

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Whittington Hospital Academic Centre

On 19 January Sir JOHN McMICHAEL, F.R.S., Professor of Medicine at the Postgraduate Medical School of London and Director-designate of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, gave the inaugural lecture at the Whittington Hospital Academic Centre, which was officially opened last year (see *B.M.J.*, 1965, 16 October, p. 951). Sir John's theme was "Medical Education and the General Practitioner." The doctor to-day, he said, should have a training in the biological sciences, which were revolutionizing medicine, and should be continuously educating himself in these areas of progress. He should be taught only by specialists, who should pay attention to the clear expression of ideas and avoid technical jargon. There was an urgent need for development in clinical pharmacology. The general practitioner was constantly exposed to a flood of new and powerful drugs, and our medical schools, for the most part, were neither equipped nor staffed to apply independent scientific tests and judgment to the detailed action of these new remedies. The present arrangements, Sir John thought, were "too haphazard" to provide the best possible protection to the public.

### Adviser in Leprosy to the Ministry

Dr. STANLEY G. BROWNE, medical consultant to the Leprosy Mission, has been appointed consultant adviser in leprosy to the Ministry of Health. Dr. Browne qualified in 1933 from King's College Hospital and a year later gained the Murchison Scholarship of the Royal College of Physicians. In 1936 he went as a Baptist missionary doctor to the Belgian Congo, where he became interested in the problems of endemic disease and helped to establish a number of health centres. His work in the Congo was recognized by the King of the Belgians. In 1959 he was appointed senior specialist (leprosy) of the Eastern Nigeria leprosy research unit and associate lecturer in leprosy at the University of Ibadan. He recently returned to England to be director of the Leprosy Study Centre in London and to undertake the duties of secretary and treasurer of the International Leprosy Association.

### Lady Tata Memorial Trust

The trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust invite applications for fellowships, scholarships, and grants for research on leukaemia in the academic year beginning 1 October. In view of the affinity between leukaemia and other forms of neoplastic disease candidates with programmes of research on any aspect of malignant disease which may throw light on problems of leukaemia will be eligible for consideration. The trustees specially wish to encourage studies of the leukaemogenic viruses in mammals, the epidemiology and natural history of leukaemia, and the immunogenetic aspects. Two fellowships at the rate of £1,500 a year, tenable for three years with provision for superannuation and annual increments of £100, are offered to senior workers with research experience. Scholarships at the rate of £800 sterling a year for whole-time research, with proportional adjust-

ment for work on a part-time basis, are awarded for the personal remuneration of workers carrying out approved research under suitable direction. Grants within this range are also made for research expenses, or to provide scientific or technical assistance for senior workers. Details and forms of application may be obtained from the Secretary of the (European) Scientific Advisory Committee, Lady Tata Memorial Trust, Chester Beatty Research Institute, Fulham Road, London S.W.3. Applications must be submitted before 31 March, and awards will be announced in June.

### Wessex Regional School of Psychiatry

The Wessex Regional School of Psychiatry at Knowle Hospital, Fareham, was formally opened on 24 January by Dr. K. MATHER, F.R.S., Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University. The school can accommodate 30 students and has been planned to give comprehensive postgraduate training to psychiatric registrars and general practitioners. Teaching is led by Dr. IAN SKOTTOWE and organization and administration are under Dr. STEPHEN MACKEITH. The school has close links with all the psychiatric hospitals in the region, Southampton University, and the new Wessex Neurosurgical Centre.

### Medical Research Council

A Cardiovascular Research Unit is to be set up by the Medical Research Council on 1 February at the Postgraduate Medical School of London, Hammersmith Hospital. It will continue and expand, under the direction of Dr. J. P. SHILLINGFORD, the research into diseases of the heart and circulation previously undertaken by the council's research group with the same title. Special emphasis will be put on research into the intensive care of patients after coronary thrombosis, the haemodynamic changes taking place in cardiovascular disease, and into methods of improving diagnosis and treatment.

### Antibiotics in Milk

The Milk Marketing Board announced last week that it was planning to introduce the penalty of price reduction, provisionally on 1 April, for milk containing antibiotics (see *B.M.J.*, 1963, 8 June, p. 1491). Under the penalty scheme the buyer will notify the producer and the board when the milk has failed to pass the test. No reduction in price will be made in respect of a first failure. Subsequent failures, unless preceded by a period of six months during which the milk passed the test, will mean a deduction of 1s. a gallon from the prevailing monthly price for all milk in the consignment that fails the test.

### Medical Study of Boxing

A committee set up by the Royal College of Physicians to study the medical aspects of boxing has decided that evidence should be taken from medical officers in charge of boxers, amateur and professional, and from referees. It has also decided that a study should be made of the histories of professional boxers whose licences have been withdrawn for medical reasons during the last 10 years. The committee, which is under the chairmanship of LORD BRAIN, has received from the Wellcome Trust a grant of £7,000 over three years. A grant of £3,000 over

the same period has been promised by the Sports Council.

### Annual Dinner in Hong Kong

At the eighth dinner of the Chinese Medical Association and the British Medical Association the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir DAVID TRENCH, referred to the Colony's shortage of doctors (see *B.M.J.*, 1965, 6 February, p. 394). At the beginning of the current academic year, he said, 120 students had entered the medical faculty, an increase of 50% in two years. He also said that the primary examination of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh would be held in Hong Kong this year.

### B.M.A. Chess Competition

In 1937 the late Dr. C. E. Douglas, of St. Andrews, presented the Melbourne Chess Cup to be competed for annually by members of the Association. It was so named to commemorate the B.M.A.'s Annual Meeting in Australia in 1935. The competition was discontinued after 1939 and attempts to revive it failed until 1952, when Dr. Y. L. Tan, of Great Yarmouth, was the winner. The proposal has now been made that the competition should be started again. Any member of the Association who is interested in this suggestion is invited to communicate with the Secretary, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

### Indian Medical Association (Great Britain)

The following have been elected officers of the Indian Medical Association (Great Britain) for 1966: *president*, Dr. W. N. SATPUTE; *honorary joint secretaries*, Dr. L. R. SAUAMAN and Dr. V. V. MOHILI; *honorary treasurer*, Dr. J. B. LOBO.

### Grants and Awards

The Sembal Trust has given £35,000 over seven years towards the development of teaching and research in child psychiatry at the Institute of Child Health, and the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London W.C.1.

**Correction.**—In the list of contents for *Gut*, Vol. 6, No. 6, 1965, published in the *B.M.J.* of 15 January, p. 182, the title of the article by W. C. Watson was printed incorrectly. It should have read "Malabsorption of small doses of castor oil in patients without steatorrhoea."

### Coming Events

**British Association of Manipulative Medicine.**—Manipulation in General Practice, "Lumbar and Sacro-iliac Area," 12–13 February, 28 Wimpole Street, London W.1. Details from Secretary, B.A.M.M., 75 Wimpole Street, London W.1.

**Royal College of Surgeons of England.**—Centenary commemoration of the birth of Sir Arthur Keith, F.R.S., Conservator of the Hunterian Museum and later Master of the Buckston Browne Farm, 14 February, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London W.C.2. Introductory address by LORD BROCK, P.R.C.S., Sir Arthur Keith Memorial Lecture by Professor Sir WILFRID LE GROS CLARK, F.R.S. No tickets required.

**Sheffield University Faculty of Medicine.**—Course in dermatology for general practitioners, 28 March to 1 April. For details see advertisement on p. xxvii.