

Medical News

Regius Chair of Surgery, University of Aberdeen

Mr. GEORGE SMITH, reader in surgery in the University of Glasgow, has been appointed to the regius chair of surgery in succession to Professor W. C. WILSON, who retires at the end of September.

Mr. Smith was born in 1919 and educated at the Grove Academy, Queen's College, and the University of St. Andrews, graduating M.B., Ch.B. with commendation in 1942. After holding a surgical house appointment at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee, he served in the R.N.V.R., being awarded M.B.E. (Mil. Div.) in 1945. On demobilization he became assistant to the professor of pathology and assistant pathologist to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, later becoming extra-dispensary surgeon there. He took the F.R.F.P.S. and the F.R.C.S.Ed. in 1949. From 1949 to 1951 he was a Commonwealth Fund Fellow at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Columbia University, and Western Reserve University, Cleveland. In 1951 he was appointed



lecturer in surgical cardiology in the University of Glasgow, senior lecturer in 1953, and reader in 1961. He is also consultant surgeon to the Western Infirmary and Stobhill General Hospitals in Glasgow. In 1957 he graduated M.D. with honours and the Rutherford Gold Medal at St. Andrews, and Ch.M. with honours in 1959. In 1958 he was elected Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. While most of his published work has been on the cardiovascular system he has been concerned over the last four years with the application of hyperbaric oxygen administration in the treatment of carbon monoxide poisoning, coronary arterial occlusion, and states of diminished blood flow to the brain and limbs either from trauma or disease.

Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry

Mr. H. W. PALMER, president of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry, proposed the toast of the guests at the annual dinner on April 25. Speaking of Britain's possible entry into the Common Market, he said that an important outcome ought to be a patent law valid throughout the Common Market that would secure to the inventor a proper measure of protection and a just reward for the effort devoted to research. At the same time there would be a need for safeguards against possible inflexibly monopolistic exploitation of such advantages as might be conferred by statute law. On the subject of the proper assessment of new drugs before sale, Mr. Palmer said that there was no member of the association who did not appreciate his responsibility for constant vigilance for unforeseen, and indeed unforeseeable, side-effects, which might manifest themselves after prolonged and widespread use. In reply, Mr. GRAHAM HUTTON, apropos of the Common Market, said that in Britain the leading pharmaceutical houses of the European Continent, of North America, and of Britain had long been in competition with each other. "Not many other industries provide such services," he said, "or have to pass their products through such stringent tests. Not many industries stand to receive such a kick-back if anything goes wrong anywhere along the line from the beginning of research to ultimate consumption."

British Association of Physical Medicine

At the annual meeting of the British Association of Physical Medicine on April 28 Dr. W. S. TEGNER was elected president in succession to Dr. H. Burt, who had served for three years. Dr. F. S. COOKSEY was elected vice-president, Dr. K. N. LLOYD honorary treasurer, Wing Commander C. B. WYNN PARRY honorary secretary, and Dr. A. C. BOYLE honorary editor. Papers were read and clinical demonstrations held at the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, and at University College Hospital on April 27-

28, and the Association's annual dinner was held in the members' dining-room at the Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, on April 27. Dr. HUGH BURT presided and the toast of the association was proposed by Lieutenant-General H. E. KNOTT, Director-General, Army Medical Services. Mr. DUNCAN GUTHRIE, Director of the Poliomyelitis Research Fund, responded to the toast of the guests, proposed by Dr. W. S. TEGNER. A gift of £1,200 from the Poliomyelitis Research Fund to finance the association's multi-centre trial on the value of traction in cervical spondylosis was announced.

Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology

The Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology celebrates its golden jubilee this year. It was founded in 1912. The main celebration will take the form of a conference at Edinburgh from August 11 to 18, but London members were able to mark the occasion by a dinner and dance at the Fellows' Restaurant of the Zoological Society, Regent's Park, London, on April 28. Among the 150 members and guests present were the president of the Institute, Professor H. A. MAGNUS, and three past-presidents, Professor J. H. DIBLE, Professor L. P. GARROD, and Dr. E. T. C. SPOONER. Other distinguished guests were Dr. G. E. GODBER, chief medical officer, Ministry of Health; Professor R. W. SCARFF, consultant adviser in pathology to the Minister of Health; Sir GRAHAM WILSON, director, Public Health Laboratory Service; and Sir SIDNEY LITTLEWOOD, chairman, Council for the Professions Supplementary to Medicine. Professor Magnus proposed the toast "The Queen." Dr. M. LUBRAN proposed the toast to the Institute, to which Mr. W. H. VALENTINE, chairman of the Institute, replied. Dr. Godber responded to the toast to the guests, which was proposed by Mr. R. J. LAVINGTON, general secretary of the Institute. After the dinner, dancing was enjoyed by members and their friends until midnight.

