

county. It is hoped to revise the booklet annually if the demand for it is sufficient. Patients suffering from a wide variety of conditions can be catered for in private nursing homes, each of which is registered to accept the type of patient agreed between its matron and the local medical officer of health. This information and other particulars is to be found in *Reference Book of Registered Nursing Homes 1973-74*, obtainable from the Secretary, Registered Nursing Home Association, 3 Moor Lane, Budleigh Salterton, Devon. The booklet is free of charge to the medical and nursing professions, and 50p to others.

Gibraltar and U.K. Health Services

The Department of Health and Social Security has announced a reciprocal health service agreement will be made shortly between the United Kingdom and Gibraltar. Under the agreement, citizens of the United Kingdom visiting Gibraltar will be entitled to any necessary health care while they are there on the same conditions as citizens of Gibraltar, and the converse will be true for citizens of Gibraltar visiting the United Kingdom. The agreement will operate from 1 January 1974 for an initial period of two years.

London University: Chairman of Convocation

Professor J. P. Quilliam, who holds the chair of pharmacology at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was elected chairman of Convocation of the University of London in succession to Sir Charles Harris, who has resigned. It was a contested election, the first since 1938, Professor Quilliam polling 1,998 votes and the other two candidates 1,671 and 1,393 votes, respectively. Professor Quilliam will hold office until May 1976.

People in the News

Air Vice-Marshal G. H. Dhenin has been appointed director-general of medical services, R.A.F., with the acting rank of Air Marshal, from January 1974, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Ernest Sidey.

COMING EVENTS

M.R.C. Psych (final) and D.P.M. (part C) Revision Course.—16-18 November, Brookwood Hospital, Woking. For details see advertisement on page xxi.

"Training for General Practice."—Day conference, 18 November, 10.30 a.m., King's Lynn Hospital, by the East Anglia Regional Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education in association with the R.C.G.P. Details from Dr. B. B. Reiss, 125 Newmarket Road, Cambridge. (Tel. 50198, or 54866.)

"Biological Consequences of Family Planning."—Oliver Bird lecture by Sir Peter Medawar, C.H., F.R.S., 21 November, 5 p.m., Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London W.1. Sir John Peel will preside. Admission free, without ticket.

Seminar at B.M.A. House.—"Disaster Planning, 23 November. For details see advertisement on page iv.

National Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital.—Annual conference, 26 November, Church House, Westminster. Fee £4.50 (including lunch). Details from the conference secretary, N.A.W.C.H., Exton House, 7 Exton Street, London SE1 8VE. (Tel. 01-261 1738.)

"Accidents and Emergencies."—Annual symposium, 6-8 December, Windsor Postgraduate Medical Centre. Details from Miss M. S. Christian, at the postgraduate centre, King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Berks.

"Current Trends in Antibiotic Therapy."—Symposium, 7 December, West Middlesex Hospital. Admission free but application should be made. Details from the secretary of the medical centre, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, Middx. (Tel. 01-560 2121, extn. 294.)

Royal College of Surgeons of England.—Symposium, "Management of Some Diseases Common to Medicine and Surgery," 11-12 December. Applications for tickets (£2 if refreshments are required) to Mr. W. Webber, R.C.S., 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel. 01-405 3474, extn. 23.)

6th Miami Winter Symposia.—14-18 January 1974, Florida, U.S.A., sponsored by the International Union of Biochemistry. Details from Miami Winter Symposia, P.O. Box 906, Biscayne Annex, Miami, Florida 33152, U.S.A.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Monday, 12 November

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. P. D. Samman: Nail Formation and Growth.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Clinicopathological conference by Professor L. Michaels.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Professor A. A. Glynn: Immunology of Acute Bacterial Infections.

Tuesday, 13 November

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, 5 p.m., Professor M. Panigel (Paris): Functional Differentiation of Trophoblast in Mammalian and Human Placenta.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Professor J. D. Hardcastle: Some General Aspects of Cancer.

