

## Medical News

### Honorary Degrees at B.M.A.'s Annual Meeting

The following persons are being proposed as recipients of the degree of D.Sc. *honoris causa* during the B.M.A.'s 1963 Annual Meeting in Oxford: Lord BRAIN; Sir AUSTIN BRADFORD HILL, F.R.S.; Sir ARTHUR PORRITT, P.R.C.S.; and Mr. IAN FRASER, President of the B.M.A.

### Poliomyelitis Research Fund

The National Fund for Research into Poliomyelitis and Other Crippling Diseases celebrated its tenth anniversary with a dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons on December 5. Field-Marshal Lord HARDING, the Fund's chairman, presided. Since its inception ten years ago, following the pioneering efforts of Mr. Duncan Guthrie, the present director, the Fund has raised and distributed more than £1m. for medical research. In this last year the Fund has provided £156,843.

Lord SHAWCROSS, chairman of the Medical Research Council, proposing "The Fund," said that the existence of the Welfare State had not done away with the need for private benevolence. Voluntary service should be channelled into carefully selected directions, of which research was a most appropriate one, not only to fill gaps in the state service but by the very existence of private funds to go some way towards guaranteeing to research workers their intellectual integrity. He was glad to say that from the beginning the M.R.C. had been able to help the Fund in choosing priorities for support. Field-Marshal Lord HARDING, who gratefully acknowledged this help, said the Fund now had its own advisory panel under Dr. E. T. C. Spooner, on which the M.R.C. was represented. The time was coming, however, when despite an increase in income of £35,000 this year the demands on the Fund would outstrip its resources. During his three years of chairmanship £70,000 had been given for a virus laboratory in Professor G. W. A. Dick's department at Belfast, £25,000 for a neurological laboratory at Edinburgh, and £60,000 for a rehabilitation unit at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre at Oxford as well as numerous other grants, including support for Dr. A. B. Kinnier Wilson's work at Hendon on powered prostheses. Work sponsored by the Fund outside the purely medical field included the development of a car for disabled people and of a machine dependent on sucking and blowing which allowed the completely disabled to type. The Fund was also extending its work overseas; a grant of £30,000 had been made recently to train African workers at Makerere, Uganda, in rehabilitation, and support for a school of physiotherapy in Nigeria was under consideration. The Fund had extended its interest beyond polio, its "first love," and was now seeking to eliminate potentially wasteful overlap by establishing links with other voluntary organizations in adjacent fields of work. Sir HARRY PLATT proposed the toast of "The Guests," and Sir GEORGE GODBER replied. The Earl of Snowdon, a member of the Fund's council, attended the dinner.

### Hospital Costs for 1961-2

The Ministry of Health's detailed *Hospital Costing Returns* for the year ended March 31, 1962, covering hospitals in England and Wales, showed that the average cost per patient per week increased by nearly 9%, compared with the year before. About two-thirds of the increase was due to wage and salary increases and higher prices. However, as the cost per patient treated increased by only about 4%, the Ministry deduces that hospital places were being used more efficiently and that as a result the actual cost "in real terms" of treating a patient decreased. The cost per patient per week in the London teaching hospitals (with the previous year's figures in parentheses) was £42 8s. 7d. (£39 7s. 4d.) and in the non-teaching hospitals, both in London and the rest of the country, £29 19s. 9d. (£27 13s. 6d.), while the cost per patient treated was £93 4s. 11d. (£89 4s. 7d.) for the London teaching hospitals, and £55 17s. 8d. (£53 19s. 9d.) for the other group.

### Kingston Postgraduate Medical Centre

The photograph shows the Kingston Postgraduate Medical Centre, the opening of which was described in

this column last week. A report printed in the *Guardian* (December 5) quotes Mr. ENOCH POWELL as saying in his opening speech that he looked forward to the time when no modern hospital would be able to dispense with such an instrument for expressing the integral unity of the hospital service with the family doctor.

On the first floor there is a lecture room which will accommodate over 150 people, with other rooms for a medical reference library, reading, and study. The lecture room has been equipped



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by a grant from the South-west Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board with modern projection, cinematograph, and recording equipment. The medical library will have a set of up-to-date reference books, medical journals, and periodicals and will be developed as further funds become available. This library will also have a complete reference list of pharmaceutical products and efforts will be made to keep in close contact with the main pharmaceutical firms and research organizations. On the ground floor there is a dining-room complete with club amenities which will regularly be used by the medical staff of Kingston Hospital. Catering facilities for members and their guests will be developed. Membership of the Centre will be open to medical and dental staff of the Kingston Group of hospitals and other registered medical practitioners.

### Makerere Seminar on Infant Feeding

A seminar, assisted by Unicef, on "The Principles and Practice of Village Level Infant Feeding" was held at Makerere Medical School, Kampala, Uganda, from November 12 to 16. It was organized by the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health, in association with the Department of Preventive Medicine and Medical Research Council's Infant Malnutrition Research Unit.

