

the case of special pension arrangements for doctors who had retired at a particular time (see *Supplement*, 13 October, p. 9). Dr. Camrean has now received a letter on the subject from Sir Keith Joseph, dated 4 December, which we print below:

"Dear Dr. Cameron: When you and Mr. Rowlands came to see me with your colleagues on 25 September I promised to give further consideration to your request for an adjustment in the superannuation benefits of general medical and dental practitioners (and certain part-time hospital consultants) who retired in the period 1 January 1969 to 24 March 1972 inclusive.

"I am now glad to be able to tell you that I agree in principle to this adjustment and have asked my officials to explore the possibilities. They will be in touch with you about this as soon as precise arrangements can be worked out."

#### New Professor at Belfast

Mr. A. D. Roy has been appointed to the chair of surgery at the Queen's University of Belfast. He succeeds Professor W. H. Rodgers, who has gone to Nigeria as professor of surgery and director of hospital care at the new University of Ife.



Professor Roy, aged 48 was educated at Paisley Grammar School and at Glasgow University where he graduated in 1947. After various junior appointments and service with the R.A.M.C., he became consultant surgeon at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and first assistant in the university department of surgery. During this period he was seconded to the University of East Africa. In 1968 he became foundation professor of surgery and head of the department at the University of Nairobi. Mr. Roy returned to Glasgow in September 1972 to resume his consultant post at the Western Infirmary. He is chairman of the B.M.A. Board of Science and Education panel considering the role of medical auxiliaries and allied professions in health care teams in developed and developing countries.

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#### Royal Society Council Elections

Among members newly elected to the council of the Royal Society at its anniversary meeting on 30 November were the following members of the profession: Professor J. L. Gowans, M.R.C. Cellular Immunology Unit; Dr. H. E. Huxley, of the M.R.C.; Professor W. S. Peart, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School; and Professor R. R. Porter, Oxford.

#### Jamaica Medical Congress, 1974

The date for the return of registration forms and fees to B.M.A. House for this meeting has been extended to 31 December 1973. After this date a late registration fee will be

payable. The meeting is from 21-28 April 1974 (see *Supplement*, 6 October, p. 1).

#### Displays in Medical Education

Various types of display can be used as relatively inexpensive visual aids in teaching medicine. Making the best use of posters, wallcharts and similar exhibits in medical education is described in a 32-page booklet prepared by the Department of Audio Visual Communication of the B.M.A. Technical points about lighting, optimal viewing distances, transportation, and protection of exhibits, together with names and addresses where advice and help on such matters and a bibliography are included. *Static Displays—Posters, Wallcharts, Exhibits—in Medical Education*. Available from Department of Audio Visual Communication, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. Price £1 (including postage).

#### Free Prescriptions and School Children

The Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in a letter to the Secretary of State for Social Services has asked him to exempt children up to 16 years of age from prescription payments if they are receiving full time education. Free prescriptions are presently allowed up to the age of 15, which until last year was the official school leaving age. Now it is 16, and the Pharmaceutical Society points out the incongruity of not raising the free prescription age *pari passu*.

#### Seminars at B.M.A. House

A Seminar on the Aetiology and Management of Early Breast Cancer, under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. L. Hayward, will be held at B.M.A. House, London, on Friday, 18 January, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For details see advertisement on page v.

#### COMING EVENTS

**St. George's Hospital and South-west Metropolitan Orthopaedic Training Scheme.**—Copies and details of the teaching calendar, 10 January-28 March, are obtainable from the medical centre, St. James's Hospital, Sarsfield Road, Balham, London SW12. (Tel. 01-672 1222.)

**British Association of Dermatologists (Investigative Group).**—Scientific meeting, 11-12 January, Liverpool University. Details from Dr. C. F. H. Vickers, department of dermatology, Liverpool Royal Infirmary, Liverpool L3 5PU.

**Institute of Urology.**—Day symposium, "Conservative Surgery of Kidney and Ureter," 26 January. For details see advertisement on page xiii.

**Institute of Psychiatry.**—Details of lecture and demonstration courses for postgraduate students, January-April, and of courses of instruction, study for higher degrees and research facilities are obtainable from the dean of the institute, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF. (Tel. 01-703 5411.)

#### 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.

#### Tuesday, 18 December

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Professor R. W. Fearnhead: Tooth Enamel.

ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Dr. R. D. Catterall: Sexually Transmitted Diseases in the 1970s.

#### UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

##### CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—F. D. Skidmore.

##### MANCHESTER

The title of professor emeritus has been conferred on Professor A. C. P. Campbell, Procter professor of pathology and pathological anatomy, 1950-73.

##### BIRMINGHAM

*Appointments.*—Dr. C. L. Brewer (lecturer, department of psychiatry); Dr. M. J. Tarlow (senior lecturer, department of paediatrics and child health).

##### LIVERPOOL

*Appointments.*—Mr. U. Abdulla, Mr. J. R. Sutherst (senior lecturers, obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr. F. M. Shattock (senior lecturer, tropical community health); Dr. A. G. Cudworth (lecturer, medicine); Mr. J. F. B. Clarke (lecturer (special appointment), obstetrics and gynaecology); Dr. E. G. Hale (lecturer, physiology); Dr. R. Knight (lecturer, tropical medicine); Dr. J. F. Lowe (regional adviser in general practice).

##### BELFAST

*Appointment.*—Dr. J. Henneman (lecturer in general practice).

#### APPOINTMENTS

NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. P. R. Dove (consultant psychiatrist, Harlow group); Mr. A. J. Edwards (consultant in general surgery, Forest group).

#### Corrections

##### Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer

In the review of the book *Vagotomy on Trial* (1 December, p. 558), at the beginning of the third paragraph, the name of a contributor was given as "John Barron." This should have read "J. H. Baron."

##### Myopathy associated with Anticonvulsant Osteomalacia

We regret that in this Medical Memorandum (1 December, p. 526) there was an error seven lines from the top of page 527. It should have read "... serum 25-hydroxycholecalciferol ..." Also, the second reference to Smith and Stern (*Journal of Neurological Sciences*) should be dated 1969, and not 1968 as printed.

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