Nationality of Manchester Board's Registrars

The number of United Kingdom graduates appointed to registrar posts in the Manchester Regional Hospital Board's area fell from 50 (out of 108) in 1955 to 36 (out of 116) in 1961; the number of graduates from Eire fell from 14 to 6, but the number of graduates from overseas appointed to registrar positions rose from 44 (41%) to 74 (64%) over the same period. These figures were presented by the Board's Senior Administrative Medical Officer in his *Annual Report on the Consultant and Specialist Services for the Year Ended March 31, 1962*.

Medical Freeman

► The freedom of the borough of his native Merthyr was conferred on Lord EVANS, the Queen's physician, on April 26. He becomes the borough's fourteenth Freeman, "in recognition and acknowledgment of the eminent position which his lordship has attained in his profession, in particular his appointment as physician to the Queen and other members of the Royal Family." (*Western Mail*, April 27.)

► Dr. F. L. SPALDING joined the 25 men who have previously been made Freeman of the City of Worcester on April 10. He was described as having brought nearly a third of the city's population into the world in the last 50 years, and as being the first member of the medical profession to be honoured with the city's freedom. (*Evening News and Times*, April 10.)

In Brief

Jersey is to ban cigarette machines. Rules prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to children under 16 and allowing for the confiscation of cigarettes from children who have them in public are to come into force there on June 1.

"Medical Letter"

A British edition of the American *Medical Letter*, which provides critical assessments of drugs, is being published fortnightly by the Consumers' Association, Ltd. The editor is Dr. A. HERXHEIMER and there is an advisory council of British pharmacologists and physicians. The annual

subscription is £3 3s., and further details may be obtained from C.A. Ltd., 14 Buckingham Street, London W.C.2.

Family Doctor

The May issue of *Family Doctor* is now obtainable, price 1s. 6d. It includes articles on venereal disease, by Mr. A. J. KING; on hay fever, by Dr. E. J. TRIMMER; on children with epilepsy, by Dr. L. J. HURWITZ; on spinsterhood, by Dr. LAURA HUTTON; on keeping children in bed, by Professor R. S. ILLINGWORTH; on cataract, by Mr. M. WHITING; and on exchange transfusion, by Dr. R. A. ZEITLIN.

COMING EVENTS

National Society of Non-Smokers.—Public meeting to call for carrying out of recommendations of report of Royal College of Physicians and report of Advertising Inquiry Council, May 4, 7 p.m., York Hall, Caxton Hall, Westminster, London S.W.1.

B.B.C. Sound.—"The Future of the Mental Health Services" (discussion on medical and social implications of Government Plan for Mental Health Services, by physician in psychological medicine at London teaching hospital; psycho-analyst; and medical superintendent of mental hospital), May 8, 8.40 p.m. (Third Programme). Dr. G. S. CLARIDGE, Ph.D., "Measuring Personality," May 10, 7.20 p.m. (Network Three).

Society for Endocrinology.—Annual general meeting, May 9, 10.30 a.m., Meeting House of Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London N.W.1. Annual dinner, 7 p.m., Restaurant, Zoological Society of London. Tickets, 21s. each, from Professor I. CHESTER JONES, Department of Zoology, The University, Sheffield 10.

B.M.A. Lecture-discussion, Exeter.—Mr. A. LAWRENCE ABEL, "Earlier Cancer Diagnosis" (with slides and cinematograph film), May 12, 3.30 p.m., Thornlea, New North Road, Exeter (entrance opposite Imperial Hotel). Chairman: Dr. C. J. FULLER. No ticket required. R.S.V.P. to Dr. GRAHAM-BONNALIE, Hon. Sec., South-western Branch B.M.A., 37 The Strand, Topsham, near Exeter, by one week before lecture. Tea 5 p.m.

Regional Hospitals' Consultants and Specialists Association.—Annual dinner, May 17, 7 p.m., Zoological Gardens, Regent's Park, London N.W.1. Chief guest: Mr. A. C. H. BELL, P.R.C.O.G.

Osteopathic Medical Association.—May 28, 8.30 p.m., 28 Wimpole Street, London W.1. Discussion: "Whither Osteopathy?"

2nd Almoth Wright Lecture.—Dr. J. L. GOWANS, "The Role of Lymphocytes in Immunological Reactions," May 14. (See advertisement p. 63.)

New Issues of Specialist Journals

The Journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

The contents of the May issue are as follows:

Studies on Developing Retinal Vessels. IX. N. Ashton and C. Pedler.
Aberrant Lacrimal Gland Associated with Other Congenital Abnormalities. S. Gördüren.
Bilateral Fulminating Endophthalmitis with Streptococcal Septicaemia. C. B. Walker and P. Fenwick.
Hospitalized Senile Cataract in Different Jewish Communities in Israel. H. S. Halevi and J. Landau.
Reduction in Aqueous Humour Formation as Caused by Iodate, Sphrolactone, and Polyphlorein Phosphate. D. F. Cole.
Unusual Intra-orbital Foreign Body. I. Sacks and A. T. Matheson.
Limbic Epithelioma with Intra-ocular Invasion. C. H. Greer.
Adenocarcinoma of the Lacrimal Gland. F. J. Damato.
Unilateral Retinitis Pigmentosa. K. S. Mehra.
Iridiagnosis. P. Trevor-Roper.
Correspondence.
Reviews.
Obituary.
Notes.