Delegates attended from all over East Africa and visiting speakers included Professor CICELY WILLIAMS and Professor CALVIN WOODRUFF, of the American University of Beirut; Professor EDGAR MANNHEIMER, of the Ethio-Swedish Paediatric Clinic, Addis Ababa; and Dr. MAHMOUD MOHAMED HASSAN, Khartoum, Sudan. In addition to meetings and group discussions visits were made to the New Mulago Hospital, the Infant Malnutrition Research Unit, and to villages in the Kasangati Health Centre Teaching and Demonstration area. It is hoped that with Unicef assistance a brief account of the seminar will be published.

### Hospital Efficiency Studies

A seventh set in the series of *Abstracts of Efficiency Studies in the Hospital Service* has been issued by the Ministry of Health. The set includes No. 40, "Administrative Arrangements" (Stores Issues); No. 41, "Domestic Services" (Cleaning Arrangements—use of floor-cleaning team); No. 42, "Nursing" (Recording Sickness of Nursing Staff); No. 43, "Administrative Arrangements" (Medical and Surgical Appliances—use of multipurpose form); No. 44, "Maternity Department" (Appointments System for Clinics); and No. 45, "Administrative Arrangements" (Stores Issues).

### Oliver Memorial Fund

The Oliver Memorial Fund invite recommendations for the fifteenth Annual Award of £50 and plaque to a medically qualified British subject whose original work or service in the field of blood transfusion is considered by the adjudicators to be an outstanding contribution to the science, organization, or donor-service aspect of this subject. Nominations must be submitted by March 31 to the

Honorary Secretary of the Fund, Mrs. F. E. BEDBOROUGH, 105 New Park Avenue, Palmers Green, London N.13.

#### Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

The following office-bearers have been elected: *president*, Dr. J. D. S. CAMERON; *vice-president*, Dr. J. A. BRUCE; *members of council*, Dr. J. G. M. HAMILTON, Dr. J. INNES, Dr. A. W. WRIGHT, Dr. C. W. CLAYSON, Dr. W. I. CARD.

#### In Brief

► The council of the London borough of Holborn has become the first local authority in England and Wales to use the Clean Air Act to control smoke throughout the whole borough.

► The Health and Education Committee of London County Council has said that if the Government will issue a policy statement on smoking in public further consideration will be given to the inclusion in licences issued by the L.C.C. of a condition prohibiting smoking in places of public entertainment.

#### People in the News

► Dr. MORRIS FISHBEIN, professor emeritus at the University of Chicago Rush Medical College and at the Illinois College of Medicine, has been awarded the 1962 "Heart and Torch" Award of the American Heart Association "for distinguished services to the Chicago and American Heart Associations and for his outstanding support of the voluntary health agency movement in the United States." Dr. Fishbein was previously editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

► Sir ARCOT MUDALIAR (vice-chancellor, University of Madras, India) and Sir LINDSAY RIDE (vice-chancellor, University of Hong Kong) are to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws of London University at the Ninth Quinquennial Congress of the Universities of the British Commonwealth on July 15.

► Surgeon Rear-Admiral D. D. STEELE-PERKINS is to be promoted surgeon vice-admiral and appointed Medical Director of the Navy from April 30. He succeeds Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir ROBERT PANCKRIDGE.

► Sir ARTHUR PORRITT, P.R.C.S., is to be chairman of the newly formed Torch Trophy Trust, formed to encourage voluntary work for sport at club or local level.

► Dr. WALLACE FOX, Dr. P. D'ARCY HART, Dr. I. SUTHERLAND, and Dr. D. A. MITCHISON are spending a few weeks in Hong Kong at the invitation of the Colony's Government to examine the feasibility of setting up a tuberculosis research group there.

► Dr. D. R. HUMPHREYS, physician to the United Birmingham Hospitals, has been appointed chief medical officer of the Wesleyan and General Assurance Society to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Dr. T. L. HARDY after 20 years' service to the Society.

#### COMING EVENTS

**Central Council for Health Education.**—Annual conference, "Fluoridation," January 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., National Film Theatre. Details from C.C.H.E., Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

**British Institute of Radiology and Joint Health Physics Committee.**—Symposium, "The Metabolism of Biologically Important Radio-Nuclides," January 25, St. Bartholomew's Medical College, Charterhouse Square, London E.C.1. Details from General Secretary, B.I.R., 32 Welbeck Street, London W.1.

**British Plastics Federation, Plastics Institute.**—Symposium, "The Use of Plastics in Contact with Food," January 31, 2.15 p.m., Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London W.C.2. Chairman: Professor A. C. FRAZER. All interested invited without ticket.

**McGibbon Memorial Lecture.**—Dr. J. Dow, "Radiological Principles in the Diagnosis of Congenital Heart Disease," February 8, 7.30 p.m., Maurice Bloch Memorial Lecture Theatre, Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

**8th Conference of International Society of Geographical Pathology.**—Milan, September 19–21. Single papers invited on leukaemia and amyloidosis. Details from Secretary of British National Committee, Professor G. J. CUNNINGHAM, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London W.C.2.

