

More Cholera, Less Smallpox

Last year 42,900 cases of cholera were reported from 40 countries to the World Health Organization, with 6,800 deaths. Many more certainly went unreported apart from in-apparent infections, which are usually more numerous in an outbreak than frank cases. This was the worst year since the El Tor outbreak began in 1961, and the most dangerous feature of it was the infection of Africa by the disease. In contrast the 30,000 cases of smallpox reported last year to the W.H.O. were a record low total. A 70% decrease in the number of cases followed the introduction of a world-wide eradication campaign by the W.H.O. in 1967.

B.M.A. Scientific Exhibition at Leicester University 26-30 July

The closing date for the 1971 B.M.A. Scientific Exhibition has been extended to 31 March. Those wishing to exhibit should apply to the Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square WC1H 9JP (tel: 01-387 4499) for application form and further details.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Sir Hector MacLennan is to succeed Lord Platt as chairman of the Advisory Committee on Distinction Awards.

Mr. Charles Wright, formerly of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, has been awarded the 1971 medal of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada for his work on "Septic Shock—A Problem of Haemodynamics or of Primary Cellular Damage?"

Professor D. J. Anderson, of Bristol University Dental School, is to receive a Medical Research Council award of £67,000 for a five year period to support him and his colleagues in their work on the neurophysiology of dental structures.

Mr. Ivar McG. Boden, the chairman of E. R. Squibb and Sons Ltd., has been elected president of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry in succession to Mr. G. J. Wilkins of the Beecham Group.

Air Commodore E. B. Bright has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen, in succession to Air Marshal Sir George Gunn.

Professor K. G. Lowe has been appointed a Physician to the Queen in Scotland.

Surgeon Captain W. M. Davidson has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen.

COMING EVENTS

"The Nurse's Role in Medical Research."—Conference, 2-4 April, Haywards Heath, Sussex, by the Royal College of Nursing research discussion group. Details from the honorary secretary, Miss S. Hamilton Smith, 76 Riverview Gardens, Barnes, London S.W.13. (Tel. 01-658 2211, extn. 272.)

Croydon Medical Centre.—Details of lectures, conferences and courses of particular interest to general practitioners and hospital medical staff, April-June, are obtainable from the clinical tutor

at the centre, Mayday Hospital, Thornton Heath, Surrey CR4 7YE.

West Suffolk Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Copies and details of the programmes for 1971 are obtainable from the secretary of the centre, West Suffolk General Hospital, Hospital Road, Bury St. Edmunds. (Tel. OBU-4-2381, extn. 52.)

Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland.—Annual meeting, 16-17 April, Sheffield. Registration closing date is 26 March. Details from Dr. J. J. Daly, Royal Hospital, Sheffield. (Tel. 0742 20063, extn. 247.)

St. John Ambulance Association Medical Conference.—16-18 April, Nottingham University. Details from county secretaries, or from the conference secretary, St. John H.Q., 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London S.W.1. (Tel. 01-235 5231.)

Institute of Urology.—Week-end course, "Urology for Higher Examinations," 16-18 April. For details see advertisement on page xx.

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.—One-day symposium, "Rehabilitation of the Cancer Disabled," 18 May, Royal College of Surgeons of England. Fee £3.15 (including lunch). Closing date is 30 April and details are obtainable from the assistant secretary, M.C.M.F., 124 Sloane Street, London S.W.1. (Tel. 01-730 9157.)

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, 22 March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. I. Sarkany: The Sweat Glands.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Dr. D. G. Julian: Some Unresolved Problems in Acute Coronary Disease.

Tuesday, 23 March

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., medical films.

Wednesday, 24 March

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Mr. J. W. Hadgraft: Pharmacy of Dermatologic Preparations.
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Mr. D. M. Wallace: Techniques of Urinary Diversion.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr. J. F. Mowbray: Pathology of Organ Graft Rejection.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11.45 a.m., Clinicopathological conference by Dr. D. K. Peters: Goodpasture's Syndrome; 2 p.m., Professor P. L. Mollison: Experiments on Suppression of Primary Rh-immunization.

WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL, LONDON.—At Academic Centre, 11.30 a.m., Dr. R. Williams: Iron Metabolism and Haemochromatosis.

Thursday, 25 March

FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—5 p.m., Richard Hughes memorial lecture by Dr. H. W. Boyd.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor J. G. Gow: Genitourinary Tuberculosis—a Study of the Disease in One Unit over a Period of 24 Years.

Friday, 26 March

MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—At 11 Chandos Street, London W.1, 7.30 p.m., presidential address by Dr. R. D. Catterall: Systemic Disease and Biological False Positive Reaction.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Research in Progress meeting.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

The following have been elected to the Fellowship *ad eundem* under bylaw 10a:

T. Antoine, H. C. Edwards, A. W. Liley.
The following have been elected Fellows:
R. M. Alder, R. C. Barron, G. B. Batchelor, A. Bates, H. R. C. Benny, R. G. Blair, K. G. Bland, M. L. Bloom, Olga Bolitho, C. H. Brown, F. M. Bulwa, A. S. F. Butcher, W. Chanen, P. K. Choudhuri, Ho Kei Chung, F. R. Clark, C. A. B. Clementson, M. Connaughton,

