the meetings secretary, L.A.S.A., Huntingdon Research Centre, Huntingdon.

**European Association for Gastrocamera Diagnosis.**—Symposium, 29 April-1 May, Berlin. Details from Professor H. Oshima, Klinikum Steglitz, Freien Universität Berlin, 1 Berlin 45, West Germany.

**"Management of Acute Head Injuries."**—One-day course of eight lectures, 29 April, 10 a.m. (to be repeated 6 May), Oldchurch Hospital, by the regional neurological and neurosurgical unit. Details from the organizer, Mr. P. Gortvai, Oldchurch Hospital, Romford, Essex, RM7 0BE. (Tel. Romford 46090.)

**"Over Population—Crisis or Conjecture?"**—Day symposium, 30 April, Greylagh University Hall, Manchester. Fee £2.50. Details from Dr. A. D. Clift, course organizer, 133 Manchester Old Road, Middleton, Manchester, M24 4DZ.

**M.R.C.O.G. Course.**—1-13 May, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, Middx. Details from Mr. M. K. Dunstan at the hospital. (Tel. 01-560 2121.)

**1st European Meeting of Virology.**—International colloquium on "Pathogenesis of Viral Infections of the Central Nervous System," 2-4 May, Salsomaggiore, Italy, sponsored by the Italian Society for Microbiology. Registration fee U.S. \$18. Details from Professor A. Sanna, Institute of Microbiology, Università Cattolica del S. Cuore, Via della Pineta Sacchetti 644, Rome 00100, Italy.

**"Paediatric Orthopaedics."**—Course, 8-12 May, Edinburgh. Fee £15. Applications to the post-graduate dean, Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine, Pfizer Foundation, Hill Square, Edinburgh EH8 9DR.

**Centre for Postgraduate Psychiatry, Birmingham.**—Day symposium, "Industrial Psychiatry," 13 May. Details of this and of monthly open postgraduate meetings, Fridays, 4 p.m., are obtainable from the centre, Uffculme Clinic, Queensbridge Road, Mosely, Birmingham B13 8QD. (Tel. 021-449 4011.)

**5th Asian-Pacific Congress of Cardiology.**—8-13 October, Singapore. Closing date is 30 April and details are obtainable from the secretariat, 5th A.P.C.C., Faculty of Medicine, Singapore University, Singapore 3, Republic of Singapore.

**Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland.**—Annual scientific meeting, 16-17 November, London W.C.1. Closing date for papers is 1 May. Details from the honorary secretary of the association, Room 126, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HR.

#### 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.

##### Tuesday, 18 April

**INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 11.15 a.m., discussion by Mr. F. A. L. da Cunha, Mr. R. Percival: *Breech Delivery*; 2 p.m., Professor J. Scott: *Pain Relief in Labour*. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.3.)\*

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS.**—At Hither Green Hospital, S.E.13, 8.30 p.m., South London Faculty meeting, Dr. E. H. Brown: *Investigation of Pyrexia of Unknown Origin*.

##### Wednesday, 19 April

**INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 3 p.m., Mr. W. Pollard: *Treatment of Carcinoma of Uterine Body*. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.3.)\*

**INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. Levy: *Caricature and Madness*.\*

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS.**—5.30 p.m., Postgraduate museum demonstration by Dr. J. E. Morison: *Infections of the Fetus and Membranes*.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Arnott Demonstration by Professor F. R. Johnson: *Absorptive Cells*.

**SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.**—At Apothecaries Hall, 5.30 p.m., Gideon Delaune lecture by Dr. A. H. T. Robb-Smith: Dr. Richard Frewin and his Times, 1681-1761.

##### Thursday, 20 April

**BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.**—At Imperial College of Science and Technology, London S.W.7, 10.50 a.m., Silvanus Thomson Memorial Lecture by Professor Sir Brian Flowers, F.R.S.: *The Support of Scientific Research*.

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.**—6 p.m., Dr. K. S. Warren: *Immunopathology of Schistosomiasis*.

**KENNEDY INSTITUTE OF RHEUMATOLOGY.**—5 p.m., Dr. A. J. Palfrey: *Synovial Membrane in Rheumatoid Arthritis*.

**SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.**—At Royal Society of Medicine, London W.1, 6 p.m., meeting: *Dependence on Antidepressants and Tranquillizers*.

##### Friday, 21 April

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.**—5.30 p.m., Mr. J. A. M. Martin: *Assessment of the Late-talking Child*.

**INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 11.15 a.m., discussion by Mr. P. M. Embrey, Professor A. C. Turnbull: *Place of Prostaglandins in Obstetrics and Gynaecology*; 3 p.m., Dr. D. G. Daniel: *Lactation, Suppression and Breast Feeding*. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.3.)\*

##### Saturday, April 22

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, 10.30 a.m., day symposium: *Chest Diseases*.\*

#### Corrections

##### Intermittent Rifampicin Regimens

In the article entitled "Adverse Reactions to Daily and Intermittent Rifampicin Regimens for Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Hong Kong" by Sister Mary Aquinas *et al.* (25 March, p. 765) inadvertently no reference was made to the fact that the study was made possible by Ciba-Geigy Ltd. of Basle and Gruppo Lepetit of Milan, who very generously jointly provided all the rifampicin for the study, free of charge.

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