

Royal Society—Meeting for discussion, "Technologies for rural health," 9-10 December, London. Details from the Executive Secretary, Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG (reference 92/PBC). (Tel 01-839 5561, ext 278.)

Inorganic Biochemistry Discussion Group—Meeting on "Clinical and biochemical aspects of trace metal metabolism," 13 December, London. Details from Dr N J Birch, Department of Biochemistry, University of Leeds, 9 Hyde Terrace, Leeds LS2 9LS. (Tel 0532 36171.)

Institute of Laryngology and Otology—Sunday morning seminar for general practitioners, "Allergic conditions of the upper and lower respiratory tract," 21 November, London. Details from the Institute, 330/332 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8EE. (Tel 01-837 8855.)

Royal Institution of Great Britain—Christmas lectures by Sir George Porter, FRS, 21 December-4 January, London. Details from Royal Institution of Great Britain, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1X 4BS. (Tel 01-409 2992.)

Royal College of Surgeons of England—Holiday lectures for young people, 29 and 31 December and 4 January, London. Details from the secretary, Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

Royal Society of Medicine—Christmas lectures for young people, 29 December and 5 January, London. Details from Information Officer, Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

Paediatric Section, Royal Society of Medicine—Meeting on "Necrotising enterocolitis in the newborn," 28 January, London. Details from Professor J W Scopes, St Thomas's Hospital, London SE1 7EH. (Tel 01-928 9292.)

International Congress on Computing in Medicine—7-9 February, Berlin. Details and registration forms from Online, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex. (Tel Uxbridge 39262.)

Royal Microscopical Society—Details and copies of the programme January to June 1977 are now available from the Administrator, Royal Microscopical Society, 37/38 St Clements, Oxford OX4 1AJ. (Tel 0865 48768/721081.)

British Society of Dental and Medical Hypnosis—Details of the winter programme are now available from Mrs M Samuels, British Society of Medical and Dental Hypnosis, 10 Chillerston Road, London SW17 9BG. (Tel 01-672 3025.)

Birmingham Medical Institute—Details of forthcoming meetings are now available from the secretary, Birmingham Medical Institute, 36 Harborne Road, Birmingham 15. (Tel Edgbaston 5007.)

London Medical Group—Details of the programme of open lectures, symposia, study seminars and clinical rounds, 1976-7, are now available from the London Medical Group, Tavistock House East, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG. (Tel 01-387 2129.)

University of Dundee—Details and copies of the programme of postgraduate medical education for the session 1976-7 are now available from the Postgraduate Office, University of Dundee, Ninewells Hospital and Medical School, Level 7, Dundee DD2 1UD. (Tel 0382 60111 ext 2181.)

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.

Monday, 15 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr A Jarrett: Keratin formation.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr I C M MacLennan: Reducing toxic complications of modern antileukaemic therapy.

Tuesday, 16 November

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY—At Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, 5.30 pm, annual Beecham lecture by Professor Norman Morris: Women, obstetricians, and the media.

Wednesday, 17 November

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, 5th Edward Mapother lecture by Professor Leon Eisenberg (USA): Development as a unifying concept in psychiatry.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation lectures, 6 pm, Dr D G Smyth: Morphine-like peptides in the brain. 7 pm, Dr P Nathan: Pain and the sympathetic system: recent retreats.

Royal Free Hospital—5 pm, Professor M S Losowsky: Recent aspects of coeliac disease.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 pm, MEDICAL CONSILIA, Professor A Munro Neville: Cell function and human neoplasia.

Thursday, 18 November

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—5.30 pm, Professor H Narabayashi (Tokyo): Tremor: experiences with stereotactic surgery.

ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH—5 pm, Honyman Gillespie lecture by Dr A L Muir: Newer non-invasive techniques in cardio-pulmonary diagnosis.

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Professor J A Davis: New thoughts on birth asphyxia.

Friday, 19 November

ROYAL COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGISTS—At 66 Portland Place, London WIN 4AD, 4.30 pm, 41st Skinner lecture by Professor J W Boag: Reflections on imaging.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

| | NOVEMBER |
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| 16 Tues | Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.30 am. |
| 17 Wed | Statutes and Regulations Subcommittee (GMSC), 2 pm. |
| 18 Thurs | General Medical Services Committee, 10 am. |
| 18 Thurs | Dermatologists Subcommittee (CCHMS), 11.15 am. |
| 19 Fri | Board of Science and Education, 10.30 am. |

Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked * are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

Aldershot and Farnham—At Frimley Park Hospital, Thursday, 18 November, 8.30 pm, supper party. (Guests are invited.)