Haider F. Daghistany, R. P. De Bond, Margaret M. Downes, R. F. Drake, I. MacD. Duthie, G. H. Ellidge, J. Eytton-Jones, W. Gault, D. A. M. Gebbie, Tara S. Ghosh, C. J. Goosen, E. S. Grech, R. G. Harbison, A. M. Hassim, C. H. Hodge, D. Howell, Alice Hsiang-Lien Hsu, Helena E. Hughes, Valentine M. Husband, Sarah I. Jacob, Sarosh F. Jainawalla, M. H. Jameson, E. G. Jonas, C. A. Jones, E. W. P. Jones, A. J. Keane, D. M. D. King, G. W. Korn, H. Leaver, Wendy E. Lewington, I. R. Macdonald, D. J. Mackay, G. S. Mandal, B. Measday, H. A. Milne, Sukumar Mitra, W. M. O'C. Moore, Jessie M. B. Muirhead, T. C. O'Connor, O. K. Ogan, J. F. O'Sullivan, W. J. O'Sullivan, S. W. F. Page, Doddana G. Paranjothy, R. H. Philpott, A. C. C. Pinion, C. C. Pretorius, G. W. Prueter, M. A. Pugh, M. Rahman, H. Rees, Hellen L. Reith, Kathleen J. Rennie, M. Said, J. R. Saunders, S. A. Seligman, S. C. Simmons, Deventala Singh, Margaret Smith, Eleanor Tennant, R. McN. Thomson, W. A. Van Niekerk, A. W. G. Weir, N. W. F. Weir, V. T. White, C. G. Wilson, K. F. G. Wilson, P. P. Wium, Janet W. Worling, Kathleen M. FitzG. Worrall, R. S. Wurm.

The following have been admitted to the Membership:

V. P. Abeyasinghe, P. S. Aetheris, P. W. Ashton, A. F. J. Atkins, Sheila S. R. Bain, G. J. Baker, A. H. Basalamah, S. N. Basu, M. A. S. Bayad, F. M. Bensina, G. W. Bernard, J. A. H. Bootes, Helen K. Borg, M. A. Brannan, A. A. Brown, G. Burkett, G. A. Burney, J. S. Carlisle, W. Carswell, P. R. Chanda, M. Choudhuri, G. S. A. Choudhury, W. M. Clow, B. M. Coughlan, R. J. Daniels, J. A. K. Davies, A. K. De, J. P. Derrick, Thuyahennadige S. M. De Silva, P. Donnai, I. Downie, Neelambal Duraiswamy, Mudiyanselage J. Ekanayake, J. N. Ekwulugo, A. C. Eneli, N. Esege, P. F. Fairbrother, G. F. Falconer, S. Feroze Din, S. B. Fitchett, Anna M. Flynn, W. A. Fortune, R. S. Freedman, J. I. Garrity, Helen M. Gibson, Deb B. Ghosh, Beryl Ginz, C. R. Gomersall, Y. B. Gordon, P. H. Hammill, H. Hanif, Irouha O. Irouha, Usha Jetley, R. K. Iha, I. M. Joiner, Margaret R. Jones, H. H. Kalke, Rajashree V. Karkhanis, Masroor Khan, Yen-Yen Khaw, A. Kraszewski, K. Kumari, P. M. Lewis, B. A. Lieberman, Margaret M. R. Martin, S. Mathai, T. J. G. Mears, J. A. Mills, L. A. R. Mtimavalye, K. Mukherjee, J. F. Murphy, C. S. Na Nagra, Nora V. O'Brien, P. J. O'Grady, Zubeda Osman, Nimala D. Pasupati, K. Prasad, B. R. Pridmore, D. C. Prior, Leena Priya, D. K. Rav, J. K. Roberts, A. Robertson, D. W. Robinson, H. M. El-Amin Rushwan, J. W. Rwanayare, Wendy D. Savage, Chitralekha Sengupta, S. M. Skinner, D. B. Southall, G. J. Spearing, T. V. Stout, J. A. K. Tamale, Mariamma Thomas, Christine S. Tuck, Sheila M. Walker, R. L. Walley, J. J. Walsh, A. R. L. Weekes, R. M. L. Winston.

The regional council's gold medal for the January 1971 membership examination was awarded to I. A. H. Bootes.

The Harold Malkin prize for 1971 was awarded to I. Craft.

CORRECTIONS**Smoking in Postgraduate Medical Centres**

In the letter by Dr. J. P. Anderson (6 March, p. 558) three lines of text were inadvertently transposed. The last paragraph should read: . . . it is bad public relations educationally (the patients and lay staff get to know); it is bad public health environmentally (smoking is pollution); and it is bad medical psychology (the obligation of self-discipline is forgotten). Surely the time has come for all postgraduate medical centres to accept their anti-smoking and "clean air" responsibilities, and acknowledge that smoking is "sociable" only among consenting adults in private?

Dr. A. B. Gunasekara

We regret that in the obituary of Dr. A. B. Gunasekara (13 February, p. 408) it was incorrectly stated that his wife, Mrs. Carmel Gunasekara, was formerly a nurse.

Notice to Authors

When original articles and letters for publication are not submitted exclusively to the *British Medical Journal* this must be stated.

Correspondence on editorial business should be addressed to the Editor, *British Medical Journal*, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR. Telephone: 01-387 4499. Telegrams: *Aitiology, London, W.C.1.*

Authors wanting reprints of their articles should notify the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, WC1H 9JR, on receipt of proofs.