

Medical News

British Surgical Research.—An excellent display of new apparatus, models, and photographs illustrating current research in surgery was put on by the Royal College of Surgeons after dinner on October 8. The showpiece of the evening was a machine for taking over the whole or part of the human circulation. Designed at the Buckston Browne Farm, it consists in a pump for extracting blood from the venous and returning it to the arterial circulation, and a cylindrical oxygenator containing a line of plates across which the blood falls, receiving the oxygen on the way. The apparatus also incorporates a circuit by which extra blood may be added. It has been used experimentally on dogs, and its designers are now ready to try it on man. Cases of cor pulmonale and coronary thrombosis are thought to be the most suitable to begin with. Among the other exhibits was a film showing with remarkable clarity the action of the human heart valves in prepared specimens. In another room photographs and slides illustrated experiments on the heterologous transplantation of tumours—for example, of prostatic carcinoma from man to mouse. Incidentally, post-mortem study of patients dying from diseases other than prostatic cancer had shown a remarkably high percentage of cases in which prostatic cancer was present though unsuspected—up to 40% in the aged. Another attractive exhibit translated the impulses from the muscles of mastication into waves on a cathode-ray screen, showing the effect of various muscles concerned in jaw movement. Elsewhere photomicrographs and slides showed how the contents of the neurilemma comprise two immiscible fluids; crushing causes them to emulsify, but they separate again to show the same histological appearances as before. All told, the exhibition was a diverting and instructive illustration of the latest ideas by which surgery is being advanced in the various departments of the College.

Rockefeller Grant for G.P. Teaching Unit.—The University of Edinburgh has received a grant of £25,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation for the purpose of developing its general-practice teaching unit. The unit, which is directed by Dr. Richard Scott, has been created by the Faculty of Medicine for the purpose of training senior medical students in general practice. It is a modern development of the dispensary training which has been a feature of the Edinburgh medical school for over 150 years.

Postgraduate Travelling Fellowships.—The British Postgraduate Medical Federation is offering a limited number of postgraduate travelling fellowships to registered medical and dental practitioners. The fellowships are tenable for one year and are intended for practitioners who are training as specialists in one of the clinical or pre-clinical branches of medicine, surgery, or dentistry. Further details are given on p. 39 of the advertisement pages.

Kathleen Schlesinger Fellowship.—The Medical Research Council invites applications for this whole-time fellowship for research on the nature of cysts of the brain or cognate subject. Preference will be given to candidates electing to work on the mechanisms underlying degenerative processes affecting the brain. The fellowship is normally held at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Queen Square, London, and is worth £700 to £1,000, according to qualifications and experience. The last day for applications is November 15. Further details may be obtained from the secretary, Medical Research Council, 38, Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1.

Sims Commonwealth Professors.—Sir Charles Symonds and Professor Harold Drew have been appointed Sir Arthur Sims Commonwealth travelling professors for 1953. Sir Charles Symonds is neurologist to Guy's Hospital. Professor Drew is professor of surgery in the University of Sydney.

Agricultural Research Council.—Among the new members of the Agricultural Research Council are Professor P. B. Medawar, F.R.S., Jodrell professor of zoology and comparative anatomy at London University, and Professor J. S. Young, professor of pathology at Aberdeen University. Professor G. R. Cameron, F.R.S., professor of morbid anatomy at London University, has been reappointed for a further term.

Terramycin.—The Ministry of Health announces that a limited supply of 20-mg. phials of pure terramycin for sensitivity tests will shortly be available to hospital laboratories. Supplies may be obtained from the regional distribution centres from which terramycin is now provided.

Grenfell Association Christmas Cards.—Once again the Grenfell Association is offering Christmas cards for sale, all proceeds from which will be devoted to the maintenance and furtherance of the Grenfell Mission's medical work in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland. An illustrated leaflet giving details of cards available (ranging in price from 3d. to 1s. 3d.) may be obtained from the association office, 66, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, on receipt of 1½d.

