of a successful textbook, *Synopsis of Medicine*. Friends, colleagues, and students alike will wish to join us in congratulating him.

**Liverpool Medical Institution.**—Dr. Margaret E. Thomas was installed as president at the inaugural meeting of the Institution's 121st session on October 10. Professor Bryan McFarland, the retiring president, said it was an historic occasion, for Dr. Thomas was the first woman to be elected president since the Institution was founded in 1837. Dr. Thomas gave her inaugural address on "The Artist's Contribution to Medicine," in which she made particular reference to the work of Leonardo da Vinci and the Dutch School and referred to the local artist George Stubbs.

**World Federation for Mental Health.**—1960 has been designated "World Mental Health Year" by the Federation. Activities planned for that year include: (a) the training of groups to undertake co-ordinated surveys of the occurrence and causes of all types of mental and emotional ill-health; (b) the study of causes which may be preventable through education or community action; (c) increased efforts to study the development of good "positive" health and human relations whatever the interpretation of these may be in different cultures; (d) stimulation of activities within countries all over the world.

**Royal Society of Health.**—Dr. J. A. Scott, Medical Officer of Health, London County Council, has been installed as chairman of council for the year 1957-8.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Maudsley Lecture.**—Royal Medico-Psychological Association's Maudsley Lecture will be given by Sir Wilfrid Le Gros Clark, F.R.S., on November 14 at 2 p.m. His subject will be "Sensory Experience and Brain Structure."

**Frederick Price Lecture.**—Sir Russell Brain will deliver the Frederick Price Lecture on November 14 at 5 p.m. at the Royal College of Physicians, 9, Queen Street, Edinburgh. 2. His subject will be "Neurology Past, Present, and Future."

**Specialist Conference on Psychiatry, Glasgow, October 28 to November 1, arranged by the Postgraduate Medical Faculty of Glasgow University and the Royal Faculty. No fee. Details from Registrar, Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2."