

where neither the doctor normally responsible for a patient nor his deputy is available to give treatment required owing to an accident or emergency, then it is the duty of any practitioner summoned to give the necessary treatment. When they appealed from this ruling to the Secretary of State, the M.P.s. solicitors argued that where a patient seeks treatment from a doctor other than his own N.H.S. one, he should be presumed to be seeking such treatment privately unless he provides his medical card or indicates a wish to be treated under the N.H.S. The Secretary of State declined to accept all of this wide-ranging argument, but he allowed the appeal because he was satisfied on the evidence that the patient neither asked for nor gave any indication that he wished N.H.S. treatment and it was agreed that he should be treated privately.

MEDICAL NEWS

M.R.C. Division of Psychiatry

Dr. T. J. Crow is to be head of a new division of psychiatry at the M.R.C.'s Clinical Research Centre, Harrow, from 1 January 1974. Timothy John Crow graduated M.B., B.S. from the London Hospital Medical College in 1964, was awarded the Ph.D. from Aberdeen in 1970, took the D.P.M. in 1971, and the M.R.C.P. and M.R.C.Psych. in 1972. He has been lecturer in physiology and lecturer in mental health, both posts in Aberdeen, and since 1973 senior lecturer in psychiatry in Manchester.

The new division's programme of research includes studies of possible biochemical disturbances underlying specific psychiatric syndromes, development of indices of neuro-humoural dysfunction useful for clinical practice, and determination of modes of action of psychotropic drugs.

Association of Clinical Pathologists

At its annual general meeting on 20 September the following elections were made to the association's council: *president*, Professor E. K. Blackburn; *president-elect*, Dr. F. Hampson; *vice-presidents*, Dr. G. H. Grant and Dr. E. H. Gillespie; *chairman of council*, Dr. A. G. Marshall; *honorary secretary*, Dr. A. C. Hunt; and *honorary treasurer*, Dr. G. W. Pennington. Dr. J. Burston, Dr. H. B. Goodall, Dr. C. L. Greenbury, and Dr. L. Robertson were elected members of council for the period 1973/76. Dr. E. N. Davey was elected an honorary member.

Medical Golfing Societies

There are numerous local medical golfing societies throughout the U.K. but no register appears to exist of them. The committee organizing the 1974 U.S. v. U.K. Medical Golf Competition would be grateful to hear from the secretaries of any such societies, with an indication of their membership and activities.

This information will be particularly helpful when planning the entertainment of the visiting U.S. team in October 1974. Golf Secretaries are asked to write to: The Secretary,

Medical Golfing Society, c/o B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

COMING EVENTS

"Stress in Air Traffic Control."—Day symposium, 6 October, 9 a.m., Roscoe Building, University of Manchester. Details from Dr. Stanley Miles, Manchester Regional Hospital Board, Gateway House, Piccadilly South, Manchester, M60 7LP. (Tel. 061-236 9456.)

"Voyage chez les Vivants."—Full-length documentary film (in French) by Henry Brandt, the well known Swiss director, on the condition of man in developing countries, 11 October, 5.30 p.m., at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Introduced by Professor L. J. Bruce-Chwatt. Entrance free.

"Cancer Chemotherapy."—Symposium, 11-12 October, Good Hope General Hospital. Details from the Secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Good Hope General Hospital, Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, B75 7RR. (Tel. 021-355 6161.)

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.—Symposium, "Intensive Care," 15 October. Details from the Administrative Officer, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW.

Research Defence Society.—Stephen Paget memorial lecture, "Alternative Methods to Animal Experiments in Medical Research," by Professor J. L. Gowans, F.R.S., 16 October, 5.30 p.m., physiology lecture theatre, University College London, Gower Street, W.C.1. Tickets are not required and details are obtainable from the R.D.S., 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W1M 9DE. (Tel. 01-580 1729.)

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.—Symposium, "The Hip Joint," 16 October. Details from the Administrative Officer, Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh, EH8 9DW.

"The Open Door—the Unrecognized Potential of the Pharmacist."—Lecture by Professor P. H. Elworthy, 24 October, 5 p.m., Royal College of Physicians of London. Details from Dr. W. G. Thomas, Merck Sharp and Dohme Ltd., Hertford Road, Hoddesdon, Herts EN11 9BU. (Tel. Hoddesdon 69576.)

Royal College of Physicians of London.—Clinico-Pathological conference, 25 October, 2.30 p.m. For details see advertisement on page xx.

Institute of Urology.—Nephrology course, 20-23 November. For details see advertisement on page xix.

"The Smoking Problem and the Family Doctor."—Day symposium, 23 November, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, jointly by Scottish Council of R.C.G.P. and Scottish Committee of A.S.H. Details and application forms (closing date 31 October) from the honorary secretary, R.C.G.P., 39 Cowgate, Edinburgh EH1 1JR. (Tel. 031-225 4288.)

Burton Graduate Medical Centre.—Details of the September-December programme are obtainable from the clinical tutor, Mr. Irvine Smith, Burton Graduate Medical Centre, Belvedere Road, Burton on Trent, DE13 0RB. (Tel. 0283 66333 ext. 140.)

Gwent Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Details of the 1973-4 programme are obtainable from Gwent Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon. (Tel. 0633 52244.)

Leeds and West Riding Medico-Legal Society.—Details of the 1973-4 programme are obtainable from the legal secretary, Mr. R. M. Stewart, Leeds & West Riding Medico-Legal Society, Alliance House, 29/31 Kirkgate, Bradford, BD1 1QB. (Tel. 0274 34658.)

London Borough of Wandsworth.—Details of the 1973-4 programme are available from the Medical Officer of Health, Municipal Buildings, Wandsworth, London, S.W.18. (Tel. 01-870 4211.)

Radcliffe Infirmary.—Details of the post-graduate seminars of the Department of Otolaryngology for the session 1973/74 are available from the Academic Secretary, Department of Otolaryngology, The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, OX2 6HE. (Tel. Oxford 49891, ext. 544.)

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, 8 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor C. D. Calnan: Dermatologic Diagnosis.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor S. J. G. Semple: Analysis of Acid Base Data.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—1 p.m., Professor S. Saunders (South Africa): Fatty Liver and Protein Metabolism.

Tuesday, 9 October

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Mr. J. Dawson: Liver Metastases.

Wednesday, 10 October

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—3 p.m., Professor A. R. MacGregor: Surgery in Relation to Prosthetic Dentistry.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. R. Goulding: Acute Poisoning—the Ward and the Laboratory.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., 26th Alex Simpson Smith Memorial Lecture by Professor Martin Allgower (Basle): Burn Sepsis and Burn Toxin.

Thursday, 11 October

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Mr. D. Burkitt F.R.S.: Lessons from Africa for Diseases in Aberdeen.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE.—8 p.m., Dr. P. F. E. Brown: The Story of the Hostel of God.

Friday, 12 October

NUTRITION SOCIETY.—At Animal Breeding Research Organization, King's Buildings, West Mains Road, Edinburgh, 10.30 a.m., 26th meeting.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Mr. R. A. Sells: Transplantation of Pancreas.

APPOINTMENTS

WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Mr. A. P. J. Ross (consultant surgeon, North Hants Group); Dr. M. J. Shorn (consultant histopathologist, North Hants Group) Mr. M. J. Hunter (consultant orthopaedic surgeon, North Hants Group); Mr. R. C. Kempster (consultant in ophthalmic surgery, West Dorset group); Dr. B. H. Anstee (consultant psychiatrist, Knowle group); Dr. L. O. Topham (consultant physician in geriatrics, North Hants group).

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