

## Information Bureau for Medical Historians

A bureau has been established at Wadham College, Oxford to try to put historians and other research workers in touch with experts in medical matters relating to their work (see *B.M.J.* 21 April 1973, p. 182). A number of specialists have responded to the request, and though the organizers are as yet uncertain what the demand for help is likely to be they say that further offers to join the bureau from those with specialized medical knowledge will be welcome.

## History of Medicine

The first major special exhibition on the history of medicine to be staged by the Science Museum opened on 10 July. It has been timed to mark the bicentenary of Priestley's discovery of oxygen in 1774. Much of the material in the exhibition has been provided by the Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine.

The exhibits illustrate the use of oxygen in medicine up to the present day, together with the development of the specialty of anaesthesia. The exhibition will be open to the public for about six months, Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 2.30-6 p.m.

## Kenneth Reeves Essay Prize

A prize of £50 will be awarded on alternate years by the Society for Psychosomatic Research for an essay of not more than 5,000 words concerned with psychosomatics. Medical practitioners qualified for not more than five years are eligible. The successful candidate will be expected to give a paper based on his essay at the scientific meeting of the Society for Psychosomatic Research on 15 May 1975. The closing date for entry is 28 February 1975. Entry forms and further particulars from Dr. Edward Stonehill, Honorary Secretary, The Society for Psychosomatic Research, Department of Psychological Medicine, Central Middlesex Hospital, Park Royal, London, NW10 7NS.

## Occupational Health in Wales

The number of full-time works medical officers employed in industry ought to be substantially increased, according to a report issued last week by the Welsh Council. Post-graduate courses in occupational medicine should be available for part-time works medical officers. These are usually general practitioners, and their effectiveness would be improved if they could find time to attend some of the courses now available. Occupational health services could help in the problem of rehabilitation and the resettlement of employees. Copies of the report, *Occupational Health Services in Wales*, are available on request from the Secretary of the Welsh Council, Crown Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff.

## Mary Crosse Lecture

A lecture in memory of Dr. V. Mary Crosse is to be endowed, and contributions are invited (maximum £5) from her friends and admirers in the medical and nursing professions to make this possible. The lectures are planned as a tribute to her work in the field

of neonatal immaturity and will be given at intervals for up to five years in Birmingham, where she worked. Contributions should be sent to Dr. W. H. P. Cant, Institute of Child Health, The Nuffield Building, Francis Road, Birmingham B16 8ET. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Birmingham (Institute of Child Health), Dr. Crosse Fund.

## Babies and Toddlers

A new Family Doctor booklet, *Babies and Toddlers* (price 15p.), has just been published. The author, Dr. David Harvey, gives a clear account of normal growth and development together with practical advice on parental attitudes, behaviour problems, and common physical complaints.

## People in the News

Professor Sheila Sherlock of the Royal Free Hospital, London, has been chosen with Professor Hans Popper of the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York as recipient of the first distinguished service awards of the International Association for the Study of the Liver. The awards will be presented at the fifth quadrennial meeting of the association in October 1974 in Acapulco, Mexico.

Surgeon Captain R. St. C. Mooney has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen.

Dr. Frederick F. Fenech has been appointed to the conjoint post of professor of medicine, Royal University of Malta, and senior physician in the Department of Health. Dr. Fenech, who is 40, graduated M.D. Malta in 1955. He has been lecturer in medicine at the university since 1966.

Dr. Pearl Derrett, of Witham, Essex, has been appointed deputy chief medical adviser of Dr. Barnardo's. She will also act as medical adviser to the adoption work of Barnardo's London division.

## COMING EVENTS

**Royal College of Physicians of London.**—Regional conference, "Medical Problems in a Modern Environment," 12-13 September, Bristol University. For details see advertisement on page xiv.

**4th International Congress on Burn Injuries.**—15-21 September, Buenos Aires, organized by the Argentine chapter of the International Society for Burn Injuries. Details from the secretariat of the congress, Avenida R. Sáenz Peña 1110, 2nd floor, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**"Neonatal Surgery."**—British Council course, 16-28 February 1975, Hospital for Sick Children, London, intended for experienced general surgeons from overseas who are mainly concerned with surgical care of children. Fee £195 (full board except dinner). Applications must be made before 15 October 1974 to the local representative, British Council, or to the director, courses department, British Council, 3 Hanover Street, London W1R 9HH. (Tel. 01-499 8011.)

## 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.*

### Wednesday, 17 July

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—2 p.m., Dr. P. P. Anthony: Primary Carcinoma of Liver.

## Friday, 19 July

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—3 p.m., Charles Tomes lecture by Mr. P. A. Toller: Common Complaints of the Temperomandibular Joint.

**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—11 a.m., Surgeon Commander N. J. Blacklock: The Prostate.

## B.M.A. NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

#### JULY

15 Mon. to	Annual Scientific Meeting (at Hull University).
18 Thurs.	Joint Consultants Committee (at Royal College of Pathologists, London, S.W.1), 10 a.m.
16 Tues.	Constitution Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.
18 Thurs.	Joint B.M.A./R.C.N. Ad Hoc Committee on Davies Report, 2 p.m.
22 Mon.	Joint B.M.A./R.C.N. Ad Hoc Committee on Davies Report, 2 p.m.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### LONDON

**Appointments.**—Dr. Lilly Zondek and Dr. T. Zondek (honorary senior lecturers in the Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Hammersmith Hospital).

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

On 4 July, as a result of the postal ballot of Fellows, Mr. Richard S. Handley (1,057 votes) and Mr. Selwyn Taylor (1,098 votes) were re-elected, and Mr. D. Innes Williams (727 votes), Professor Harold Ellis (1,092 votes) and Professor Ivan Johnston (750 votes) were elected as Members of the Council of the College for 1974.

In all 3,164 Fellows voted, and in addition 24 votes were found to be invalid.

## Corrections

### Bone Marrow Transplantation in Aplastic Anaemia

In the third paragraph of the letter from Dr. A. J. Barrett (6 July, p. 40) the mortality from post-hepatitis aplasia was given as "in the region of 10%." This should have read "in the region of 90%."

### Dr. I. J. Sachs

We regret that a printing error occurred in the obituary of the late Dr. I. J. Sachs (6 July, p. 50). In the second paragraph the sentence which follows "requalified with the Conjoint diploma at the Middlesex" should have read: "He joined a practice at Dalston, from which he was obliged to retire in 1947 owing to ill health."

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