Volume 46, No. 5. (Monthly; £6 yearly; with *Ophthalmic Literature and Index*, £9.)

Societies and Lectures

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

Sunday, May 6

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—At Out-patient Department, 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., clinical meeting for general practitioners.

Monday, May 7

PLYMOUTH MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At North Friary House, 8.30 p.m., A.G.M. POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. J. Malins: Management of Diabetes.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute of Microbiology, 5 p.m., first Almoth Wright Lecture by Professor Frank Fenner, F.R.S.: Reactivation of Animal Viruses.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.—At Physiology Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. I. M. Glynn: Sodium and Potassium Movements in Living Cells—I.

Tuesday, May 8

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., Dr. Michael Shepherd: The Place of Psychiatry in Medical Education: Lessons and Warnings from the United States.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Subcutaneous Fungal Infections.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, London W., 8.30 p.m., general practitioners' lecture/discussion: Anaemia in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. N. G. Hulbert: Neurology.

Wednesday, May 9

BROOK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. R. S. Bruce Pearson: Investigations of Steatorrhea

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. L. Szur: Introduction to Radiotherapy in Skin Diseases—II.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Sir Russell Brock: The Present Position of Heart Valve Surgery.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. K. R. Dumbell: Temperature and Infection.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Special Lecture by Dr. Ludwik Gross: Oncogenic Viruses.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. W. E. King (Melbourne): Ulcerative Colitis.

Thursday, May 10

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—4.30 p.m., Sir Derrick Dunlop: Addison's Disease.

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Professor Elliot V. Newman: Metabolic Consequences of Congestive Heart Failure.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. O. Oliver: Autodisinfection of the Skin Surface.

NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Mr. E. W. Somerville: Israel.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. T. A. J. Frankerd: Glucose-6-phosphate Dehydrogenase Deficiency.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor Gordon E. Heard: Nerve Sheath Tumours and von Recklinghausen's Disease of the Nervous System—A Clinical Study.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. D. Brinton: Neurological Complications of Pregnancy and Labour.

Friday, May 11

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Demonstration by Mr. J. R. Belcher: Surgical Treatment of Emphysema and Cysts.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. G. H. Howells: Significance of Orbital Swellings in Nasal Accessory Sinus Disease.

LIVERPOOL SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—At Liverpool Medical Institution, 8 p.m., annual general meeting.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF WAR.—At Friends' House, Euston Road, London N.W., 8 p.m., Rt. Hon. P. J. Noel-Baker: Techniques of Disarmament, Geneva, 1962.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Dr. A. Duprez: Experimental Pancreatitis.

ROYAL INSTITUTION OF GREAT BRITAIN.—9 p.m., Professor G. M. Carstairs: Psychotic Illness and Artistic Production.

Saturday, May 12

BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION: NORTH SECTION, WESTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.—At Cheltenham General Hospital, 2.30 p.m., Professor T. Pomfret Kilner: Plastic Surgery, Past, Present, and Future. Followed by films and clinical cases.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Postgraduate Lecture Room, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Symposium on Paediatrics. *Morning*, 10.30 a.m., Dr. B. W. Powell: Convulsions; 11.30 a.m., Mr. T. J. Fairbank: Congenital and Neonatal Conditions in the Orthopaedic Field; 12.15 p.m., Mr. W. S. Foulds: The Young Child with Squint. *Afternoon*, 2.30 p.m., Dr. Janet Roscoe, Dr. Hugh Fleming: Clinical Cases Demonstrated; 3.45 p.m., Dr. Douglas Gairdner: Prematurity.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—At Scarborough Hospital, 10.30 a.m., all-day meeting. Speakers: Dr. Sheila Anderson: Paediatric Anaesthesia; Dr. C. S. Ward: A Hypotensive Anaesthetic Technique.

DEATHS

Barabas.—On April 3, 1962, at his home, Ervin Barabas, M.D. Coldcutt.—On April 7, 1962, in Auckland, New Zealand, Claude Ernest Addison Coldcutt, M.D., D.P.H.

Milne.—On April 11, 1962, at Oak Tree House, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent, Arthur Young Milne, M.B., Ch.B., aged 67.

Mowat.—On April 10, 1962, at a nursing-home, Stirling, John Mowat, M.B., Ch.B., of Longrigg Cottage, Coalsnaughton, Tillicoultry, Clackmannanshire, aged 77.

Stevenson.—On April 11, 1962, in Sheffield, Yorks, Donald Robert Louis Stevenson, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., M.R.C.O.G., of 81 Thorne Road, Doncaster, Yorks.

Wrigley.—On April 9, 1962, in a nursing-home, Frank Graham Wrigley, M.D.