Wednesday, 14 November

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Aubrey Lewis lecture by Professor M. Bleuler (Zürich): The Longterm Course of Schizophrenic Psychoses.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Professor P. Sleight: Carotid Sinus and Hypertension.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Professor A. S. Breathnach: The Melanocyte and Melanogenesis.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Davis memorial lecture by Professor N. Tystrup (Denmark).

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Pathology lecture.

Thursday, 15 November

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 7.30 p.m., laboratory and demonstration meeting.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE, LONDON.—At Mare Street, Hackney, 8 p.m., Dr. C. Murray Parkes: Bereavement.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Mr. D. B. Paintin: Effect of Pregnancy on the Blood.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. Wigley (New Zealand): Aspirin and the Kidney.

Friday, 16 November

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Oliver Sharpey lecture by Professor R. Hoffenberg: Aetiology of Hyperthyroidism.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Mr. F. V. Nicolle: Chinese Medicine—Ancient and Modern; 4 p.m., Professor M. D. Rawlins: Plasma Levels of Drugs as a Guide to Therapy.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—G. H. Elder, M. E. French, D. G. Leaver. Dr. J. M. Temperley has been awarded the Raymond Horton-Smith prize, 1972-3.

GLASGOW

M.D.—W. D. S. Hepburn, J. O'D. McGee (with honours), W. J. MacLennan (with honours).

PH.D.—*In the Faculty of Medicine:* J. C. Campbell, Janice E. Ferguson, G. D. Green, S-H.

Gunther, G. I. Hickey, M. B. Hodgins, D. G. MacDonald, Frances J. McKean, M. J. McQueen, I. A. Sallam, T. E. Wheldon.

LONDON

M.D.—Joan Andrews, J. Blagdon, J. L. Day.

M.S.—M. P. McBrien, K. W. Reynolds.

PH.D.—*In the Faculty of Medicine:* O. F. M. Ali, W. Jayaratnam Shieela J. Jones, B. Rager Zisman, M. J. Shearer.

M.Sc.—*In the Faculty of Medicine:* Nicola F. Ruck.

BELFAST

Appointments.—Dr. D. A. McCullough (lecturer in physiology); Dr. J. P. Balmer (lecturer in radiological anatomy).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the college held on 1 November, with the president, Dr. J. Halliday Croom, in the chair, Professor I. A. D. Bouchier was elected a Fellow of the college.

The following were elected members of the college:

J. E. McKnight, J. Andress, Joyce D. Baird, E. Housley, J. A. Savin.

APPOINTMENTS

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. D. K. Mukerji (consultant anaesthetist, Bury and Rossendale group); Dr. R. Karpin (consultant pathologist, haematology, Blackburn and District group); Dr. D. M. Forster, Dr. G. A. Kazi (consultant anaesthetists, Blackpool and Fylde group); Mr. S. G. W. Gough (consultant traumatic and orthopaedic surgeon, Salford and Wrightington group); Dr. C. M. Whitby (consultant and chest physician, Wythenshawe and North Cheshire group); Dr. R. T. Wensley (consultant haematologist, National Blood Transfusion Service and United Manchester Hospitals); Dr. R. W. John (consultant paediatrician, North Lancashire and South Westmorland group); Dr. S. A. Haider (consultant paediatrician, Bury and Rossendale group); Dr. M. J. G. Smith (consultant radiologist, Preston and Chorley group).

SHEFFIELD REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. W. G. Reeves (consultant immunologist, Nottingham City Hospital).

Corrections

Medical Officers' Prospects

Commenting on suggestions that the medical branches of the three armed Services should be unified, the leading article last week (3 November, p. 247) should have said it is generally acknowledged that such amalgamation would diminish instead of increase the speed of communication while the Royal Navy, the Army, and the R.A.F. remain separate commands. We regret that the opposite sense was inadvertently stated.

Pyomyositis in London

We regret that a printing error occurred in the letter from Dr. P. E. T. Isaacs (27 October, p. 235). In the 6th line of the second paragraph the word "temperature" should have read "temperate".

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