

July 1972, p. 303) is to be introduced. Consultative proposals are set out in a document issued by the Department of Employment. Among the major recommendations are that responsibility for safety and health at work should be transferred from the various government departments concerned to a new statutory authority. A number of Acts of Parliament now extant would be unified under the new legislation to extend coverage to all employment. New and better arrangements for enforcing safety and health requirements are proposed including setting up of inspectorates. The protection envisaged for work people is also aimed to include the general public who may be at risk by living in or being near an industrial area. *Proposals for a Safety and Health at Work Bill*, RB/3B 1973, Department of Employment.

#### Chair of Cardiovascular Diseases

The British Heart Foundation has donated £250,000 to the Royal Postgraduate Medical School for the Professor Sir John McMichael chair, named in recognition of Sir John's services to the British Heart Foundation since its inception 11 years ago and his 27 years of professorship at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

#### Mercury and Cadmium in Food

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food, Mr. Joseph Godber, in a written reply to a House of Commons question, stated that according to the toxicity subcommittee's report there is "no evidence of harm to health from present levels of mercury and cadmium in food for the average consumer." The Government therefore proposes to continue monitoring both these metals and where possible commission epidemiological investigations "on certain individual consumers who might have an above-average dietary intake of cadmium." The Toxicity Subcommittee of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Chemicals in Food and the Environment is chaired by Professor G. Wilson, and the Food Additives and Contaminants Committee by Professor B. C. L. Weedon. *Survey of Mercury in Food*, 1971, H.M.S.O. (price 20p) and *Survey on Lead in Food*, 1972, H.M.S.O. (price 21p; postage 2½p each). *Survey of Mercury in Food: Supplementary Report*, and *Survey of Cadmium in Food*, both H.M.S.O. publications are 16p and 24p respectively (postage 2½p extra).

#### People in the News

Dr. J. S. Porterfield, research virologist at the National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, succeeds Dr. M. A. T. Rogers as honorary secretary of the Royal Institution.

Major-General R. G. MacFarlane, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen.

Major-General T. W. Carrick, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen.

Brigadier A. B. Dick, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen.

#### COMING EVENTS

**Royal College of Psychiatrists.**—Annual meeting, 10-12 July, Cardiff. Details from the Secretary, Royal College of Psychiatrists, Chandos House, Queen Anne Street, London, W1M 9LE. (Tel. 01-580 2782).

**Royal College of Physicians.**—Clinicopathological Conference, 26 July. For details see advertisement on page xii.

**The Biochemical Society.**—541st meeting, 28 July, Macclesfield. Details from the Meetings Officer, The Biochemical Society, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London, WC1R 5DP. (Tel. 01-242 1076-8).

**10th International Congress of Neurology.**—8-15 September, Barcelona. Details from the secretary general of the congress, Consejo de Ciento 318, Barcelona 7, Spain.

**International Atomic Energy Agency.**—Symposium, "Radiommunoassay and Related Procedures in Clinical Medicine and Research", 10-14 September, Istanbul, Turkey. Details are obtainable from national authorities for atomic energy matters or from the I.A.E.A., Kärntner Ring 11, P.O. Box 590, A-1011 Vienna, Austria.

**7th International Cybernetics Congress.**—10-15 September, Namur. Details from the secretariat, International Association for Cybernetics, Palais des Expositions, Place André Rijckmans, 5000 Namur, Belgium.

**International Congress on the Knee Joint.**—13-15 September, Rotterdam, organized by the Dutch Orthopaedic Association. Details from Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, The Hague, Netherlands.

#### 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, 9 July

**MEDWAY POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Medway Hospital, 7.30 p.m., Clinico-Pathological Meeting: Congenital Heart Disease.

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTORHOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Combined staff consultation clinical meeting.

##### Wednesday, 11 July

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—2 p.m., Dr. P. P. Anthony: Primary Carcinoma of the Liver—a Model of Environmental Carcinogenesis.

##### Thursday, 12 July

**MEDWAY POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Medway Hospital, 7.30 for 8 p.m., Mr. P. J. Jennings: The Acute Abdomen in Children.

##### Friday, 13 July

**ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.**—12.30 p.m., Professor D. Rabin (Jerusalem): Isolated FSH Deficiency and Panhypogonadotropic Syndromes.

#### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

##### DUBLIN

M.D.—Heather G. M. Clarke, R de G. Hanson.

##### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the council held on 14 June, with Sir Edward Muir, president, in the chair, Mr. Leonard Bailey was admitted to the Honorary Fellowship.

Mr. R. S. Gye, of Oxford, and Mr. J. S. P. Wilson, of London, were elected to the Fellowship ad eundem.

Group Captain R. W. Povey was appointed Cade professor of surgery to the R.A.F., with effect from 10 July.

The following were reappointed as members of the council representing the specialty indicated for the year 1973-4:

Dr. C. J. Wells, of Sheffield (general practice); Mr. N. L. Crabtree, of Birmingham (otolaryngology); Mr. J. S. Tomkinson, of London (obstetrics and gynaecology).

The following were appointed as members of the council representing the specialty indicated for the year 1973-4:

Mr. M. J. Roper-Hall, of Birmingham (ophthalmology); Dr. Arthur Jones, of London (radiology).

The appointment of professor Michael Portmann, of Bordeaux, as Joseph Toynbee memorial lecturer for 1974 was reported.

A diploma of Fellowship was granted to A. J. Buzzard.

A diploma of Membership was granted to T. P. L. Thomas.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

D.P.H.—A. M. Abdullah, S. Akhtar, A. A. Alzaka, V. M. Barel, A. S. Binbrek, A. Bratt, A. T. Brown, L. M. Campbell, Eileen M. C. Duke, H. M. I. El-Nazer, Sheila M. Farquharson, Janet L. B. Gillespie, G. E. Gowling, A. M. Hill, Z. Huda, Susan J. Illett, Heather M. Johnston, Khin Myo Han, P. P. McGavigan, Katherine E. Mann, K. F. Mann, J. Mathai, S. N. Mishra, S. H. Palczynski, S. R. Patel, R. Prakash, H. Rahman, N. Rangaswami, Z. Rizwi, B. Shanks, Isobel A. Sinclair, Maria Sosa de Sosa, K. B. Tejura, D. Thomas, Catherine P. Young.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

The following have been admitted to the Membership:

A. Y. H. Abusin, M. A. Ahmed, Sheela Amin, Gillian Blundell, F. J. Bone, D. C. Bouch, Ewa Brookes, K. N. Brown, J. C. Butt, M. E. Carruthers, B. Chattopadhyay, B. W. Codling, C. E. Connolly, E. M. O. Elamin, N. R. H. El-Maraghi, I. L. Evans, D. J. Goldie, N. Greenwood, T. J. Hamblin, D. G. Hamilton, C. Harnarayan, P. J. Heenan, N. Ikuo, V. James, K. J. Jarvis, K. A. Karamat, D. W. Leslie, G. E. Levin, P. Lucie, B. G. McCann, T. W. MacFarlane, D. Y. Mason, M. D. O'Hara, Gabrielle I. M. O'Sullivan, N. D. Parkin, D. M. Ramsay, Pamela Rowe, R. A. Sinclair, R. G. Thompson, L. D. Wadsworth, R. M. Wagner, G. O. Walters, Shirley P. Ward, D. A. Winfield.

#### APPOINTMENTS

**BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—Dr. J. N. Rogers (consultant psychiatrist, South Warwickshire group); Dr. M. J. Tomlinson (consultant anaesthetist, Coventry group); Mr. T. A. Parsons (consultant orthopaedic surgeon, North Staffordshire group); Dr. N. H. Dyer (consultant physician, South Worcestershire group); Mr. V. A. W. Blunt, (consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, Shrewsbury group); Dr. R. Lindup (consultant radiotherapist, North Staffs, Mid Staffs, and Shrewsbury groups); Dr. J. D. Fitzpatrick (consultant radiologist, Coventry group); Dr. J. M. Galbraith (consultant psychiatrist, North Birmingham group).

**WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—Dr. R. L. Souhami (consultant physician, Bournemouth and East Dorset group).

**WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—Dr. A. J. Gould (consultant radiologist, Bournemouth and East Dorset and West Dorset groups).

**WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—Dr. M. A. Woodhouse (consultant in morbid anatomy, Bournemouth, East Dorset and West Dorset groups).

#### Corrections

##### Catecholamines Up to Date

We regret that in the leading article (30 June, p. 732) the editor of the current issue of the *British Medical Bulletin* was given as Professor W. D. M. Paton instead of, as it should have been, Dr. L. L. Iverson.

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