

MEDICAL NEWS

Medical Members of Parliament

Thirty-three members of the medical profession stood as candidates in the general election held on 10 October and the following nine, who were members of the previous Parliament (see *B.M.J.*, 16 March 1974, p. 525), were again elected to the House of Commons:

Dr. R. F. B. Bennett (Con., Fareham), Sir Alfred Broughton (Lab., Batley and Morley), Mr. J. D. Cronin (Lab., Loughborough), Dr. A. J. Glyn (Con., Windsor and Maidenhead), Dr. J. Dickson Mabon (Lab., Greenock and Port Glasgow), Dr. M. S. Miller (Lab., East Kilbride), Dr. D. A. L. Owen (Lab., Plymouth, Devonport), Dr. Shirley C. W. Summerskill (Lab., Halifax), Dr. G. F. Vaughan (Con., Reading, South).

The following twenty-four were not elected:

Dr. W. H. Allchin (Lab., Winchester), Dr. D. Baxter (Nat. Front, City of London and Westminster, South), Dr. R. Blundell (Lib., Hounslow, Brentford and Isleworth), Dr. C. G. Burks (Lab., Skipton), Dr. F. J. Deakin (Lib., Warrington), Dr. R. D. Hall (Con., Leeds, West), Dr. D. R. Hannay (Lib., Galloway), Dr. D. J. L. Hughes (Plaid Cymru, Cardiff, West), Dr. D. T. Jones (Lib., Conway), Dr. Una M. P. Kroll (Women's Rights, Sutton and Cheam), Dr. Jennifer Lloyd (Lib., Barry), Dr. R. D. McIntyre (Scot. Nat., Stirling, Falkirk and Grangemouth), Dr. J. McLaughlin (Con., Accrington), Dr. R. J. Madeley (Lab., Derbyshire, South-east), Dr. A. Rennie (Lib., Glasgow, Hillhead), Dr. W. A. Robson (Lib., Houghton-le-Spring), Mr. F. C. Rodger (Lib., Cheltenham), Dr. I. T. Stuttford (Con., Isle of Ely), Dr. G. F. Taylor (Lib., Yeovil), Dr. J. Walsh (Lib., Hove), Dr. D. Watts (Lib., Ayrshire, Central), Dr. D. L. Williams (Lib., Denbigh), Dr. A. T. M. Wilson (Comm. Aberdeen), Dr. M. P. Winstanley (Lib., Hazel Grove).

N.H.S. Superannuation: Deadline for Added Years Extended

As the *B.M.J.* went to press we learnt that the Government's original deadline of 19 October 1974 for doctors in England and Wales wishing to purchase added years in the N.H.S. Superannuation Scheme, costed on age and income in October 1972, is to be put forward to 18 July 1975. An article in the *B.M.J.* (5 October, p. 59) on purchasing added years advised doctors to get individual advice on whether to purchase them. This extended deadline, which applies only to England and Wales (see p. 176 for Scotland), is intended to give all members of the scheme sufficient time in which to get advice.

Spotting the Battered Baby

The Director of Health and Social Security's Social Work Service is sending a draft letter to all health authorities containing model instructions to hospital accident and emergency departments to assist in detecting non-accidental injury to children. The model instructions stress that symptoms which are difficult to explain may be the result of inflicted injuries, and point out that the history of the problem as well as the physical examination should alert doctors to the possibility of battering. Guidelines are given for dealing with the child and its parents.

Eye Research at Open University

The Medical Research Council has given £9,263 for a research project on disorders of the cornea to be carried out at the Open University. The research team, headed by Professor Gerald Elliott, is to study electric charge distribution, swelling, and transparency of the cornea. The Open University's eye research unit was set up two years ago and has been measuring molecular distances in normal and diseased corneas by x-ray techniques.

People in the News

Dr. T. C. Hunt succeeds the late Dr. A. H. Douthwaite (obituary, 5 October, p. 50) as chairman of the Medical Sickness Annuity and Life Assurance Society Ltd. Sir Clifford Naughton Morgan becomes vice-chairman in place of Dr. Hunt.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Psychiatrists.—Quarterly Meeting, 14-15 November, Institute of Psychiatry Programme includes Maudsley lecture by Lord Justice Ormrod. Details from the secretary of the college, Chandos House, Queen Anne Street, London W1M 9LE. (Tel. 01-580 2782.)

