

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Report on Issels Clinic

On 3 March the report of the team which visited Dr. Issels's clinic was published by the Department of Health and Social Security (see leader at p. 516). The team, led by Professor Sir David Smithers (*B.M.J.*, 16 January, p. 183), spent over 200 hours in the clinic, during which they met the staff, studied the records, attended ward rounds and demonstrations, and made abstracts of notes on former patients. The conclusion reached by the team was that "on the clinical and scientific evidence available to us we consider that no further investigation of the methods of treatment peculiar to this clinic is called for." *A Report on the Treatment of Cancer at the Ringberg-Clinic Rottach Eger, Bavaria*. London, H.M.S.O., 1971. Price 15p net.

### Postgraduate Seminars at B.M.A. House

The one-day obstetric and gynaecological seminar organized by Mr. David Brown of Chelmsford will be held at B.M.A. House, London, on Friday, 19 March from 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Open to any N.H.S. general practitioner in England and Wales (limited to 50) the seminar has been approved as two sessions under Section 63 of the Health Services and Public Health Act 1968. (For details see advertisement page xxiv.) The registration fee is £2 (including lunch), and application should be made to the Secretary of the Board of Science and Education by telephone (01-387 4499) or by using the form in the advertisement.

It is hoped that the subjects for the two following seminars will be: paediatrics (Friday 16 April), general medicine (Friday 14 May).

### Postgraduate Medical Education

The Council for Postgraduate Medical Education in England and Wales held its second meeting on 16 February at the Royal College of Physicians, London. At its first meeting the council had decided to defer consideration of the appointment of specialist advisory committees until a later date, but had agreed that the representatives of the B.M.A. and of the Royal College of General Practitioners should put forward ideas about the composition of an advisory committee on general practice. At its second meeting the council received a report on the suggested composition of such a committee and agreed that it should consist of the general-practitioner members of the council and their appointed deputies, together with a further four members each of the Royal College of General Practitioners and of the General Medical Services Committee of the B.M.A. The Council added one postgraduate dean and one clinical tutor to this number. The general-practice advisory committee is to advise the council on all aspects of its functions which concern or affect general practice in the National Health Service.

The council decided to discuss at an early meeting the composition and functions of regional postgraduate committees, together with the necessary staffing provision. Inquiries are being made in all regions and discussion has already begun on the best

methods for securing good communications between the regions and the council.

Among other matters which the council considered were the steps to be taken to ascertain the costs of postgraduate medical education at the present time to universities, to the National Health Service, and to the professional bodies. The council also considered its policy in the matter of research. It is unlikely that the council will undertake research directly itself, but its interests will cover methods of postgraduate training and education, the techniques for taking information from the centre to the periphery, and the assessment of needs, region by region, to determine the logistics of the problems of postgraduate medical education and training.

## COMING EVENTS

**Obstetric Anaesthetists Association.**—Day symposium, "Epidural Analgesia in Obstetrics," 18 March, Kingston Hospital. Details from the secretary, Department of Anaesthetics, Kingston Hospital, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey. (Tel. 01-546 7711, extn. 401.)

**Society of Medical Officers of Health: Research Group.**—All-day meeting, "Organization of Research," 19 March. Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London N.W.1. Fee 50p (including lunch). Details from Dr. F. W. Murphy, Health and Welfare Department, Billet Lane, Hornchurch RM11 1XL, Essex. (Tel. Hornchurch 52555.)

**"Medical Hazards of Environmental Pollution."**—Day symposium, 19 March, Middlesbrough, sponsored by Cleveland and Middlesbrough Division of B.M.A. and the Newcastle upon Tyne Regional Postgraduate Institute. Application forms and details are obtainable from the clinical tutor, Dr. J. K. Morgan, South Teesside Postgraduate Centre, West Lane Hospital, Middlesbrough, Teesside.

## 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, 8 March**  
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Mr. A. K. Monro: Malignant Melanoma.

**Tuesday, 9 March**  
EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 8 p.m., Dr. A. A. Spence: Problems and Mechanisms of Postoperative Hypoxaemia.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: SOUTH LONDON FACULTY.—At Royal Army Medical College, 8.15 p.m., Dr. G. F. Vaughan: Areas of Deficient Knowledge in Adolescence.

**Wednesday, 10 March**  
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. L. Szur: Radiotherapy for Malignant Skin Diseases—I.  
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. M. Honey: Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Massive Pulmonary Embolism.  
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Surgeon Commander N. J. Blacklock: Prostatitis.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Dr. G. Dean: Multiple Sclerosis—a Preventable Disease.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. C. O. Carter: Genetic Counselling.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11.45 a.m., Clinicopathological conference by Professor R. Fraser: Pheochromocytoma; 2 p.m., Professor M. A. Epstein: Viral Oncogenesis.

### Thursday, 11 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor P. James: Surgical Treatment of Mandibular Joint Disorders.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. C. J. Gavey: clinicopathological conference.

### Friday, 12 March

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Professor J. D. Hardcastle: Organ Perfusion for Studying Function; 4 p.m., Dr. J. G. G. Ledingham: Renin and Angiotensin and its relationship to Hypertension.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. A. Radcliffe: Management of Chronic Maxillary Sinusitis.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE REGIONAL NEUROLOGICAL CENTRE.—At Newcastle General Hospital, 5.30 p.m., Dr. T. A. Lie (Holland): Congenital Malformation of Carotid and Basilar Systems.

### Sunday, 14 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—10.15 a.m., seminar for general practitioners by Mr. S. E. Birdsall.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

LONDON  
PH.D.—*In the Faculty of Medicine:* Diana M. Bailey, M. I. Berry, P. V. Chatfield.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

The following have been elected Members:

G. Sangster, H. Conway.  
Hill Pattison-Struthers Bursaries have been awarded to Dr. R. Kumar, and to Dr. V. H. L. Sundrasingham.

## H.M. FORCES

Major-General R. I. Mitchell, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen, in succession to Major-General J. A. D. Johnston, late R.A.M.C., retired.

Surgeon Commodore A. O'Connor has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen, in succession to Surgeon Captain J. W. Walker.

*Appointments.*—Group Captain D. O. Williams, Wing Commander F. E. S. Keiller (R.A.F. Hospital Cosford, consultants in surgery); Wing Commander M. W. Sleight (P.M. R.A.F. Hospital, Akrotiri, consultant in surgery).

### ROYAL NAVY

Surgeon Commanders J. Keeling, P. J. Preston, and W. A. N. Mackie to be Surgeon Captains.

### ARMY

Colonel J. F. D. Murphy, late R.A.M.C., to be Brigadier.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. N. Evans, from R.A.M.C., to be Colonel.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE

Air Vice-Marshal E. S. Sidey, C.B., Q.H.S., to be Air Marshal.

Group Captains T. H. Redfern and D. C. Paley to be Air Commodores.

Wing Commander J. D. Crowlesmith to be Group Captain.

## CORRECTION

In the article "Retinal Detachments" by Mr. J. R. Hudson (16 January, p. 155) Figs. 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 originally appeared in an article by the same author in *Operative Surgery*, Vol. 10, published by Butterworths. We regret that no acknowledgement was made of the original source.

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