Dr. E. D. Adrian, O.M., Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, is a member of the reconstituted General Advisory Council of the B.B.C.

Mr. W. J. Wellwood Ferguson, ophthalmic surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, has been made president of the Illuminating Engineering Society for the 1952-3 session.

Bequests.—Mr. John William Wootton, of Far Headingley, Leeds, formerly honorary financial secretary of the Yorkshire Council of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, left £2,000 to that body. Other legacies include £2,000 each to Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds Public Dispensary and Hospital, and Harrogate Royal Bath Hospital; £1,000 to the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, Manchester; £750 to Leeds Women's Hospitals; £500 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund; and a portion of the residue due to the Marguerite Hepton Memorial Orthopaedic Hospital.

COMING EVENTS

Apothecaries' Lectures.—The Society of Apothecaries of London has arranged a course of eight postgraduate lectures to be delivered in the Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, London, E.C.4, as follows: *November 3*, 3.30 p.m., *Surgery of Diseases of the Chest* (T. Holmes Sellors); 5 p.m., *The Medical Aspect of Diseases of the Chest* (Sir Geoffrey Todd); *November 4*, 3.30 p.m., *Changes in Obstetrics and Gynaecological Practice in the Last 50 Years* (Sir William Gilliat); 5 p.m., *Pitfalls in Diagnosis of Coronary Thrombosis* (Dr. Kenneth Harris); *November 5*, 3.30 p.m., *Some Medical Aspects of Hypertensive Disease* (Sir Horace Evans); 5 p.m., *A Review of Surgical Management of Hypertension* (A. Dickson Wright); *November 6*, 3.30 p.m., *Medico-legal Hazards in General Practice* (Dr. Robert Forbes); 5 p.m., *Present and Future Trends in General Practice* (Dr. R. Hale-White).

Ophthalmological Society.—The annual congress of the Ophthalmological Society will be held from April 23-25, 1953. The presidential address will be delivered by Mr. Alex. MacRae. The subject for discussion will be "The Scope of Antibiotics and Chemotherapeutic Agents in Ophthalmology." This will be opened by Professor Arnold Sorsby, Professor Robert Cruickshank, and Mr. Derek Ainslie. The Bowman Lecture will be delivered by Professor Sir Geoffrey Jefferson. Members wishing to present a paper (or a film) are asked to send the title and an abstract to the hon. secretary, Mr. A. G. Leigh, 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2, from whom further details can be obtained.

International Radiology Congress.—The Seventh International Congress of Radiology will be held in Copenhagen from July 19 to 25, 1953, under the patronage of King

Frederik IX of Denmark. The scientific programme will comprise general meetings on potential developments in radiology, contrast media in diagnosis and risks associated therewith, radio-resistance, protection against ionizing radiations, and uniformity in therapeutic cancer statistics. There will also be sectional symposia on diagnosis, therapy, biology, physics, and technology. The honorary president of the Congress will be Professor Niels Bohr, and the president Professor P. Flemming Møller. Applications to present a paper or film should reach the Congress office not later than January 1, 1953. Special forms for this purpose, together with further information, can be obtained from the secretary-general, Oster Voldgade 10, Copenhagen K.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, October 20

- HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., first dinner meeting. "Cardiology—Old and New," Presidential Address by Dr. B. Parsons-Smith.
- INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "Inborn Errors of Metabolism in Animal and Child," by Dr. L. I. Woolf.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—3.45 p.m., "The Breast," Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. P. H. Mitchiner.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, London, W.C.—4.45 p.m., "Ionization and Biological Activity," by Professor Adrien Albert (Australian National University).

