

travelling fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow to visit oncology centres in the United States.

#### Chair of Child Health, Liverpool

Dr. Frank Harris, senior lecturer in child health, Sheffield University, has been appointed to the chair of child health, Liverpool University, from 1 October. Dr. Harris, who is 39, graduated from Cape Town University in 1957. After posts at the Groote Schuur Hospital and the Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital he held a senior research fellowship of the Council for



Scientific and Industrial Research of South Africa in the endocrine research unit of Cape Town University. In 1965 he was appointed lecturer in child health at Sheffield University. He was promoted senior lecturer and appointed honorary consultant paediatrician at the Children's Hospital in 1971.

#### Chair of Haematology, Liverpool

Dr. A. J. Bellingham, senior lecturer in clinical haematology at University College Hospital Medical School, London, has been appointed to the chair of haematology at the University of Liverpool, from 1 October. Dr. Bellingham, who is 36, trained at University College and University College Hospital Medical School, graduating in 1962. After posts at U.C.H. and Hammer-



smith Hospital he worked as a senior Fellow at the University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A. He was appointed to his present post in April 1971 and later that year he was also appointed honorary consultant at U.C.H.

#### Public Service Pensions Increased

Increases in public service pensions due under the Pensions Increase Act 1971 have been announced. The increases, operative from 1 December 1974, will apply to doctors in receipt of N.H.S. pensions. The percentage increases will be as follows: a pension which began on or before 1 July 1973, 16.5%; in the six months after 1 January 1974, 12.3%.

#### New Director of M.R.C. Unit in Jamaica

Dr. G. R. Serjeant is to succeed Dr. Andrew Davis as director of the Medical Research Council's Epidemiology Unit in Jamaica. Dr. Davis has been in post since 1971, and is now to join the W.H.O. in Geneva.

Dr. Serjeant, who is 38, graduated from Cambridge in 1963, and joined the department of medicine at the University Hospital of the West Indies in 1966. He became an M.R.C. staff member in 1971 and spent a year in Cambridge at the M.R.C. Abnormal Haemoglobin Unit before being transferred to the M.R.C. Epidemiology Unit in Jamaica in 1972.

#### Restriction of Phenacetin

The British Pharmacopoeia Commission has issued three new monographs in connexion with the restrictions concerning phenacetin (8 June, p. 569). The new monographs are on aspirin and codeine tablets, soluble aspirin and codeine tablets, and aspirin and caffeine tablets. They become effective from 1 September 1974, and copies of them can be obtained from the commission at 8 Bulstrode Street, London W1M 5FT.

#### London Medical Orchestra

The London Medical Orchestra will resume rehearsals in Christ Church School, Cosway Street, London N.W.1, at 7.00 p.m. on 24 September. New members of the orchestra are welcome, especially string players. Particulars from Miss J. Haines, Flat 5, 359 Clapham Road, London SW9 9BT, tel. 01-733 5017.

#### COMING EVENTS

**Royal College of Physicians of London.**—Teach-in for junior hospital staff, "Thyroid Disease," 1 October, 8 p.m. For details see advertisement on page xix.

**Institute of Urology.**—Day symposium, "The Unstable Bladder," 5 October. For details see advertisement on page xxiii.

**1st International Congress on Obesity.**—9-11 October 1974, organized by the Association for the Study of Obesity, at Royal College of Physicians of London. Fee £25 (including refreshments). Early application is advised and details are obtainable from the administrative secretary of the congress, 22 Montagu Street, London W1H 2BR.

**International Association for the Promotion of Clinical and Experimental Research in Medicine.**—First Vienna meeting, "Molecular Base of Malignancy—New Clinical and Therapeutic Evidence," 30-31 October. Details from Dr. H. Rainer, c/o Wiener Medizinische Akademie, Alserstrasse 4, A-1090 Wien, Austria.

**World Congress on Asthma, Bronchitis and Allied Conditions.**—9-15 November, New Delhi, India. Details from Dr. R. Viswanathan, c/o V.P. Chest Institute, Delhi-7, India.

**Hampshire Medical Federation.**—Copies and details of the programme, September-December, are obtainable from the secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Hants. (Tel. Winchester 63535, extn. 356.)

**Edinburgh and East of Scotland Society of Anaesthetists.**—Details and copies of the syllabus, October-April, are obtainable from the honorary secretary, Dr. I. T. Davie, 15 Kingsburgh Road, Edinburgh EH12 6DZ. (Tel. 031-337 1117.)

**Otago University Medical School Centenary.**—16-21 February, 1975, programme includes scientific and social events and the biennial meeting of the Medical Association of New Zealand will be held at the same time. Details from Professor E. G. McQueen, Department of Pharmacology, Otago University Medical School, P.O. Box 913, Dunedin, New Zealand.

**British Postgraduate Medical Federation.**—Open lecture inaugurating the 1974-5 series on the scientific basis of medicine, "Endemic Cretinism—a 10-year Personal Educational Experience," by Professor A. Querido (Netherlands), 3 October, 5.30 p.m., Senate House, London University,

Malet Street, London W.C.1. Admission free, without ticket.

**Royal College of Physicians of London.**—For particulars of some conferences planned for 1974-5 see advertisement on page xviii.

#### 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 September

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.**—1 p.m., Professor D. K. Dastur (Bombay): Ultrastructure of Brain Tumours—Cells, Blood Vessels and Brain Oedema.

##### Wednesday, 11 September

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.30 p.m., Menzies Campbell lecture by Dr. F. E. R. De Maar: Influence of 14th-19th Century Dental Writings, with special reference to Dutch Artists, Guilds, and Instruments.

##### Thursday, 12 September

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.**—1.15 p.m., Dr. H. H. Schaumburg, Dr. P. S. Spencer (Einstein Medical College): Methylbutyl Ketone Neuropathy—Clinical and Experimental Studies.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.**—At Bristol University, 4.30 p.m., Osler oration by Sir Douglas Hubble: William Osler and Medical Education.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.30 p.m., Bradlaw oration by Sir Robert Bradlaw: The Tide of the Years.

#### B.M.A. ASSOCIATION NOTICES

##### Diary of Central Meetings

| SEPTEMBER           |  |
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| 11 Wed.             | Working Party on Draft Model Contract (H.J.S.G.C.) (at Department of Health), 2.30 p.m.      |
| 12 Thurs.           | Negotiating Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.   |
| 12 Thurs.           | Journal Committee, 2 p.m.  |
| 12 Thurs.           | Hospital Junior Staffs Group Council (Scotland) (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 2 p.m. |
| 17 Tues.            | Geriatric Medicine Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 11 a.m.  |
| 19 Thurs.           | Anaesthetists Subcommittee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.   |
| 19 Thurs.           | Panel on Audio Visual Communications, 2.15 p.m.  |
| 20 Fri.             | Young Practitioners Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 2 p.m.  |
| 20 Fri. and 21 Sat. | Annual Postgraduate Meeting, Isle of Man.  |
| 24 Tues.            | Executive Subcommittee (H.J.S.G.C.) (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10 a.m.            |
| 25 Wed.             | Council, 10 a.m.   |
| 26 Thurs.           | Organization Committee, 10 a.m.  |
| 27 Fri.             | Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Committee, 10.30 a.m.                        |

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