

Second Chair of Physiology, Belfast

Dr. James B. Bridges has been appointed to the second chair of physiology at the Queen's University of Belfast. Dr. Bridges, who is 45, was educated at the Methodist College, Belfast, and at the Queen's University, where he graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. in 1953. As an undergraduate he was president of the Students' Union Society, 1952-3, and a rugby blue for the seasons

1951-4. He joined the department of anatomy at the Queen's University and held a Nuffield Foundation medical Fellowship at the M.R.C. radiobiological unit at Harwell in 1957-8. Two years later he went to Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, as visiting associate professor. In 1968 he was appointed senior lecturer in histology, department of physiology, at the Queen's, being promoted reader in 1969. Since 1970 he has been a member of the Full-time Teachers and Research Workers Committee of the B.M.A. Earlier this year he visited Khartoum University as a W.H.O. teaching consultant. Dr. Bridges's research interests have included studies in transplantation and the structure and function of the lymphoid system.

Bland-Sutton Chair of Histopathology

Dr. Neville Woolf, reader in experimental pathology at St. George's Hospital Medical School, London, has been appointed to the Bland-Sutton chair of histopathology at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London.



Dr. Woolf, who is 44, trained at the University of Cape Town and Groote Schuur Hospital, graduating in 1952. After occupying posts in the department of pathology in Cape Town, he spent two years at St.

George's Hospital Medical School as William Shepherd research Fellow in the department of pathology under Sir Theo Crawford. He returned to St. George's as lecturer in morbid anatomy in 1962 after a period spent in the U.S.A. and was promoted senior lecturer in 1965. Dr. Woolf was appointed to his present post in 1969.

Smallpox Eradication

The Department of Health and Social Security and Ministry of Overseas Development have contributed £75,000 to the World Health Organization's campaign for smallpox eradication in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, and Ethiopia. The W.H.O. campaign is re-

ported to be on the verge of a breakthrough which it is hoped will wipe out smallpox in a matter of months. In this event, vaccination would no longer be required. The eradication campaign was launched in 1967, when the disease was endemic in 30 countries. In 1973 smallpox remained endemic in the four countries mentioned above only, and the W.H.O. estimates it needs an additional £850,000 to complete eradication from those four during 1975.

Industrial Action in N.H.S.

Members of the National and Local Government Officers Association and of the Confederation of Health Service Employees working in the N.H.S. administration are to take industrial action from 9 December. This is in support of a demand for a 37-hour week (36 hours in London). All overtime work will be banned, and the members have been instructed to work to rule and to do one hour a week less than their present 38 hours.

COMING EVENTS

Institute of Urology.—Uroradiology weekend, 13-14 December. For details see advertisement on page xviii.

Royal College of Surgeons of England.—Holiday lectures for young people, 20, 23, 31 December, 3 p.m. Details and tickets (free), from the secretary, R.C.S., 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel. 01-405 3474.)

"Secondary Plant Products of Commercial Importance."—Joint international symposium, 7-9 January, Salford University, by Phytochemical Society and Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. Details and application forms from the symposium secretary, Mrs. S. Thompson, Department of Chemistry and Applied Chemistry, Salford University, Salford M5 4WT, Lancs. (Tel. 061-736 5843, extn. 636.)

"Chemical Properties of Drugs."—Day symposium, 8 January, University College London, organized by British Pharmacological Society and the Society for Drug Research. Details from Dr. R. A. Webster, Department of Pharmacology, University College, London W.C.1.

"Interactions Between Drugs and Food."—Joint day symposium, 8 January, London S.W.1, by Society of Chemical Industry and Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. Fee £3 (non-members £4.50), including lunch. Details from the Society of Chemical Industry, 14 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PS.

Wigan and Leigh Medical Institute.—Details and copies of the monthly programmes are obtainable from the secretary of the institute, Malvern House, Royal Infirmary, Wigan, Lancs. (Tel. Wigan 44000, extn. 272.)

South Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Copies and details of the programme, January-April, are obtainable from the secretary of the centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Basildon, Essex SS16 5NL. (Tel. Basildon 3911, extn. 360.)

London Medical Group.—Copies and details of the programme of lectures, symposia, study seminars, conferences, etc., 1974-5, are obtainable from the secretary, L.M.G., Tavistock House East, Woburn Walk, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LG. (Tel. 01-387 2129.)

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 December

B.B.C.2 TELEVISION.—7.05 p.m., The National Health: Power to the Patient?
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Arnold Levine: Comparative Pathology of Head and Neck Tumours in Man and Domesticated Animals.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr. J. Brostoff: The *In Vitro* Cellular Approach in Clinical Immunology.

Tuesday, 10 December

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—9 a.m., Dr. J. T. Scott: Gout and the Crystalloides.

Wednesday, 11 December

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS.—At Tavistock Centre, London N.W.3, 8.15 p.m., Dr. A. Ryle: Psychotherapy Research—Value and Limitations of the Repertory Grid.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor E. R. Huehns: Abnormalities of Structure and Synthesis of Haemoglobin.

Thursday, 12 December

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Professor D. C. Simpson: On the Functioning Hand—the Human Advantage.

NUFFIELD PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS TRUST.—At Manchester University Medical School, 6 p.m., Rock Carling lecture by Professor Harry Harris, F.R.S.: Prenatal Diagnosis and Selective Abortion.

ROYAL SOCIETY.—4.30 p.m., Ferrier lecture by Professor W. S. Feldberg, F.R.S.: Body Temperature and Fever—Changes in our Views during the last Decade.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—6.30 p.m., Talk on Measles Vaccination.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE, LONDON E.8.—8 p.m., Dr. T. West: Nigeria and St. Christopher's Hospice—a Study in Contrasts.

Friday, 13 December

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—At Exeter University, 3 p.m., Bradshaw lecture by Mr. R. Handley: Carcinoma of the Breast.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. J. E. Wright: Diseases of the Lachrymal Apparatus.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10 a.m., Mr. R. H. Franklin: Dysphagia.

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The degree of doctor *honoris causa* has been conferred on Dr. I. Douglas-Wilson, editor of *The Lancet*.

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