

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Abortion Inquiry

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Social Services, and the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales have now appointed members to the committee on the working of the Abortion Act under the chairmanship of Mrs. Justice Lane (27 February, p. 512). They are Dr. Josephine Barnes (consultant gynaecologist, Charing Cross group of hospitals), Mrs. K. M. Barratt (headmistress, Netherhall Secondary School for Girls, Cambridge), Professor I. R. C. Batchelor (professor of psychiatry, University of Dundee), Mrs. J. Cheetham (lecturer, department of social and administrative studies, Oxford University), Dr. D. J. Pereira Gray (general practitioner, Exeter), Miss J. Gutteridge (staff manageress, Marks & Spencer Ltd.), Mr. A. M. Johnston (member of Scottish law commission), Mrs. E. Learner (social worker, University College Hospital), Miss M. E. Munro (nursing sister, St. Thomas's Hospital), Miss D. Rasbach (information officer for Confederation of British Industries), Dr. Rosemary Rue (S.A.M.O., Oxford Regional Hospital Board), Professor A. T. Turnbull (professor of obstetrics and gynaecology, Welsh National School of Medicine), Dr. D. G. Wilson (general practitioner, Bushey), and Miss R. B. Worsley (chief nursing officer, Portsmouth Hospital Management Committee).

### Chair of Occupational Health, Manchester

Dr. W. R. Lee, reader in occupational health at Manchester University since 1968, has been appointed its professor of occupational health in succession to Professor T. S. Scott, who retires at the end of September. Dr. Lee was educated at Allyn's School, Dulwich, and Guy's Hospital Medical School. He graduated in 1945. After various house posts he served with the R.A.F. in Britain and Egypt, 1946-53. Following this with experience in general practice and in industrial health he became lecturer in occupational health at Manchester in 1958 and was promoted senior lecturer in 1965. He has been editor of the *British Journal of Industrial Medicine* since 1966. Dr. Lee holds a number of medical advisory appointments in British and European industry and is a member of several international organizations in the field of occupational health.

### Drug Licensing

After 1 July 1971 all new drugs will need to be licensed by the Committee on Safety of Medicines, part of the Medicines Commission. Regulations announced last week cover licensing of new products and licensing of manufacturers and wholesalers. The licensing authority will take into account the "safety, efficacy, and quality of any new products" before granting a licence.

### Regional Hospitals' Consultants and Specialists Association

The following officers have been elected: *president*, Mr. S. C. Simmons; *joint honorary secretaries*, Dr. H. Vickers and Dr. N. A. Simmons; *treasurer*, Mr. K. P. Abel (continuing his term of office).

## COMING EVENTS

**National Association for Maternal and Child Welfare.**—Annual conference, "Children of Today—the Hazards of Environment," 30 June-2 July, Westminster. Details from N.A.M.C.W., Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JG. (Tel. 01-387 1874.)

**British Thoracic and Tuberculosis Association.**—Annual conference, jointly with Scottish Thoracic Society, 4-8 July, Edinburgh. Details from the secretary, B.T.T.A., 59 Portland Place, London W1N 3AJ (Tel. 01-636 3810.)

## 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, 28 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. R. H. Meera: Cutaneous Sarcoid.  
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., combined consultation clinical meeting.

### Tuesday, 29 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. H. Baker: Percutaneous Absorption.  
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—5 p.m., Dr. A. Thomas (Arsenal F.C.): The Hazards of Sport.  
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. F. Dudley Hart: clinicopathological conference.

### Wednesday, 30 June

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Professor J. O. Forfar: Neonatal Convulsions.  
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—6.30 p.m., Croonian lecture by Professor J. F. Brock: Nature, Nurture and Disease.  
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor H. Smith: Mechanisms of Microbial Pathogenicity.  
WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL, LONDON.—11.30 a.m., Professor T. R. E. Pilkington: Classification of Hyperhidroses.

### Thursday, 1 July

INSTITUTE OF CARDIOLOGY.—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5 p.m., Haile Selassie lecture by Professor A. Rudolf (California): Postnatal Distress and the Ductus Arteriosus.  
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—1.15 p.m., Professor D. Denny-Brown (Harvard): Function of Descending Root of Fifth Nerve.  
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Mr. J. Trapnell: Pancreatitis.