Charing Cross Hospital.—Symposium, "Current Fertility Control," 15-16 November, Great Western Hotel, Paddington. Fee £9. Details and application forms from J. Wyeth & Brothers Ltd., Department of Postgraduate Education, Huntercombe Lane South, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks.

Institute of Urology.—Symposium, "Postgraduate Nephrology," 19-20 November. For details see advertisement on page xxiii.

London Hospital.—Conference, "Psychogeriatrics Now," 20-22 November, for all professions involved in care of elderly. Details from Mr. D. A. High, London Hospital, Whitechapel, London E.1.

Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons of England.—Symposium, "Problems of Metabolism in Anaesthesia and Intensive Therapy," 21-22 November, at R.C.S. Fee £8. Details from the secretary, Faculty of Anaesthetists, R.C.S., 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel. 01-405 3474.)

Institute of Urology.—Symposium, "Glomerular Disease in Adults," 21-22 November. For details see advertisement on page xxiii.

3rd International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences.—21-24 November, London. Fee £50. Details and application forms from the secretariat, I.C.U.S., International Cultural Foundation, 5 Lowndes Street, London SW1X 9ET. (Tel. 01-235 1892.)

Cambridge Medical Society.—Copies and details of the programme, November-June, are obtainable from the honorary secretary, Dr. R. H. Morgan, 2a Hurst Park Avenue, Cambridge CB4 2AD. (Tel. 51447.)

Dundee University.—Copies and details of the programme of postgraduate medical education and training, 1974-5, are obtainable from the postgraduate dean, Faculty of Medicine, Dundee University, Dundee DD1 4HN.

Hunterian Society.—Details of the 1974-5 programme and of membership are obtainable from honorary secretary, Dr. Napier Thorne, 96 Harley Street, London W1N 1AA.

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, 21 October

B.B.C.2 TELEVISION.—7.05 p.m., The National Health: Can We Still Afford It?

Tuesday, 22 October

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. I. Sarkany: Physiology of Itching.

RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY.—At University College London, 5.30 p.m., Stephen Paget memorial lecture by Dr. W. M. Henderson: Animals and Antigens.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. Richard Hunter: Psychiatry without Words.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. C. Dare: Open and Closed Secrets in the Family.

Wednesday, 23 October

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—6 p.m., Dr. W. A. Cobb: The Centrencephalic Concept; 7 p.m., Professor D. A. Pond: Epidemiology of Epilepsy.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—At Senate House, London University, 7 p.m., Hanbury memorial lecture by Professor A. H. Beckett: Importance of Three Dimensions in Biological Action.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Gavin Livingstone memorial lecture by Mr. E. E. Douck: Detecting the Deaf Child.

Thursday, 24 October

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Dr. M. L. N. Willoughby: Current Aspects of Paediatric Haematology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Philip Ellman lecture by Dr. V. Dubowitz: Neuromuscular Disorders in Childhood—Old Dogmas, New Concepts.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. H. S. Jacobs: Diagnostic Approaches to Secondary Amenorrhoea.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

BRISTOL

M.D.—E. W. Pomare.

PH.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: P. N. Dixon, M. Edjehadi, Diane E. Gunson, R. C. Wardley.

H.M. FORCES

The following have been appointed honorary physicians to the Queen: Surgeon Captain H. R. Malloes, R.N., Surgeon Captain J. F. F. Smith, R.N.R., and Colonel R. Price, R.A.M.C., T.A.V.R. Appointments.—Professor J. B. E. Baker (honorary consultant in pharmacology to the Army).

ROYAL NAVY

Surgeon Commanders N. J. Blacklock, N. G. B. Hersey, and J. Cox to be Surgeon Captains.

ARMY

Lieutenant-Colonels B. Livesey and W. J. Pryn, from R.A.M.C., to be Colonels.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Wing Commander J. I. Cromarty to be Group Captain.

Corrections

Dr. J. Jardine

We regret that a printer's error occurred in the obituary of the late Dr. John Jardine (5 October, p. 51). Towards the end of the second paragraph "a set of golf balls" should have read "a set of golf clubs."

Election Manifestos

In the extracts from the election manifestos published in the *B.M.J.* of 5 October (p. 54) the Scottish National Party was referred to incorrectly as the Scottish Nationalist Party. We apologise for this error.

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