

research and teaching posts at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and at the Liberian Institute of the American Foundation for Tropical Medicine at Harbel, Liberia. He was most recently research professor parasitology at Haile Selassie I University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Contributory Benefit Schemes

The British Hospitals Contributory Schemes Association (1948) has issued the eleventh edition of its directory of benefits. The directory lists 31 benefit schemes operating in England and Wales, and particulars of the origins of each one are given together with the address and telephone number. The rates payable and benefits obtainable under various headings, such as optical, dental, hospital and private treatment, and convalescent home payments are listed for each scheme. *Directory of Hospital Contributory Scheme Benefits 1973*, price 50p, is post free from the publishers: British Hospitals Contributory Schemes Association (1948), 30 Lancaster Gate, London W2 3LT.

Aid for Handicapped Children

The Family Fund (11 August, p. 362) is open to receive applications for assistance. Further information may be obtained from the Fund's Secretary, Mr. Dennis Hitch, at the Joseph Rowntree Memorial Trust, Beverley House, Shipton Road, York, YO3 6RB.

Health Commissioner

The appointment of Sir Alan Marre as health commissioner is now officially confirmed. The appointment was first announced before the N.H.S. Reorganization Bill became law (see *B.M.J.* 25 November 1972, p. 500).

Society of Community Medicine

Dr. M. A. Charrett has been elected president of the society (formerly the Society of Medical Officers of Health) for the year 1973-4.

"Medical Films 1973"

A new catalogue of all the films in the B.M.A. film library and films which have received the educational commendation certificate of the British Life Assurance Trust for Health Education is now available. Each entry includes a synopsis of contents, information on the educational purpose, and a critical review. *Medical Films 1973*, is available from Department of Audio Visual Communication, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. Price £1 including postage.

Research in Britain

The 1972-3 edition of *Scientific Research in British Universities and Colleges* compiled by the Department of Education and Science is now available. Volume I covers physical sciences and is in two parts; volume II covers the biological sciences, and volume III is concerned with social sciences. Each volume is divided into broad subject fields, and the university or college entries arranged alphabetically within them. There is some overlap; biochemistry, biophysics, food science, and

nutrition appear in volumes I and II, while psychology, psychiatry, and social medicine are to be found in volumes II and III. Each volume has a name and subject index. *Scientific Research in British Universities and Colleges 1972-3*, H.M.S.O., Volume I: Physical Sciences, price £7; Volume II: Biological Sciences, price £6; Volume III: Social Sciences, price £6.

People in the News

Dr. Francis J. C. Roe, having completed his two year assignment as research co-ordinator with the Tobacco Research Council, will, from 1 September, act as consultant to the T.R.C. on toxicological matters. He will also continue to advise on research projects supported from council funds.

COMING EVENTS

"Perspectives in Ischaemic Heart Disease."—Symposium, 26-27 September, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, organized by the Society for Drug Research. Details and application forms from Dr. J. F. Cavalla, c/o John Wyeth and Brother Ltd., Huntercombe Lane South, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks.

Biochemical Society.—Meeting, 27-28 September, Bristol University. The programme includes a colloquium on "Phosphorylation Reactions in Cell Metabolism." Details from the society, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London WC1R 5DP. (Tel. 01-242 1076.)

B.M.A. and M.L.A. Choir.—Rehearsals for Christmas carols, Tuesdays, from 2 October 1.15 p.m., Great Hall, B.M.A. House. New members welcome.

Edgware Postgraduate Medical Society.—Details of the programme, October-December, including Sunday morning meetings, are obtainable from the postgraduate secretary, Edgware General Hospital, Edgware, Middx. (Tel. 01-952 2381, extn. 354.)

Institute of Psychiatry.—Lecture and demonstration courses will be held from October to December. Details from the dean of the institute. De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London S.E.5. (Tel. 01-703 5411.)

B.M.A. ASSOCIATION NOTICES

Venereologists' Group

Nominations are hereby invited for six vacancies on the Group Committee. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

Nomination forms are obtainable from the undersigned and must be returned not later than 17 September.

Both the candidate for election and the person making the nomination must be members of the Group.

DEREK STEVENSON,
Secretary.

Diary of Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER	
3 Mon.	Panel on Health Care Teams (Board of Science and Education) (at Lynedoch Crescent, Glasgow), 2 p.m.
5 Wed.	Constitution Working Party, 10.30 a.m.
5 Wed.	Hospitals Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 2 p.m.
5 Wed.	Northern Ireland Council (at Ormeau Road, Belfast), 8 p.m.
6 Thurs.	Hospital Junior Staffs Group Council, 10 a.m.
6 Thurs.	General Purposes Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.

7 Fri.	Medical Assistants Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 2 p.m.
10 Mon.	Hospital Junior Staffs Group Council (Scotland) (at Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 2.15 p.m.
11 Tues.	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (at Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.
12 Wed.	General Purposes Committee, 10 a.m.
19 Wed.	Panel on Health Care Teams (Board of Science and Education), 2 p.m.
19 Wed.	Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
20 Thurs.	General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.
20 Thurs.	Negotiating Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.
20 Thurs.	Staff Side of Whitley Committee C, 2.30 p.m.
21 Fri.	Medico-Legal Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.
21 Fri.	Board of Science and Education, 10.30 a.m.
26 Wed.	Scottish Council (at Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.
26 Wed.	Journal Committee, 2 p.m.
27 Thurs.	Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.
28 Fri.	Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers, 11 a.m.
28 Fri. & 29 Sat.	Annual Postgraduate Meeting, Guernsey.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Derby Division.—At Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, Thursday, 6 September, 8.15 p.m., general meeting, to discuss structure and functions of G.M.C., and to receive report on A.R.M.

South East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Junior Staffs Group.—At King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E.5, Tuesday 4 September, 8 p.m., general meeting open to all junior hospital doctors in the region.

South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Junior Staffs Group.—at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, Wednesday, 3 October, 7.30 p.m., general meeting open to all junior hospital doctors in the region.

Wandsworth Division.—At medical centre, St. James's Hospital, Balham, Tuesday, 4 September, 8 for 8.30 p.m., a.g.m.

Corrections

Appointments

In the notice of appointments to the South-western Regional Hospital Board (11 August, p. 364) the name of Dr. L. Hayek was incorrectly spelt.

Fenfluramine and Growth Hormone Release

In the figure accompanying the letter from Drs. E. M. E. Poskitt and P. H. W. Rayner (11 August, p. 348) the units of measurement of plasma growth hormone should have been given as $\mu\text{U/ml}$, not IU/ml .

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