### Friday, 2 July

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Mr. T. J. S. Patterson: Blood Supply of Skin Grafts.

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

Professor R. de Vernejoul, of Marseilles, has been admitted to the Honorary Fellowship and Professor Mahmoud Badr, of Cairo, has been admitted to the Fellowship by election.

Diplomas of Fellowship have been granted to R. Nambiar and J. P. Lynch, and a diploma of Fellowship in the Faculty of Anaesthetists has been granted to T. N. Appleyard.

### ABERDEEN

*Appointments.*—Dr. Lilian E. Murchison (lecturer, therapeutics and pharmacology); Dr. J. G. Simpson (lecturer, pathology); Dr. C. P. Warlow (lecturer, medicine).

### CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—A. F. Smith.

### MANCHESTER

*Appointments.*—Dr. C. M. Harris (senior lecturer, general practice, and senior principal in the Darbshire House Health Centre); Mr. J. B. Elder (senior lecturer, surgery); Mr. R. Y. Wilson (lecturer, surgery).

### NOTTINGHAM

*Appointments.*—Dr. A. T. Birmingham (reader in physiology); Dr. P. F. Harris (reader in human morphology).

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

F.R.C.S.Ed.—W. V. Benz, B. B. Devroy, Gita Dey, T. P. E. Nener, S. Nirmalananda.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

M.R.C.PATH.—W. C. Alston, D. C. J. Bassett, D. L. Brown, Patricia A. Burton, I. Chorlton, J. V. Clark, T. A. Cook, J. A. De Freitas, R. I. A. Fenwick, R. D. Finney, D. A. Gardner, D. I. Graham, J. S. Greenspan, A. M. Holburn, Joan M. Horder, A. K. M. S. Islam, Jean W. Keeling, R. W. Lacey, Elizabeth J. Lord, A. G. MacIver, A. Omer, F. J. Paradinas, J. E. Pettit, Mapatunage N. Prematilake, F. B. Presswalla, C. G. L. Raper, J. L. Richards, G. J. Roberts, P. J. Sanderson, R. Sinniah, J. C. Southam, A. Stevens, I. C. Talbot, A. W. Walker, R. N. Walmsley, S. W. Williams.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

F.R.C.P.I.—Bridget V. Foley, R. A. L. Agnew, M. W. P. Carney, Deborah M. Keelan, E. Tempany, J. B. Hourihane, K. Jones, C. F. Bartholomew, J. H. Thompson, C. M. Hyland, F. E. A. Lesi, F. J. Timoney, P. J. Bofin, N. G. O'Brien, A. O. Williams, D. R. O'Holohan, A. M. M. Nhonoli.  
M.R.C.P.I.—M. S. Ali, M. Carmody, T. Dewreawoo, K. D. Donovan, P. W. Doherty, E. L. Egan, R. C. Kakaty, J. R. Lennon, Aung Myint, T. A. O'Gorman, T. H. Pierce, A. O. Somorin.

## CORRECTIONS

### Levodopa in Parkinsonism

In the article on "Levodopa in Parkinsonism: The Effects of Withdrawal of Anticholinergic Drugs" (29 May, p. 487) the word "Levodopa" at the top of the fourth column in Table I should have appeared at the top of the sixth column.

### London M.D.

We regret that the name of Dr. P. R. Grob was misspelt Gerob in the announcement of his London M.D. award (5 June, p. 600).

### Medical Birthday Honours

We regret the omission (19 June, p. 720) of the names of Dr. Satya Saran Chatterjee, deputy chairman, North-west Conciliation Committee, Race Relations Board, Dr. James Romanes Davidson, general director, Quarrier's Homes, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, and Dr. Morrell Henry Draper, deputy director, Poultry Research Centre, Edinburgh, who have all been appointed O.B.E. (Civil Division).

### Economy Drive on Drug Prescriptions

In a letter on this subject by Dr. J. G. L. Cole (5 June, p. 593) we regret that we erroneously inserted a reference to the *Birmingham Post*. The letter referred to misleading statements in the national and local press in connexion with a press release from the Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham. We are informed that the *Birmingham Post* was probably the only newspaper in Britain to carry an accurate account, as the press release was corrected before the *Post* went to press.—ED., *B.M.J.*

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