**Australian College of G.P.s.**—Convention, October 21–25, Sydney. Details from Honorary Secretary of College, 43 Lower Fort Street, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

#### New Issues of Specialist Journals

The journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1

#### ARCHIVES OF DISEASE IN CHILDHOOD

The contents of the December issue are as follows:

- Importance of Choline During Growth, with Particular Reference to Synthetic Diets in Phenylketonuria.** K. Margaret Wilson and Barbara E. Clayton.
- Use of Haemodialysis in Acute Renal Failure and Overhydration in Children.** J. G. Walker, M. Garsenstein, Brenda Higgs, T. R. Lawson, and S. Shaldon.
- Effect of Prolomyelitis on Sodium and Potassium in Serum and Urine.** M. Diwani, M. Talaat, Y. A. Rahman, and A. Samy Khalifa.
- Pulmonary Embolism in Children.** John L. Emery.
- Properdin Content of Maternal and Infant Blood.** Louis L. Griffiths, C. K. Rao, and P. N. Swift.
- Congenital Pneumonia.** Pamela A. Davies and W. Aherne.
- Respiratory Manifestations in Infants with Hypothyroidism.** Samir Najjar.
- Phaeochromocytoma in Children.** J. Inley and W. C. Smallwood.
- Renal Size in Normal Children.** C. J. Hodson, J. A. Drewe, M. N. Karn, and A. King.
- Microcephaly.** Heti Davies and Brian H. Kirman.
- Brucellosis in Children.** P. W. Bothwell.
- Case of Central Neurofibromatosis.** L. Crome.
- Ataxia-telangiectasia Presenting with Craniosostenosis.** A. Robinson.
- Myocardial Fibrosis in Fibrocystic Disease of Pancreas.** A. R. McGiven.
- Obturator Palsy in Newly Born.** W. S. Craig and J. M. P. Clark.
- Congenital Hypoplastic Anaemia.** Eric McKay.
- Book Reviews.**
- Index.**

Volume 37, No. 196. (Bi-monthly; £4 4s. yearly.)

#### Societies and Lectures

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

#### Monday, December 17

**HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.**—At 11 Chandos Street, London W., 8.15 p.m., Dr. Linford Rees, Dr. M. O'Donnell: Use and Abuse of Drugs in the Treatment of Mental Stress.

**HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.**—At Taibot Restaurant, 64 London Wall, London E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner meeting. Professor E. C. Amoroso, F.R.S.: Sex and Survival.●

**MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF GENERAL PRACTICE.**—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 8.30 for 9 p.m., Dr. P. H. Dootson and Dr. C. R. Kay: Personal Preferences in Maternity Care.

#### Wednesday, December 19

**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—2 p.m., Professor G. W. A. Dick: Virus Infections of the Central Nervous System.

**WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL.**—At Archway Wing, Archway Road, London N., 11.30 a.m., Professor W. St. C. Symmers: Deep-seated Fungal Infections in Britain.

#### BIRTHS

**Chamberlain.**—On November 14, 1962, at Brighton General Hospital, to Jocelyn and Geoffrey Chamberlain, F.R.C.S., a brother for Christopher, Mark, and Hilary—Patrick Thomas.

**James.**—On December 7, 1962, at Hammersmith Hospital, to Sheila (née Sherlock) and Geraint James, a sister for Mandy Melys.

#### MARRIAGES

**Hoffman—Everitt.**—On November 15, 1962, at Guisborough, Yorkshire, Eugene Hoffman, M.D., F.R.C.S., of Marton-in-Cleveland, Yorkshire, to Elizabeth F. Everitt, M.B., B.S., F.F.A.R.C.S., of Sedgefield, Durham.

#### DEATHS

**Gillhespy.**—On October 21, 1962, at his home, 147 Orphanage Road, Erdington, Birmingham 24, Richard Oliver Gillhespy, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed.

**Hann.**—On November 2, 1962, at Grimston Lodge, Tadcaster, Yorkshire, Reginald George Hann, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 91.

**Hicks.**—On November 1, 1962, at Nairobi, Kenya, Aline Mary Hicks, M.B., Ch.B.

**Hunter.**—On November 9, 1962, at Guy's Hospital, London, John Henry Graham Hunter, M.B., Ch.B., Colonel, late R.A.M.C. (retired).

**O'Flynn.**—On November 3, 1962, at St. George's Hospital, London, James Lucius Camillo O'Flynn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Dingle Cottage, Cleddon, Treleck, Monmouthshire.

**Quigley.**—On November 2, 1962, after a long illness, Patrick Joseph Quigley, L.R.C.P.&S.I., of 17 Heene Court Mansions, Heene Terrace, Worthing, Sussex.