Tuesday, October 21

- BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., "Control of Respiration," by Professor C. G. Douglas, F.R.S.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—3.45 p.m., "Blood Vascular Diseases," Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. L. W. Proger; 5 p.m., "Acute Post-operative Dilatation of the Stomach," Hunterian Lecture by Professor K. W. Starr.
- SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.—At Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m., "The Possibilities of Apomorphine in the Treatment of Drug Addiction," by Dr. J. Y. Dent; "The Reading Preferences of the Drinking and Smoking Population Examined in the Light of the Hulton Readership Survey," by Dr. H. Pullar-Strecker. Discussion.
- SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W., 8.30 p.m., "Sport Injuries: Their Diagnosis and Treatment," by Sir Arthur Porritt.

Wednesday, October 22

- CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP.—At Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C., 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., "The Doctor: Has He a Faith?" by Sir Henry T. Holland.
- INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, Duane Road, London, W., 3 p.m., "Post-operative Care Following Ultra Radical Surgery," Guest Lecture by Professor Ian Aird.
- LONDON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Western Fever Hospital, S.W., 3 p.m., clinical meeting.
- MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.15 p.m., annual dinner and inaugural meeting. "American Medicine To-day," by Sir Allen Daley.
- ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., "The Ocular Complications of Head Injury," by Mr. R. P. Crick.

Thursday, October 23

- BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., "Metal Catalysis and Intracellular Respiration," by Professor D. Keilin, F.R.S.
- EPSOM AND SUTTON INTER-HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION.—At Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, 8 p.m., papers and clinical demonstrations, preceded by election of officers for 1952-3.
- HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At University New Buildings (Anatomy Theatre), Teviot Place, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., "A Review of the Radiographic Features of Some General Affections of the Skeleton," by Dr. W. S. Shearer.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "High Ligation of the Neck and the Sac in Inguinal Hernia," Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. H. F. Lunn.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Lecture Theatre, Materia Medica Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., "The Mode of Growth of Bones," by Professor J. C. Brash.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Anatomy Theatre, Gower Street, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "The Prodromes to Cortical Localization," Rickman Godlee Lecture by Sir Geoffrey Jefferson, F.R.S.

Friday, October 24

- BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Biochemistry, St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London, S.E., 2 p.m., 311th meeting. Scientific papers will be read.
- LONDON ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION.—At Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 8, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C., 8.30 p.m., "Organization of the Law," by the Hon. Mr. Justice McNair.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "The Reconstruction of the Hand in Leprosy," Hunterian Lecture by Professor P. W. Brand.
- ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, 7, Melbourne Place, Edinburgh.—8 p.m., "The Electrical Theories of Nerve Conductivity," by Mr. B. I. Tyson.

APPOINTMENTS

SOUTH-WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Consultant Radiologist (part-time) Western Area Thoracic Surgery Unit, R. B. Boal, M.B., B.Ch., D.M.R.E. Assistant Pathologist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), Portsmouth and I.O.W. Area Pathological Service, I. L. M. Larkin, M.D. Assistant Pathologist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), Wandsworth Hospitals Group Laboratory, P. W. Kippax, M.B., Ch.B. Assistant Psychiatrist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), Banstead Hospital, R. H. Wheeler, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. Assistant Psychiatrist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), St. James's Hospital, Portsmouth, Gwendoline D. Knight, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M. Psychiatrist Registrars, Banstead Hospital, Marie L. S. Beasley, B.M., B.Ch., and I. F. Collic, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Medical Registrar, Poole General and St. Mary's Hospitals, Poole, R. F. Brooks, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.Ed. Surgical Registrar, Salisbury General Hospital, J. M. Jalundhwala, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Surgical Registrar, Lambeth Hospital, E. G. Brewin, M.B., Ch.B. Pathological Registrar, St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Jutta Singer, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Pathological Registrar, Kingston Group Laboratory, J. T. Cecil, M.B., B.S. Anaesthetic Registrar, Southampton General Hospital, A. L. St. A. McClosky, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.A. Anaesthetic Registrar, Chichester Group, J. J. F. Donworth, M.B., B.Ch. Anaesthetic Registrar, Fulham and Kensington Group, L. Havers, M.D. Plastic Surgical Registrar, Odstock Hospital, M. N. Tempest, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. Medical Registrar, St. Mary's, Portsmouth, J. McK. N. Roberts, M.B., B.S. Medical Registrar, Redhill County Hospital, K. J. O'Connor, M.B., Ch.B. Senior Surgical Registrar, Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe, J. H. E. Verdon, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Surgical Registrar, Putney Hospital, D. I. Stirk, F.R.C.S. Senior Orthopaedic Registrar, Rowley Bristow and St. Peter's (Chertsey) Hospitals, D. R. Urquhart, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Orthopaedic Registrar, St. Peter's, Chertsey, P. R. French, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Psychiatric Registrar, Graylingwell Hospital, D. R. Moore, M.B., B.S.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

