

logical medicine, St. Thomas's Hospital; Mr. W. L. Hooper, assistant director-general, Greater London Council; Mr. W. E. Lane, clerk, Parts of Lindsey County Council; Miss A. O. Penney, chief nursing officer, Surrey County Council; Dr. J. R. Preston, medical officer of health, Sutton Coldfield; Dr. W. G. A. Riddle, general practitioner, Gateshead; Mr. S. H. A. Shaw, clerk, Essex Executive Council; Dr. A. B. Steward, medical adviser, Inner London Education Authority; Dr. I. B. Sutherland, senior administrative medical officer, South Western Regional Hospital Board; Mr. R. W. J. Tridgell, chief executive, Crawley Urban District Council; Dr. J. Wedgwood, consultant physician in geriatrics, the Middlesex Hospital; Mr. G. H. Weston, secretary, North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board; Miss R. D. B. Pease, secretary, Department of Health and Social Security; officials of the Department of Health and Social Security, the Welsh Office, the Department of the Environment, and the Department of Education and Science.

Libel Action

The date for the hearing of the libel action being brought by Mr. S. L. Drummond-Jackson, L.D.S., against the British Medical Association (as owners and publishers of the *British Medical Journal*) and the authors of a paper entitled "Physiological Responses to Intermittent Methohexitone for Conservative Dentistry" (*B.M.J.*, 31 May 1969, p. 540) has been fixed for 12 June 1972. The hearing is expected to last several weeks. Last year the Court of Appeal, with a dissenting judgement from the Master of the Rolls, dismissed an interlocutory appeal by the B.M.A. against Mr. Justice Milmo's refusal to strike out the plaintiff's statement of claim as disclosing no cause of action (see *B.M.J.*, 21 February 1970, p. 509). Mr. Drummond-Jackson is a London dental surgeon and principal founder of the Society for the Advancement of Anaesthesia in Dentistry.

New Professor at Liverpool

Dr. D. J. Weatherall, reader in the department of medicine, Liverpool University, since 1969 has had the status and title of professor conferred on him. Dr. Weatherall, aged 38, was educated at Calday Grange Grammar School and Liverpool University,



where he graduated with honours in 1956. After various posts in Liverpool and appointments in military hospitals in Singapore and Malaya he became research fellow in haematology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore. He was appointed lecturer

in medicine at Liverpool in 1965, subsequently becoming senior lecturer in medicine (a title which was altered to senior lecturer in haematology in 1968). In October 1970 he became co-director of the subdepartment of haematology. Dr. Weatherall, who is the

author of numerous publications in the field of haematology, has been mainly responsible for the formation of a group within the department of medicine to study haemoglobin synthesis and related problems.

New Professor at Manchester

Mr. V. R. Tindall, consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the University Hospital of Wales, has been appointed to the chair of obstetrics and gynaecology at Manchester University in succession to Professor W. I. C. Morris from 1 October 1972. Mr. Tindall,



aged 42, qualified at Liverpool in 1951, the year he became an established English rugby international. After service in the R.A.F. and various posts he was for two and a half years, from 1956, assistant lecturer in the department of physiology and histology at

Liverpool. In 1961 he became clinical lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology, and from 1965 until 1970 he was senior lecturer at the Welsh National School of Medicine. Mr. Tindall is mainly interested in liver function in relation to pregnancy and hormone therapy and he is the author of many publications on thromboembolism and placental calcification.

Medical Secretaries

Two-year courses leading to the diploma of the Association of Medical Secretaries are now available at 73 colleges of further education in Britain. Part-time courses are also available for experienced receptionists leading to a certificate.

COMING EVENTS

British Association for the Advancement of Science.—Annual meeting, 1-8 September, Swansea. Details from the association's press officer, 20 Great Smith Street, London S.W.1. (Tel. 01-799 7657.)

Royal College of General Practitioners: Yorkshire Faculty.—Annual conference, 10-12 September, Leeds University. The programme includes symposia on "Suicide" and "Drug Interaction," and an exhibition of aids for the physically handicapped. Details from Dr. D. H. Judson, 39 Low Ash Road, Wrose, Shipley, Yorks BD18 1JA.

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, 17 August

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—5 p.m., Dr. George Nuki: Joint Lubrication, Natural and Artificial.

