Medical News

A meeting of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will be held at 1, Thornhaugh Street (formerly 1, Upper Montague Street), W.C., on Friday, March 15th, at 5 p.m., when a discussion on "Nutrition and Public Health" will be opened by Professor E. P. Cathcart and Dr. Robert Hutchison.

The Malcolm Morris Memorial Lecture, under the auspices of the Chadwick Trust, will be delivered by Mr. Henry Corsi, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., on Wednesday, March 27th. His subject will be "Syphilis through Four Centuries," and Sir Harold Morris will be in the chair.

The 161st anniversary dinner of the Medical Society of London will be held at Claridges Restaurant to-day (Friday, March 8th), at 7.45 p.m., with the president, Lord Horder, in the chair.

The Committee of the British Memorial to Marie Curie has arranged a banquet at Claridges Hotel, Brook Street, W., on Wednesday, March 20th, at 7.45 p.m., when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will preside. The immediate purpose of the memorial fund is to provide £50,000 for the endowment, extension, and maintenance of the Marie Curie Hospital at Hampstead, and to provide an additional income of £5,000 a year.

The International Society of Medical Hydrology and the British Health Resorts Association will hold a reception, at 28, Portland Place, W., on Friday, March 29th, at 8.30 p.m., when films will be shown by Colonel R. H. Elliot, "The Snake Park at Sao Paolo," and by Dr. R. G. Canti, "Cultivation of Tissue Cells." Members are invited to bring new medical apparatus for inspection.

Dr. Lawrence P. Garrod will deliver a lecture on "Some Fallacies and Dangers in attempted Chemical Disinfection" before the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (11, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.), on Tuesday, March 12th, at 8.30 p.m.

A three-months course in clinical practice and hospital administration will be given at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, S.E., by Dr. J. V. Armstrong, on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 9.30 a.m., and alternate Saturdays, at a time to be arranged, beginning April 1st. It is intended for those studying for the Diploma in Hospital Administration, in accordance with the requirements of the General Medical Council's revised regulations, which came into force on October 1st, 1931. A course may, however, be taken under the previous regulations for £4 4s. The fee (£3 13s. 6d.) should be paid to the medical officer of health, L.C.C. Public Health Department (Special Hospitals), County Hall, S.E.1.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces that the concluding pathological demonstration at the Wellcome Museum of Medical Science will be given on March 14th, at 3 p.m., by Dr. John Franklin, on skin diseases. A week-end course in chest diseases will be given at the Brompton Hospital on March 23rd and 24th, and on March 30th and 31st there will be a course in general medicine and surgery at the General Hospital, Southend-on-Sea. There will be an intensive course in clinical medicine and surgery, at the National Temperance Hospital, from March 14th to 20th (including the Saturday and Sunday). Other forthcoming courses include: infants' diseases, at the Infants Hospital, from April 1st to 13th; ophthalmology, at the Royal Eye Hospital, during the same period; proctology, at St. Mark's Hospital, April 8th to 13th. Individual clinics in various branches of medicine and surgery are provided daily by the panel of teachers. Courses, clinics, etc., attended by the Fellowship are open only to members and associates.

A conference on industrial physics, which is being organized by the Institute of Physics, will be held in Manchester from March 28th to 30th next. The subject for discussion is "Vacuum Devices in Research and Industry." Particulars may be had from the secretary of the Institute, 1, Lowther Gardens, London, S.W.7.
The seventh French Congress on Tuberculosis will be held at Marseilles from April 15th to the 18th under the presidency of Dr. G. Olmer.

The second international course of restorative and plastic and aesthetic surgery will be held in Paris and Prague and Milan under the direction of Professor Burian of Prague and Dr. Claué of Paris from March 29th to April 15th. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Claué, 39, Rue Scheffer, Paris, 16e.

After successful trials the National Institute for the Blind has decided to provide artificial eyes for every blind child in the Sunshine Homes subject in future to the approval of the Institute's medical advisers.

The King has granted Dr. Archer Wilson Dunn authority to wear the Insignia of Chevalier of the Order of the Southern Cross, conferred upon him by the President of the United States of Brazil in recognition of his successful efforts, in difficult and dangerous circumstances, to bring aid to a Brazilian officer who had been critically wounded.

The J. G. Graves Charitable Trust, which was founded by Alderman Graves of Sheffield, has made a grant of £2,500 to the governing body of the Radium Beam Therapy Research, which is conducting an inquiry, at the instance of the Medical Research Council and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, into the treatment of cancer with large masses of radium.

For the sake of economy the Epidemiological Report of the Health Section of the League of Nations, which has hitherto been published monthly, will in future appear only every three months.

Medical practitioners seeking advice on contraceptive methods, or requiring details about equipment of a birth control clinic, are invited to get in touch with the Secretary for the Protection of Birth Control Clinics, 13a, East Street, Walworth, S.E.17.

A telephone telegram from Colombo announces that Lieut.-Colonel J. G. Gill, officer in charge of the Punjab malaria survey, has been selected by the Ceylon Executive Committee for Health to direct the campaign against malaria throughout the island.

The issue for February 23rd of the Revue Médicale de la Suisse Romande and of the Schweizerische medizinische Wochenschrift are dedicated to Dr. Max Askanazy, professor of morbid anatomy at Geneva, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.


Lord Bessborough, Governor-General of Canada, in a national broadcast on March 1st, launched an appeal on behalf of the King's Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund, to which every household in the Dominions is invited to subscribe 1 dollar or more.

On the occasion of the celebration of the second centenary of its foundation the National Academy of Madrid elected the following, among others, as honorary foreign members: England: Sir Charles Sherrington and Sir Henry Dale; France: J. L. Faure, Marcel Labbé, and Jules Comby; Belgium: F. Henryjean; Denmark: A. Krogh; Italy: N. Pende and P. Rondoni; Russia: I. P. Pavlov; United States: W. B. Cannon and R. Matas.

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