Mr. L. R. Broster, surgeon at the Charing Cross Hospital, London, has been awarded the Bronze Medal of the Medical Association of South Africa in recognition of his "great services to this association and to the medical profession of South Africa," Special reference was made at the meeting of the federal council of the association to Mr. Broster's work on the committee of the Empire Medical Advisory Bureau, of which he has been chairman since 1950.

Dr. G. W. Ireland, of Pathhead, Midlothian, has succeeded Sir George Laidlaw as chairman of the Scottish Council of Social Service. Dr. Ireland is a member of the Council of the B.M.A., and a member of the General Medical Council and of the Scottish Health Services Council.

Christmas Cards.—The National Association for Mental Health is offering three designs of Christmas cards this year. A pamphlet illustrating them may be obtained from the headquarters of the association, 39, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

News in Brief.—The Telecubat Unit at Bristol General Hospital was opened by Sir Ernest Rock Carling on November 22.

Speaking at an antibiotics symposium sponsored by Lederle Laboratories in America, Dr. Henry Welch, director of the antibiotics of the Food and Drugs Administration, said that the broad-spectrum antibiotics, chlorotetraacyclene, oxytetracycline, tetracycline, and chloramphenicol, had accounted for $127m. out of the $262m. worth of antibiotics produced last year by United States manufacturers. An additional $19m. worth had gone for animal food supplements. Penicillin production had amounted to $28m., and streptomycin and dihydrostreptomycin to $35m. Since 1942, he added, upwards of 3,500 different antibiotic substances had been isolated and studied.

This year the Springern Medal, which is awarded "for the highest achievement of an American negro," has been won by a distinguished Chicago dermatologist, Dr. T. K. Lawton. This medal is awarded by the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People.

The proceedings of the symposium on oestrogen determination, described on p. 1157 of our November 13 issue, will be published in full in the Memoirs of the Society for Endocrinology. Copies will be available shortly (price 18s.) from the publishers, D. Dobson Ltd., 12, Park Place, St. James's, London, S.W.1.

COMING EVENTS

London Medical Orchestra.—Concert at the London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.1, December 13, 8.30 p.m. Works by Handel, Beethoven, and Schubert. Admission by programme (1s. 6d.).

Institute of Dermatology, London.—Exhibition on varicose conditions of the legs, December 6-24.


Bradshaw Lecture.—Professor Lambert Rogers will lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on "Tumours Involving the Spinal Cord and its Nerve Roots," December 8 at 4 p.m.

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, November 29

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—At Department of Pathology, Tennis Court Road, 5 p.m., Dr. J. Strain-Mish (Oslol): Radiological Examinations in Acute Abdominal Conditions.

● INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Macdonald Critchley: Disturbances of Vision: At the Highest Levels.

● INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women. 4.30 p.m., Dr. R. A. Brew: Chorion Epitheliales and Vesicular Mole.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., lecture-demonstration by Dr. E. Stengel.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. E. A. Carmichael: Some Observations on the Automatic Nervous System.

Tuesday, November 30

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. L. Mary Pickford: Release and Action of Posterior Pituitary Hormones.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. A. K. Monro: Various Conditions of the Leg.

● INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, 12 noon, Professor A. S. Duncan: Antenatal Haemorrhage.

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY: STUDY CIRCLE ON MEDICAL STATISTICS.—At Westminster Medical School, 6 p.m., Dr. L. Bernstein: Teaching of Medical Statistics.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—3.30 p.m., neurological demonstration by Dr. B. G. Parsons-Smith.

Wednesday, December 1

EDINBURGH Clinical Club.—4 p.m., visit to Asley-Ainslie Hospital.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Histochemical Studies of Fungal Infection.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor C. F. Ormerod: Otogenic Vertigo.

INSTITUTE OF URIOLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Dr. W. N. Mascoll: Gonococcal Urchraitis.

LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—(1) 4.30 p.m., Florence Blair-Bell Memorial Lecture by Sir Charles Dodds, F.R.S.; Thoughts on the Human Menaces—Infertility and Cancer. (2) At Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, 7.30 p.m., annual dinner.

MIDLAND Medical Society.—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 154, Great Charles Street, 8.15 p.m., Sir Hetherington Oxliffe: Common Mistakes in Surgical Diagnosis.

NATIONAL MEDICAO-CHIRUGICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., joint meeting with Nottingham Branch, B.M.A., Dr. G. E. Goddard: Some Medical Problems with the National Health Service.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY Medical Society.—At Taylorian Institution, 8.15 p.m., Professor H. A. Krebs, F.R.S.: Role of Biochemical Concepts in Medicine.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Professor J. N. Davison: Recent Developments in the Biochemistry of the Nucleic Acids.

WESTMINSTER Royal INFIRMARY.—3.30 for 3.45 p.m., Dr. C. A. H. Watts: Depressive Disorders in General Practice.

Thursday, December 2

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. Rosalind Pitt-Rivers, F.R.S.: Thyroid Hormones.

FELLOWSHIP OF HOMOEOPATHY.—5 p.m., Dr. M. D. McCracken: Wartime Homoeopathic Experiences in the Airborne Corps.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY Medical-Clinical Society.—At Glasgow University Union, 7.30 p.m., Dr. W. W. Douglas: Rehabilitation of the Elderly Patient.

HOSPITAL GILES Lecture.—At University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Dr. J. D. Matthews: Vascular Disease and Nephropathy in Diabetes Mellitus.

● INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 4.30 p.m., Professor J. Young: Pelvic Osteo-Arthropathy of the Pelvis.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.30 p.m., ophthalmology lecture by Mr. H. D. Preece: Diseases of the Poroid Canal.

ST. ANDREWS University.—At Physiology Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., Professor B. G. Macraeath: Circulation in the Intestinal Disease.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—5 p.m., Dr. D. J. Williams: Demonstration: St. John's Hospital Dermatological Society.—4.30 p.m., clinical cases.

Friday, December 3

● INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. D. H. Brain: Diseases of the Scalp.

● INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. C. Oswald and Mr. Pickard: H. L. Doane: "The Operation of Bronchial Lavage for Pleurisy in Tuberculosis.

KING'S College Hospital Medical School.—4.30 p.m., 7th Thomas Percy Lecture Memorial Lecture by Mr. St. J. D. Buxton: The Simple Fracture. POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4.15 p.m., Dr. M. W. M. Caparo: Side Effects of Gastric and Upper Intestinal Surgery. (2) 4 p.m., Dr. A. G. Galton: Chemistry of Laryngology.

● ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.—5 p.m., Dr. C. F. W. Illingworth: Periosteal Reaction.

WEPHIS Cross Hospital Medical Society.—8.30 p.m., Mr. D. Innes Williams: Intersex in Clinical Practice.

Saturday, December 4

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY Medical School.—10.30 a.m., symposium: Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

● INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 11.15 a.m., Professor I. Donald: Neonatal Asphyxia.

KENT PAEDIATRIC AND CHILD HEALTH SOCIETY.—At Children's Clinic, Farm Street Hospital, Kent, 1.30 p.m., Symposium on Enuresis, Speakers, Dr. E. R. Bramby, Dr. A. Maberly, and Miss E. Shafto.

MEDICINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Liverpool Children's Chest Clinic, 3 p.m., Dr. N. C. Oswald: Chronic Bronchitis.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Daunt.—On October 10, 1954, at Kowloon Hospital, Hong Kong, to Robert, husband of Captain I. E. Daunt, R.A.M.C., a son—George Kieran Nicholas.


DEATHS


Hayward.—On October 30, 1954, at a result of an accident at Cambridge, Brian Harry Grant Hayward, M.B., B.S.