

year some 1,200 deaths are attributed to diarrhoea there, according to a statement from the World Health Organization. The country is now reported free of cholera. The disease has caused concern in the drought-stricken area of West Africa south of the Sahara, where it is believed to have caused many deaths. In Asia the disease was reported in Sri Lanka (Ceylon) for the first time since 1953.

British Heart Foundation

Thirteen grants totalling £58,629 have been awarded by the British Heart Foundation's Research Fund Committee for the third quarter of 1973. At the same time, other funds have been allocated to build up reserves for endowing more chairs of cardiology as and when practicable.

The largest sum this quarter, £15,711, goes to Professor R. Y. Calne, Cambridge, for experiments on tissue typing. £11,198 goes to Dr. D. Noble, Oxford, for work on ionic pathways within the heart muscle. The third major grant goes to Mr. M. V. Braimbridge, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, for work on heart muscle during open-heart surgery.

Health Needs of Children in Scotland

Part of the medical structure of health boards or their district subareas are to consist of paediatric divisions made up by doctors concerned with all aspects of child health. This is one of the major recommendations of a Scottish Home and Health Department booklet. In its 103 pages the working party and subgroups discuss objectives and planning of services for child health—medical, dental, and educative—in Scotland, and the role of nursing and supportive professions in this field. *Towards an Integrated Child Health Service*. H.M.S.O. 1973. 73p.

More Cremations

In 1972 there were 375,773 cremations at 211 crematoria in Great Britain. This was an increase of about 20,000 over the previous year's total according to the 1972 report of the Cremation Society just issued.

Homeless People

The Supplementary Benefits Commission is improving and extending its facilities at reception centres for itinerant and rootless people and for re-settling them in society, Mr. Paul Dean, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department of Health, said recently. This winter in London the Commission would provide about 1,600 reception-centre beds compared with 1,400 last winter.

People in the News

Dr. Claude Newnham, North London group medical officer of the British Railways Board, has been elected secretary general of the International Union of Railway Medical Services for a term of four years. He is the first British Rail doctor to have occupied an executive post in this organization, which effects international exchange of information on railway medical organization, administration, and clinical work.

Dr. Kurt Schwarz, senior lecturer in preventive medicine and public health at the University of Leeds and honorary consultant physician to the United Leeds Hospitals, has been appointed professor and head of the department of preventive and social medicine in the University of Otago, Christchurch Clinical School, New Zealand. He graduated at the University of Witwatersrand in 1951.

Dr. Richard Bayliss, consultant physician to the Westminster Hospital, succeeds Sir Ronald Bodley Scott as physician to the Queen.

Dr. E. S. Grech has been appointed professor and head of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology at the Zambia University School of Medicine, Lusaka. Edwin Grech graduated from the Royal University of Malta in 1955. He was elected F.R.C.O.G. in 1971. Until recently he was reader at the Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda.

Dr. M. Ata Khan, of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, has been appointed to the chair of medicine at the University of Riyadh in Saudi Arabia.

COMING EVENTS

"The Problem of Homosexuality."—Meeting, 27 November, 2.30 p.m., by Worthing and South-west Sussex Association for Mental Health, at Convent of Sion, Gratwicke Road, Worthing. All doctors in West Sussex are invited.

Royal College of Physicians of London.—General meeting of members, "Allocation and Relocation of Senior Registrars and Registrars," 29 November, open to all members of the medical profession. For details see advertisement on page xvii.

St. Thomas's Hospital.—Open meeting of Cheselden Club, 29 November, 2 p.m., surgical registrar's symposium of short papers; 6 p.m., talk by Sir Thomas Holmes Sellers, "Some Early North American Surgeons." Details from Mr. S. J. Cox, Department of Surgery, St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London SE1 7EH. (Tel. 01-928 9292, extn. 2424.)

Balint Society.—First memorial lecture, "Michael Balint—the Development of his Ideas on the Use of the Drug 'Doctor'," by Mrs. Enid Balint, 3 December, 8.30 p.m., Royal Society of Medicine, London W.1. Details from the honorary secretary, Dr. S. Pasmore, 21 Edwards Square, London W8 6HE. (Tel. 01-602 6700.)

Cambridge University School of Clinical Research and Postgraduate Medical Teaching.—Introductory course, "Biology of the Skin," 10-14 December, Churchill College. Course fee £8. Details from the medical school officer, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 2QL. (Tel. 45171.)

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, 19 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. F. Schellander: The Melanocyte System.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—5.30 p.m., Lord Cohen of Birkenhead: Disciplinary Functions of the General Medical Council.

Tuesday, 20 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. C. A. Ramsay: Sweat Gland Function.
ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Professor C. E. Stroud: The Origins of Obesity.
ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Mr. C. A. Jackson: A Philosophy of Pain.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. C. J. Gavey: Clinicopathological conference.

Wednesday, 21 November

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Professor M. Cooper (Alabama): A Spectrum of B Cell Defects in Immunoglobulin Deficient Patients.
INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SURGERY, LONDON.—5 p.m., Wilkinson lecture by Professor G. L. Slack: Meeting Change by Degrees?
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Professor E. Marley: Models of Affective Illness.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Dr. C. E. Ford, F.R.S.: A New Look at Zygotic and Fetal Wastage associated with Chromosomal Abnormality.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS.—5.30 p.m., Postgraduate museum demonstration by Dr. A. H. Cameron: Twin Placentas.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS.—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.30 p.m., Foundation lecture by Professor Henry Harris, F.R.S.: Analysis of Malignancy by Cell Fusion.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. R. V. Brooks: Pathophysiology of Androgens.

Thursday, 22 November

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Professor J. G. Scadding: History and Definition of Sarcoidosis.
HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Dr. R. C. B. Aitken: Stress in a Modern Environment.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—At the college, 4.30 p.m., Institute of Urology lecture by Dr. A. F. Lever: Renin and Acute Renal Failure.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Professor V. Wynn: Metabolic Disturbances Associated with the Pill.

Friday, 23 November

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—At Liverpool University New Medical School, Ashton Street, 5 p.m., Penrose memorial lecture by Dr. C. A. Clarke, F.R.S.: Lionel Penrose—Some Aspects of his Life and Works.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor C. D. Marsden: Neuropharmacology of Abnormal Involuntary Movement.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At the ordinary meeting of the council held on 8 November with Mr. Norman Barrett, senior vice-president, in the chair, a resolution of condolence following the death of Sir Edward Muir, president of the college, was moved by Mr. John Wakeley and seconded by Professor Geoffrey Slack.

It was resolved that an extraordinary meeting of the council be held on 29 November to elect a new president.

Mr. Norman Rothnie, of Reading, was appointed regional adviser in the Oxford Region for a period of two years with effect from 1 January 1974.

Hallett prizes were awarded to Dr. P. W. V. Gurney, of Dartford, and Dr. G. M. A. Heaton, of London.

The Begley prize was awarded to Dr. T. J. Thornton, of Withersea, Yorks.

A diploma of Fellowship was granted to T. J. Farrell.

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