

TESTIMONIAL TO SIR RONALD ROSS.

THIRD LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

ON May 11th (p. 879) we published a letter from Sir James Barr and others announcing that a fund, called the Ross Award Fund, was being started in order to give some recognition to Sir Ronald Ross for his discoveries on the mode by which malaria is carried, and for his lifelong efforts regarding the prevention of that disease. The letter stated that donations should be sent to Lloyds Bank, Ltd., 110, High Street, Putney, S.W.15, cheques to be crossed "Ross Award Fund a/c." The names of those who had contributed to the Fund up to May 17th were printed in our issue of June 8th (p. 1065), and a second list of donors appeared in our issue of July 13th (p. 76). We now print a third list of those whose donations, amounting to £458 8s. 6d., were received during the month of June. The total amount contributed up to June 30th was £3,663 17s. 4d. The list published below does not include anonymous contributors or contributors whose initials only have been supplied.

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Medical News.

MR. C. THURSTAN HOLLAND, Ch.M., F.R.C.S., has been elected president of the British Institute of Radiology (with which is incorporated the Röntgen Society) for the session 1929-30, which commences in October. The honorary treasurer is Dr. D. B. McGrigor, and the honorary secretaries are Dr. Stanley Melville and Mr. George Shearer, D.Sc.

THE new Orthopaedic Hospital at Harlow Wood, near Mansfield, Notts, will be opened by H.R.H. the Duchess of York on Saturday, August 3rd. This voluntary hospital is being built in connection with the work of the Nottingham District Cripples' Guild, as a central hospital school for patients attending the clinics in Nottingham, Hucknall, Loughborough, Mansfield, Newark, and Worksop. An ideal site of fourteen acres was presented by the Duke of Portland, and a fully equipped country hospital is being erected where children may be treated and educated amid perfect surroundings. There is, in addition, accommodation for adults.

WE are informed that Dr. George P. Pitkin, of Hackensack, New Jersey, or Dr. Frank A. Kelly, of Detroit, Mich., will give demonstrations of controllable spinal anaesthesia with spinocain, at Bristol to-day (July 19th); at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, on the 20th and 22nd; at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, on the 22nd, at 1.30 p.m., and on the 23rd at 9 a.m. and 1.30 p.m.; at St. Peter's Hospital, London, on the 22nd at 2.30 p.m.; at Liverpool on the 23rd; and at Manchester on the 27th.

At the third International Congress of the World League for Sexual Reform, to be held at the Wigmore Hall from September 8th to 14th, under the presidency of Drs. Havelock Ellis, August Forel, and Magnus Hirschfeld, sessions will be devoted to discussions on the following subjects: marriage and divorce; birth control, abortion, and sterilization; prevention of venereal disease and prostitution; and sex and censorship. Among those who have promised to read papers are Professor Patrick Geddes, Captain G. L. F. Pitt Rivers, the Hon. Bertrand Russell, Mr. Bernard Shaw, Dr. B. P. Wiesner, and Dr. C. V. Drysdale.

THE Fellowship of Medicine announces that the course in gastro-enterology which it was proposed to hold from July 22nd to 26th has been postponed until September 30th to October 4th, when it will be conducted at the Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham. There will be three courses in August: one in urology at All Saints' Hospital, Vauxhall Bridge Road, will be held each afternoon from July 29th to August 24th; one in diseases of children at the Queen's Hospital for Children, Bethnal Green, will occupy most of each day from August 12th to 21st; and the third, a whole-day course in medicine, surgery, and the specialties at the Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford, will continue from August 26th to September 7th. Courses in September will comprise: diseases of the chest, at Brompton Hospital from September 9th to 14th; diseases of infants, at the Infants Hospital from September 9th to 21st; psychological medicine, at the Bethlem Hospital on Tuesdays and Saturday mornings from September 10th to October 5th; and medicine, surgery, and the specialties, at Westminster Hospital from September 16th to 28th. The following special courses have been arranged in addition to those in the list published for the year: M.R.C.P. evening course, October 15th to December 6th, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 8.30 p.m., at the Medical Society Lectures Room; and a whole-day course in medicine, surgery, and the specialties at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, from October 21st to November 2nd. Syllabuses of all special courses, together with information in regard to the general course of work, may be obtained on application to the secretary of the Fellowship, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

THE fourth ordinary general meeting of the Ross Institute and Hospital for Tropical Diseases was held at the Institute, Putney Heath, on July 3rd, when the chairman of the council, Sir Charles McLeod, presented the annual report and accounts for 1928. After commenting on various details in the report, he pleaded for a greater measure of financial support in view of the absence of any endowment of the Institute, and also warmly commended the appeal which was being made on behalf of a testimonial to Sir Ronald Ross. Two representatives of the Ross Institute and Hospital, Sir Malcolm Watson and Major Lockwood Stevens, spent five months in touring India and Ceylon to prepare the ground for the formation of local committees to work in conjunction with the Institute's central committee, which aims at "giving direct assistance in tropical industries." These visitors got into touch with the health officials of many parts of the Indian Empire, as well as with many branches of the voluntary co-operative antimalaria movement, which has made encouraging progress in Bengal. Mining areas, tea gardens, great cities, and small villages were visited, and the report shows how important a problem malaria is in them all. It seems probable that the major needs for malaria control in India are already well known to those working on the spot. It may be that discussion with visiting experts will help to overcome the difficulties in the way of putting the necessary measures into force.

THE ambulance hut at the annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England, held at Harrogate from July 9th to 13th, comprised a dressing room, two small wards, and a kitchen; it was in the charge of the Harrogate nursing division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, by whom it had been equipped. Assistance was also given by the Ripon nursing division and by the men of the Barnoldswick and Ripon ambulance divisions, there being no men's division in Harrogate. During the whole period of the show ambulance men and St. John nurses were on duty, and dealt with upwards of 200 casualties—fortunately, none of a serious nature—which included bites by animals, cuts from machinery, sprains, bruises, scalds, septic wounds, fainting attacks, and collapses. Colonel Scatterty, M.D., and Dr. Wesley Smith (divisional surgeon) were in attendance every day, and many calls were made at the hut by other doctors visiting the show.

THE Minister of Health received a deputation, on July 16th, from the National Anti-Vaccination League. Mr. H. G. Chancellor and Mr. Arnold Lupton urged that, in view especially of the inadequacy of the conscience clause, the Vaccination Acts should be completely repealed. They submitted to the Minister their grounds for believing in the inefficacy of vaccination as a protection against small-pox and in its extreme danger to health. In support of their views they quoted numerous cases of deaths following vaccination. Dr. Beddow Bayly referred to the cases that have occurred of post-vaccinal encephalitis, and pressed the point that as the small-pox now prevalent was of so mild a character it was unnecessary to urge vaccination. The Minister said, in reply, that he thought that politically it would be very difficult to pass through Parliament a bill to repeal the vaccination laws, but he could not, of course, make any statement on the policy involved without consulting the Cabinet. He promised, however, that he would