Thursday, 19 August

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. S. Cooper (New York): A Multidisciplinary Investigation of Effects of Pulvinectomy (Surgical Ablation of the Pulvinar).

APPOINTMENTS

NORTH EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Luena H. Hatcher, M.B., D.M.R.D. (consultant radiologist, Southend-on-Sea group of hospitals).

SEYMOUR, MARGARET W., M.B., D.P.H., (principal medical officer, City of Nottingham).

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OF BELFAST

The following degrees were conferred at the graduation ceremony held on 6 July:

M.D.—Grace E. Allen, J. A. Dickson, R. J. McClelland, D. I. H. Simpson.

PH.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: 1M. H. Badji, Helen E. Hood (née Lesser), A. H. Nagi, S. K. Pandit, P. V. Shirodaria.

M.Ch.—S. T. D. McKelvey.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—2Mary S. Fetherston,

2M. H. Goldberger, 2R. E. Henderson, 2J. C.

McLoughlin, 2K. G. Porter, 2Catherine P. Young,

Clare E. A. Adams, J. A. Allen, K. L. Arnold,

R. J. Atkinson, Margaret J. A. Bateman (née Wilson),

P. G. Bateson, J. S. Bennison, Hilary S. R. Boal,

A. T. Brown, C. A. D. Calvert, Maureen E. Cars-

well, Soo Ling Ching, A. K. L. Chin, H. C. Coburn,

C. L. Corkey, D. Courtney, W. J. K. Cumming,

D. P. D'Arcy, P. M. Darrah, J. K. Dornan,

J. H. E. Douglas, Nora D. Evans, J. R. Ferguson,

W. J. Finegan, O. C. Finnegan, P. J. Fox, Elizabeth

L. Gaw, J. Grewal, R. N. Haggan, Mary E. A.

Hanna, J. M. Hart, J. S. Hurwitz, I. M. Jackson,

J. P. Jamison, G. D. Johnston, P. B. Johnston,

Phyllis G. Kavanagh, J. K. Lilburn, Celia Ludegate,

Mary Lutton, R. J. McBride, W. M. McClelland,

J. McClure, P. J. McEvoy, J. J. O. McGrath,

Heather J. McKee (née Patterson), P. H. McKee,

Sheila McLeod, Sara E. E. Magee, Pamela A.

Maquire, Eleanor H. Melville, Margaret C. Millar,

I. S. Morrison, Daphne C. Morrow, R. D. Murphy,

1P. B. Mweikie, G. D. O'Neill, G. V. O'Reilly,

Pauline J. Pedlow (née Reay), J. A. Rankin,

W. A. H. Ritchie, L. G. Rocke, C. F. J. Russell,

J. M. Savage, D. R. T. Shepherd, Rosemary K. A.

Shillington, Patricia M. Sythes, K. R. Thompson,

W. J. Toland, D. E. F. Tumath, P. E. Weir,

D. B. Wilson, Averil M. Wolfenden, Marion J.

Wylie, H. A. Yeates.

¹In absentia. ²With second class honours.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the Council held on 29

July, Mr. P. H. Jobson (Hindhead) and Surgeon

Rear-Admiral S. Miles (Manchester) were admitted to

the Fellowship (by election).

Mr. R. S. Todd (Wrexham) was admitted as a

Member of the Court of Examiners and Professor

J. A. Thornton (Sheffield) was admitted as a Member

of the Board of Examiners in Anaesthetics.

The Hallett prize was presented to P. H. Walter

(London Hospital Medical School).

The Handcock prize was awarded to Janet E.

Porter (Westminster Hospital Medical School).

Mr. N. Roberts was appointed the Watson-Jones

Lecturer for 1972.

A Diploma of Fellowship was granted to J.

Ware.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to J. A.

Scudamore, S. K. Roy, A. A. R. Gossage, C. R.

Kershaw, L. Read, J. H. P. S. Sargent, and P. C.

Wiener.

CORRECTIONS

Aplastic Anaemia

In the article on "Aplastic Anaemia, Acute Myeloblastic Leukaemia, and Oxymetholone" by I. W. Delamore and C. G. Geary (26 June, p. 743), in Case 3 there was an error in the second paragraph. The penultimate sentence should have read "... the predominant cell being a vacuolated blast which was periodic acid-Schiff and peroxidase negative."

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