- Bruce.—On September 26, 1952, to Joyce, wife of Dr. I. Bruce, 613, Chorley Old Road, Bolton, a son.
- Henderson.—On October 9, 1952, at Meadstead House, Royston, near Barnsley, Yorks, to Winifred (formerly Hale), wife of Dr. James Henderson, a daughter.
- Henry.—On September 21, 1952, at British Military Hospital, Graz, Austria to Hilda (formerly Loble), wife of Captain E. R. Henry, R.A.M.C., a daughter—Caroline Jane.
- Hirst.—On October 7, 1952, to Dr. Stella Armitage (formerly Speight), wife of Dr. John Hirst, a daughter.
- Thomas.—On October 2, 1952, to Joyce (formerly Nicholas), wife of Dr. G. H. Thomas, of Walsall, a sister for Elizabeth Linda.
- Wilkinson.—On September 13, 1952, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, to June (formerly Tolley), wife of Dr. Ian Wilkinson, a daughter—Caroline Jane.

MARRIAGES

- Lerse—Hamilton.—On September 20, 1952, at Harrogate, Albert Lerse to Margaret Hamilton, M.B., Ch.B., D.A.

DEATHS

- Andrew.—On October 8, 1952, at Trevinnick, Bodmin Road, St. Austell, Cornwall, Edwin Gaved Andrew, M.D.
- Cogswell.—On October 12, 1952, at Red Roofs, Sidmouth, Devon, Philip Dare Cogswell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Bromley, Kent.
- Coombes.—On October 7, 1952, at Croft Cottage, Horsebridge, Sussex, Percival Charles Coombes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
- Finny.—On October 10, 1952, at his home, 41, Liverpool Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey, William Evelyn St. Lawrence Finny, M.D., M.Ch., J.P., aged 88.
- Hobbs.—On October 8, 1952, at Benghazi, Anthony Arthur Hobbs, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Captain R.A.M.C., of Cheam, Surrey, aged 26.
- Lawson.—On October 8, 1952, at 12, Ovington Court, London, S.W., Frederick James Lawson, M.B.
- Lindsay.—On October 3, 1952, at "Shortfurrows," Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, Surrey, Thomas Lindsay, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., D.P.M.
- McCracken.—On October 7, 1952, at 10, Castelnau, Barnes, London, S.W., Alastair McCracken, M.B., Ch.B.
- Matthews.—On October 3, 1952, Edgar William Matthews T.D., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., of "Oakingham," Bramber Road, Seaford, Sussex, aged 72.
- Milne.—On October 2, 1952, at 49, Valley Road, Scarborough, Yorks, William Stuart Milne, M.B., Ch.B.
- Proudlock-Dunbar.—On October 6, 1952, Gladys Margaret Campbell Proudlock-Dunbar (formerly Dunbar), M.D. J.P., of Royston, Herts.
- Riches.—On October 2, 1952, at Brook House, Apperley Bridge, Bradford, Yorks, John Frith Riches, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 49.
- Townsend.—On October 5, 1952, at the Eye Hospital, Cork, Thomas Henry Dennis Townsend, M.B., B.Ch., of 14, St. Patrick's Hill, and Merton, Queenstown, Cork.