Birmingham—At La Copper Kettle, Warley, Tuesday, 16 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, French dinner evening.*

Bromley—At Farnborough Hospital, Thursday, 18 November, 8.15 for 8.30 pm, Dr W J Appleyard: "Contract or career."

Bury—At Bury General Hospital, Saturday, 20 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner.*

Dewsbury—At Marmaville Country Club, Mirfield, Tuesday, 16 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner dance.*

Doncaster—At Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 17 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, Doncaster Medical Society dinner lecture, Dr Z C Randall will talk on the treatment of malignant diseases.*

East Dorset—At Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe, Friday, 19 November, 7.30 pm, joint dinner meeting with Bournemouth Lawyers, speaker Mr John Truman.* (Guests are invited.)

Edgware and Hendon—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 16 November, 8.30 pm, Dr Elizabeth Tylden: "Drugs and schoolchildren."* (Guests are invited.)

Gateshead—At Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Monday, 15 November, 8 pm, agm followed by ordinary meeting.

Lewisham—At Lewisham Hospital, Thursday, 18 November, 8.15 for 8.45 pm, Dr William S Parker: "Community medicine—what advances?"* (Guests are invited.)

Liverpool—At Liverpool Medical Institution, Tuesday, 16 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, agm.

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 16 November, 8 for 8.30 pm, Dr J McEwen: "Rehabilitation following coronary thrombosis."

Newcastle upon Tyne—At Medical Institute, Tuesday, 16 November, 8 pm, agm.

Oxford—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Wednesday, 17 November, 8 pm, Mr P D Trevor-Roper: "The influence of eye disease on the artist." (Guests are welcome.)

South-west Durham—At Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Tuesday, 16 November, 8 pm, lecture by Mr Stanley Way: "The changing scene in gynaecological malignancy."

Swindon—At Wiltshire Hotel, Friday, 19 November,

8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner and dance.* (Guests are invited.)

Walsall—At the Three Crowns Inn, Thursday, 18 November, 7.30 for 8 pm, annual dinner.* (Guests are welcome.)

West Derbyshire—At Whitworth Hospital, Wednesday, 17 November, 8.30 pm, Mr Bushby: "Population."

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—M J Denham, D G Lewis, P J Lewis, Sir Oliver C A Scott, R M Clarke.

LONDON

MD—S Benjamin, D P Evans, G J Gibson.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At the annual meeting held on 19 October the following office-bearers were elected: Professor A W Wilkinson (president); Mr A I S Macpherson (vice-president); Mr R Myles Gibson and Professor J I P James (council); and the following re-elected: Professor F J Gillingham (vice-president); Mr I F MacLaren (secretary); Mr Peter Edmond (treasurer); Mr J Cook, Mr W Drummond, Professor H L Duthie, Professor A P M Forrest, Sir James Fraser, Mr A A Gunn, Mr R J M McCormack, Mr W Michie, Mr J A Shepherd, Mr A N Smith, Mr J W W Thomson, Mr W Selby Tulloch (council).

APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-WEST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr T B H Riley (traumatic and orthopaedic surgeon); Dr J D Spencer (radiologist); Dr L Sohn (psychotherapist); Dr Suzanne E Powrie, consultant anaesthetist.

PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE—Dr E McKay-Ferguson (consultant microbiologist and director of the Area Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough; Dr Anne Richardson (consultant microbiologist), Area Public Health Laboratory, Poole).

WESSEX AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr N F Lawton (consultant/senior lecturer in neurology).

Corrections

Admission of old people to hospital

We regret that a printing error occurred in the reference at the foot of the letter from Dr J A M Gray (23 October, p 1007). The study on housing the elderly referred to was carried out by Dr Anthea Tinker of the City University and may be obtained free of charge from the Department of the Environment (Room 1108).

Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Christmas appeal

We regret that an error occurred in the letter from Sir Geoffrey Bateman (6 November, p 1137). The address for contributions is: 24 King's Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 8QN.

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