

Chair of Child Health

Professor R. G. Mitchell, Professor of Child Health at Aberdeen, has been appointed to the chair of child health at the University of Dundee in succession to Professor J. L. Henderson, who retires in September.

Professor Mitchell graduated from Edinburgh University in 1944 and proceeded M.D. in 1953; he is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. After graduation he held several hospital posts in Edinburgh, Liverpool, and London, and from 1952 to 1955 was a lecturer in child health in the University of St. Andrews, spending a year as Rockefeller Travelling Fellow in Physiology at the Mayo Clinic. From 1955 to 1963 he was consultant paediatrician to the Dundee Teaching Hospitals and was appointed to the chair of child health at Aberdeen in 1963. Professor Mitchell is a member of the Advisory Committee on Medical Research, the Scottish Advisory Council on Social Work, chairman of the Aberdeen Association of Social Service, and chairman of Aberdeen and Kincardine Children's Panel Advisory Service.

Testing for Australia Antigen

Regional transfusion centres should begin at the earliest possible date to test all blood donations for the presence of Australia antigen and its antibody, according to a report issued last week. Staff in these centres should be tested initially as a condition of appointment and afterwards voluntarily, and those found to be antigen-positive should not assist in the preparation by an open process of blood or blood products destined for clinical use. A donor found to be positive for antigen or antibody should not be allowed to continue as a donor of blood for clinical use, and he should be invited to give permission for his general practitioner to be informed. These are some of the recommendations of the *National Health Service Revised Report of the Advisory Group on Testing for the Presence of Australia Hepatitis Associated Antigen and its Antibody*, 1972.

Health Service in 1971

The average daily number of available hospital beds in England continued to decline in 1971 from the earlier years' totals. There were 4,000 fewer than in 1970. The average duration of stay in hospital also decreased, though the number of patients treated rose in both medical and surgical divisions. The number of psychiatric and geriatric day patients again increased.

Facilities for general practitioners' postgraduate education continued to expand during the 1970-1 academic year. During the year 16,195 doctors attended grant-aided courses in England. The trend towards group practice continued, so that now well over half of the general practitioners are in groups. Over half of all local health authorities' staff (nurses, health visitors, and midwives) are now attached to practices. Department of Health and Social Security, *Annual Report 1971* (London, H.M.S.O., £2.85 net).

COMING EVENTS

Royal Society of Health.—International health conference, "Health and Social Services," 4-8 September, Douglas, Isle of Man. Details from the secretary, R.S.H., 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London SW1W 0SX. (Tel. 01-730 5134.)

7th International Congress on Liver Diseases.—7-9 September, Arnhem. Details from the Secretary of the Congress, c/o Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, Netherlands.

Summer School on Alcoholism.—9-16 September, Brighton College of Education. Details from Summer School on Alcoholism, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AZ. (Tel. 01-703 6333.)

World Federation for Mental Health.—Regional seminar, Amsterdam, 13-15 September. Details from Nationale Federatie voor de Geestelijke Volksgezondheid, F. J. Viottastratt 42, Amsterdam—Zuid, Holland.

American Rhinologic Society Seminars in Nasal Diagnosis and Corrective Surgery and Annual General Meeting.—19-22 September 1972. Details from Dr. Gerald F. Joseph, 3622 Government Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806.

Sixth International Meeting of Forensic Sciences.—20-26 September, Edinburgh. Details from the secretariat, Institute of Pathology, Grosvenor Road, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.—Annual conference, 21-23 September, Durham. Details from Miss N. Bolam, M.C.S.P., School of Physiotherapy, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4LP. (Tel. 0632 25131).

Royal College of General Practitioners, East Anglia Faculty.—Seminar No. 3 "The Teaching Practice," 21-24 September, Cambridge. Details from Dr. B. B. Reiss, 125 Newmarket Road, Cambridge. (Tel. 0223 50198.)

4th World Conference on Medical Education.—"Educating Tomorrow's Doctors," 25-29 September 1972, Copenhagen, Denmark. Details and registration forms from the World Medical Association Inc., 10 Columbus Circle, New York, N.Y. 10019, U.S.A.

London Medical Orchestra.—Rehearsals, Tuesdays, 7.30 p.m., beginning 26 September, Christchurch School, Cosway Street, London, N.W.1. New members are welcome and details are obtainable from Mrs. I. Weir, Hill House, Mount Park, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx. (Tel. 01-422 8762).

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* With distinction.

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At an extraordinary meeting of the council held on 12 July, with Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors, president, in the Chair, Dr. Juan Allamand, of Santiago, Chile, was admitted to the honorary Fellowship.

Mr. Denis M. Dunn, Mr. R. D. Rowlands, and Mr. D. Lang Stevenson of Ilford were admitted to the Fellowship ad eundem.

Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Eric Bradbury, Dr. D. S. Mackenzie, Dr. B. C. Morson, and Dr. W. D. Wylie were admitted to the Fellowship by election.

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following candidates:

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