

which stated that "Smoking was every man's problem. The delegates to the conference undertook to work with all like-minded people to encourage effective action to counter the harm done by smoking to health, through Members of Parliament, through the local health and education authorities, and by any other means available."

Care of Children

In a paperback book of 117 pages the particular tragedy of Maria Colwell is examined by Dr. John G. Howells who relates it to the general care of children—whether in families or institutions. He then writes of the many prevailing misconceptions about child care which need to be seen and understood to avoid repetition of such tragedies. After telling the story of Maria, he then goes on to discuss the bonds of affection between children and parents—natural and otherwise—and the roles of fathers, siblings, servants, and other "substitute" parents. Family problems have a profound effect on how a child is cared for, he writes, and society has a great responsibility to identify problem families and help them through the social services. *Remember Maria*, J. G. Howells (pp. 117; 55p). Butterworths. 1974.

International Health Foundation Award

The theme chosen for the International Health Foundation award this year is "oral contraception—a 1974 critical assessment." Original papers on any aspect of this theme—medical, sociological, psychological—are invited. A prize of 5,000 SFrs. is offered for the best paper received, and an additional prize of 2,000 SFrs. is available for the best paper from an author under 35 years of age. The closing date for entries is 31 October 1974, and details may be obtained from the International Health Foundation, 1 place du Port, 1204 Geneva, Switzerland.

André Lichtwitz Prize

This prize, which is worth 7,500 F. Frs. (approx. £650), is open to French or foreign research workers for outstanding research on calcium and phosphorus metabolism during the past year, either in the field of chemical or experimental biology or in the field of basic science. Further particulars from the Director of the Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale, c/o Madame le Docteur Lucienne Bonnot, 3 rue Léon Bonnat, 75782 Paris Cedex 16, before 30 June, 1974.

People in the News

Mr. John Geffen, M.A., has been appointed director of the Family Planning Association, in succession to Mr. Caspar Brook. Mr. Geffen, who is 48, is a businessman.

Lieutenant-General Sir Norman Talbot has been appointed principal medical officer at the Margaret Pyke Centre. He succeeds the late Air Marshal Sir George Gunn (obituary, 16 March, p. 523). Sir Norman was consultant adviser in obstetrics and gynaecology to the Ministry of Defence (Army), and became Director General of Army Medical Services in 1969. He retired from the Army in 1973.

Sir Leslie Williams has been appointed chairman of the board of governors of the Hospitals for Nervous Diseases. He succeeds Mr. K. Miller Jones. Sir Leslie has been a member of the board of governors since 1961.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Psychiatrists.—Spring quarterly meeting, 23-24 April, Southampton. Details from the secretary of the college, 2 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 9LE. (Tel 01-580 2782.)

East Ham Memorial Hospital.—Weekend course, "Psychiatric Disorder—the First Contract," 4-5 May. Details from the clinical tutor, East Ham Memorial Hospital, Shrewsbury Road, London E7 8QR. (Tel. 01-472 3322, extn. 73.)

"Health in the Third World."—Day seminar 11 May, by Oxfam Medical Group and the National Association of Health Students. Fee 50p (including lunch). Details from Mr. R. Morton, University College Hospital Union, 43 Huntley Street, London W.C.1.

Royal Society of Medicine.—Day symposium, "Constraints on the Advance of Medicine," 29 May, at R.S.M. Admission, open to all members, guests and visitors, by ticket only. Applications to the conference secretary, R.S.M., 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel. 01-580 2070.)

Medical Library Association.—Annual meeting, "Expanding Roles for Health Science Libraries," 2-6 June, San Antonio, Texas. Details from M. L. A., Inc., 919 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611, U.S.A.

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.

Wednesday, 24 April

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Professor J. Joseph: Movements at the Hip Joint.

Thursday, 25 April

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. J. F. Pearson: Fetal Asphyxia in the Second Stage.

Friday, 26 April

MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—At 11 Chandos Street, London W.1., 7.30 p.m., symposium: Gonorrhoea.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

OXFORD

Dr. M. S. Cunningham has been awarded the 1974 George Herbert Hunt travelling scholarship.

LONDON

M.D.—Angela Fairney, J. M. Leigh, R. H. S. Mindham, E. Proctor.

M.Sc.—P. M. Perry, J. P. Ward.

D.Sc.—Patricia J. Lindop.

Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: F. P. Ashley, I. Ur-R. Dani, R. E. Devonshire, J. M. Graham, D. Greenwood, A. P. Gulamhusein, B. J. R. Whittle, N. J. Edwards, P. Hargreaves, Ola Haugejorden.

M.Sc.—In the Faculty of Medicine: Margaret M. Fisher, Ruth Renvoize, K. Banerjee, F. N. Beckles, D. H. Huber, M. A. Malek, Joanna Moffett, S. G. Rubin, B. Rungpitarangsi, A. Vennema.

BRISTOL

Dr. J. R. Norris has been appointed to a chair of applied microbiology in the Faculties of Science and Medicine.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON At a meeting of the college held on 8 April Sir Cyril Clarke, F.R.S., was re-elected president for the ensuing year.

ROYAL COLLEGES OF PHYSICIANS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

The following candidates, having passed the membership examination through the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, or the Royal College of Physicians of London, have been elected Members of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom: M. B. Ablett, S. A. W. Al Pahad, E. B. D. Alimo, Alladin, I. A. A. Al-Shamma, I. S. Anand, J. A. R. Anderson, Julia, Anderson, P. B. Anderson, B. Ardalan, C. R. Ashton, Kok Ki Au, R. M. Auty, E. C. Bacon,

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Correction

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In the leading article "Vinyl Chloride and Cancer" (30 March, p. 590) the second line of the first paragraph should have read (CH₂, CH Cl).

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