

Attitude of Psychiatrists to Abortion Bill

A deputation from the Royal Medico-Psychological Association has informed the Home Office that the great majority of psychiatrists in Britain support the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill as it stands. In a statement the association, which has over 3,000 members, says that evidence was given of a survey of opinion showing that nearly 60% of psychiatrists supported the Bill, 25% favoured more liberal legislation, while some 15% would prefer legislation embodying present case law "or other relatively restrictive proposals."

University of Ife

Nigeria's youngest university, the University of Ife, has conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters on Lord FULTON, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex and chairman of the United Kingdom Inter-University Council, and on Sir SAMUEL MANUWA, former Inspector-General of Medical Services in Nigeria. Sir Samuel was recently appointed Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of the University of Ibadan.

A.B.P.I. Code of Practice

A revised version of the code of practice of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry was announced in its annual report last week. The new code prohibits gifts other than promotional aids that are relevant to medicine and of little monetary value. It stipulates that information on side-effects and contraindications must be given in all promotional material other than "reminder" advertisements. Medical representatives, it says, "must have been thoroughly trained and be competent to provide the necessary technical service." The committee that will administer the code is being reconstructed, with a chairman appointed from outside the industry. Sir JOSEPH MOLONY, Q.C., formerly chairman of the General Council of the Bar, has accepted this appointment. The association's annual report shows that exports last year totalled £75m., 12% more than the previous year and a record.

Royal Society

From 19 June all correspondence (except that directed to 6 Cornwall Terrace, London N.W.1) should be addressed to the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London S.W.1 (Telephone: 01-839-5561).

People in the News

- ▶ Dr. LESLIE W. JONES has been elected chairman of the Anglesey County Council.
- ▶ Dr. J. A. DICKSON has been appointed to a readership in the biochemistry of cancer in the department of clinical biochemistry, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The appointment will carry with it the deputy directorship of a cancer research unit.
- ▶ Mrs. HAZEL POPJAK, deputy editor of the British Council's *British Medical Bulletin* since 1950, has had the M.B.E. conferred on her in the Birthday Honours.
- ▶ Dr. WALLACE BRIGDEN has been appointed as civilian consultant in cardiology to the Royal Navy. He succeeds Dr. WILLIAM EVANS.

Recent Publications

A second edition of the *Directory of Courses in Occupational Safety and Health*, covering the period 1966-8, has been prepared by the International Labour Office, Geneva. Courses are grouped by country, the details being given in English, French, or Spanish.

Control of Water Pollution, a comparative survey of the legislation of 13 countries. W.H.O. offprint from *International Digest of Health Legislation* (volume 17, No. 4) available through H.M.S.O., price £1.

Coming Events

Institute of Cardiology.—Haile Selassie Lecture, "Aspects of the Applied Physiology of the Neonatal Circulation," by Professor KENNETH CROSS, 23 June, 5 p.m., Royal College of Physicians, St. Andrew's Place, London N.W.1. Open to all members of the profession.

Guy's Dinner.—7 July, 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m., Senior Common Room, Bristol University. Price 35s. Details from Dr. S. C. C. SCOTT, Station Road, Epping, Essex, or from Dr. PHILIP HICKSON, Littlecote, Rowden Hill, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—Exhibition of children's wards and departments in various types of hospitals. Open until beginning of September (Monday to Friday, 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.), Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W.1.

International Conference on Radiological Health Problems.—17-20 August, McGill University. Details from Dr. D. WALDRON-EDWARD, Honorary Secretary, Organizing Committee, Donner Building for Medical Research, McGill University, Montreal.

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, 19 June

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—6.15 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Pathogenic Mycobacteria—Typical and Atypical.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., combined staff consultation clinical meeting.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 4 p.m., Dr. F. Avery Jones: Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis. (2) 6 p.m., Dr. C. Prys-Roberts: Determinants of Cardiac Function during Anaesthesia.

Tuesday, 20 June

B.B.C.—2 TELEVISION.—1.15 p.m., medicine today: Suint. (Sponsored by A.S.M.E.)

CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Graduate Society, Trumpington Street, 8.30 p.m., Dr. D. Brather-ton: Medical Uses of Radioisotopes.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor Margaret R. Murray (New York): Some Factors Influencing Peripheral Myelin Formation and Degeneration in a Culture System.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Mr. Selwyn Taylor: Malignant Goitre.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. R. I. S. Bayliss: Clinicopathological conference.

Wednesday, 21 June

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. W. W. Holland: Geographic and Other Factors in Chronic Bronchitis.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Nuffield Maternity Home Lecture Theatre, Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Litchfield Lecture by Professor H. Husslein (Vienna): Ultrasonic Diagnosis in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. D. Thomas (Boston): The Role of Platelets.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 10.15 a.m., medical staff round. (2) 11.45 a.m., clinico-

pathological conference. (3) 2 p.m., Dr. P. M. D'Arcy Hart: Immunization against Tuberculosis. (4) 5 p.m., Professor J. Skladal (Prague): Some Physiological Aspects of the Pathogenesis of Emphysema.

STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL.—(1) 12.15 p.m., Dr. D. MacCarthy: clinical cases. (2) 6 p.m., Dr. M. Kinsbourne: Hypothalamic Syndromes.

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—At Lecture Theatre, 5 p.m., postgraduate lecture by Professor J. Yudkin: Obesity.

Thursday, 22 June

LONDON ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION.—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, 6 p.m., visit to Children's Prosthetic Unit, Dr. I. Fletcher: Congenital Limb Deformities.

LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11 Chandos Street, London W, 8.15 p.m., Dr. W. Oakley: Recent Advances in the Management of Diabetes and its Complications.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 4 p.m., Professor H. Bentall: Obstructive Lesions of the Left Ventricular Outflow Tract. (2) 4 p.m., medical guest lecture.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.—At Town Hall, Llandudno, 10 a.m., papers by Dr. D. E. Parry-Pritchard and Dr. P. Alwyn-Smith on Health Services and Hospital Services during the Next Century.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. R. M. Wynn (New York University): Changing Concepts of Human Placental Structure.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. P. R. Fleming: Cardiomyopathy.

Friday, 23 June

BROOK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. Colover: The Myopathies.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES MEDICAL CENTRE.—8.15 p.m., Dr. D. Stafford-Clark: Hysteria—Fact and Fiction.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.15 a.m., Research in Progress.

Sunday, 25 June

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, LONDON.—At Lecture Theatre (4th floor), 10.30 a.m., discussion of practical problems by consultant obstetricians and gynaecologists of City of London Maternity Hospital and Royal Northern Hospital.

Corrections

Varicose Veins, Oral Contraceptives, and Thromboembolism.—Mr. JULIAN C. F. TOWNSEND, F.R.C.S., writes: The *B.M.J.* of 3 June (p. 637) contains a letter from myself and my colleagues under the above heading. I am sorry to say that it contains an error of fact, which was discovered on checking the figures after correspondence with Mr. Fegan. The dose administered to this patient was not 10 ml., as stated, but 5 ml. as five 1-ml. injections. The dose stated is large for the case described, and it would be wrong to convey the impression that we routinely use doses of this order, although we may do so for the occasional patient with extensive varices.

The lecture given at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at 10.15 a.m. on Friday, 9 June (*B.M.J.*, 3 June, p. 648), was given by Mr. D. A. Campbell Reid on "Neurovascular Pedicle Transfers in Hand Reconstruction" and not as was stated.

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