

After war service in the R.A.M.C. he was appointed senior lecturer in haematology at the Postgraduate Medical School and became professor in 1957. Professor Dacie was elected F.R.S. in 1967 for his work on haemolytic anaemias. He was the first editor of the *British Journal of Haematology*.

Chair at Chest Institute

Dr. Margaret E. Turner-Warwick has been appointed to the chair of medicine at the Cardio-thoracic Institute, London. Dr. Turner-Warwick qualified from Oxford University and University College Hospital in 1950 and worked at U.C.H. and the Brompton Hospital as a postgraduate. From 1960 to 1967 she was consultant physician at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, and from 1967 she has been on the staff of the Brompton Hospital. Since 1962 she has been a senior lecturer at the Institute of Diseases of the Chest. Her research interests are the systemic pulmonary circulation, immunology, and asthma.

Lead as an Industrial Hazard

More research is urgently needed on the effects of exposure to lead, according to Sir Brian Windeyer's committee of inquiry into lead poisoning at the R.T.Z. smelter at Avonmouth, whose report was published last week. Information is needed, says the report, about the effect of particle size on lead absorption, about the reactions of individuals to various levels of lead, and about the significance of minor alterations in metabolism and the accumulation of a body burden of lead in organs.

The report draws attention to the efforts of the works doctor at Avonmouth, and states that these "were effective in safeguarding the health of the workers in a difficult situation and we wish to pay tribute to their success in preventing a more serious outcome."

International Research

The Medical Research Council was host on 14 July to representatives of similar councils from Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Irish Republic, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the U.S.A. Opportunities for the development of collaboration between the councils was discussed.

Psychiatry in Scotland

The Scottish Division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has set up a working party "to consider and make recommendations on the future provision of psychiatric services in Scotland." The chairman of the working party is Dr. A. C. Tait, and its secretary, with whom interested bodies should communicate, is Dr. H. C. Fowle, Royal Dundee Liff Hospital, Dundee.

Road Accident Statistics

There were 4% more road accidents in the first quarter of 1972 than in the corresponding quarter of 1971—as opposed to a 5% growth in motor traffic. Total casualties rose to 83,415; the number killed increased by 8% to 1,836, the highest figure for the quarter since the early 1940s. Car driver casualties increased by 7%, while deaths among drivers increased by 21% compared

with 1971. The power cuts in February partly accounted for the high total, for during this period the total adult pedestrian casualties rose by 18% and deaths by 36% compared with February 1971. Over the whole quarter the number of child pedestrian casualties showed virtually no change from 1971, when the figures had been particularly high. The number of fatalities among users of motor cycles, scooters and mopeds dropped by 16% and among pedal cyclists by 11%, though their mileage declined more than total casualties. Since the return to Greenwich Mean Time in January total road casualties in the late afternoon increased by 3% and morning casualties fell by 14%. February figures were complicated by the power cuts: compared with 1971 there was a 40% increase in pedestrian casualties between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. and a 13% rise between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland

At the annual general meeting held on 23 June 1972, the following officers were elected: President Dr. D. M. Mitchell; Secretary and Treasurer Dr. M. A. Powell.

Aids for the Disabled

More than £1 million of Government money was spent in 1971 on research on equipment for the disabled. Principal projects (according to the report *Research and Development Work on Equipment for the Disabled 1971*, published last week by H.M.S.O.) included a powered wheel to enable hand-propelled wheelchairs to be converted to electric propulsion; improved braces and calipers for handicapped children; new forms of artificial limbs; and modifications to POSSOM (patient operated selector mechanism) aimed at producing a simpler system for use by the less severely disabled.

People in the News

Munich University has conferred an honorary M.D. on Lord Brock on the occasion of its quinqucentenary celebrations.

Dr. R. J. O. Catlin, a general practitioner at Chelmsford, Essex, has been appointed regional adviser in general practice to the North-east Metropolitan region.

Dr. B. C. S. Slater, a general practitioner at South Harrow, Middlesex, has been appointed part-time regional adviser in general practice to the North-west Metropolitan Region.

Dr. K. Hellmann has been appointed chairman of the British Association for Cancer Research. The new honorary secretary is Dr. C. Ball.

COMING EVENTS

British Association.—Annual Meeting, 4-9 September, Leicester. Details from the assistant secretary, British Association for the Advancement of Science, 20 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3DA.

Occupational Safety and Health of Young Workers.—International symposium, 5-7 September, Belgrade. Details from Zajednica instituta i zavoda o zaštiti na radu, Voždova 11, 18,000 NIS, Yugoslavia.

8th International Congress of Chemotherapy.—8-15 September, 1973, Athens. Details from the Congress Secretariat, 8th International Congress of Chemotherapy, P.O. Box 1554, Athens, Greece.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON

Appointments.—Dr. K. Apostolov and Dr. G. H. Poste (lecturers in virology, Royal Postgraduate Medical School).

BIRMINGHAM

Appointments.—Mr. J. D. Hamer (senior lecturer in surgery); Dr. Leila L. Cavanagh (lecturer in pathology); Dr. A. McDermott (lecturer in social medicine); Dr. C. M. D. Smith (lecturer in anatomy).

APPOINTMENTS

NORTH EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. J. M. Harris (consultant psychiatrist, Hoxton Child Guidance Unit and Colebrook School, joint appointment with I.L.E.A.); Dr. R. V. Mummery (consultant microbiologist, Enfield Group).

UNITED BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS.—Dr. D. W. Burdon (consultant bacteriologist, United Birmingham Hospitals); Dr. P. Wilding (clinical chemist with consultant status, Wolfson Research Laboratories).

Corrections

Chair at Leeds

In the account of Professor Gee's appointment to the chair of forensic medicine at Leeds University (22 July, p. 249), Professor Gee's medical school should have been given as King's College Hospital, London, and not Leeds University.

Dentist's Libel Action

The second sentence of the penultimate paragraph in the *Medicolegal* report on 22 July (p. 245) should have read "Sir Robert said that among advances in dental anaesthesia in his lifetime. . ."

The late Dr. J. G. M. Hamilton

We regret an error in the last sentence of E.R.C.W.'s appreciation (29 July, p. 297) of the late Dr. J. G. M. Hamilton. It should have read: "His unostentatious courage in meeting adversity compelled the admiration of all who knew him well."

Endocrine Response to Substitution of Corticotrophin for Oral Prednisolone in Asthmatic Children

In the article on Endocrine Response to Substitution of Corticotrophin for Oral Prednisolone in Asthmatic Children (22 July, p. 202) the reference to Friedman and Strange 1966 in line 10 of the discussion should have read Maunsell *et al.*, 1968.

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