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Research Group in Haemolytic Anaemia: Department of Haematology (Professor T. A. J. FRANKERD), University College Hospital Medical School, London. Research on abnormalities of haemoglobin synthesis and the mechanism of red cell destruction in disease.

Compulsory Registration of Pesticides

The Association of British Manufacturers of Agricultural Chemicals continues to urge that compulsory registration of pesticides is preferable to the present voluntary schemes. In a statement it says that this view was made known to the Ministry of Agriculture in March last year and was reiterated in December. In its evidence in December to the advisory committee on safety arrangements for pesticides the Association stated that no pesticide should be used in Britain unless it had been registered with the Ministry and given a registration symbol. Before registration the active ingredients would have to be cleared under the safety precautions scheme.

William Rathbone Staff College

Since it was opened about four years ago by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing the William Rathbone Staff College at Liverpool has been providing residential courses for nurses in administration and teaching. Most of the students have been public health nurses. Now for the first time the College is giving a course in administration for hospital nurses as well. Both groups take the same lectures in subjects of common interest, so that each gains through exchange of ideas a wider and deeper understanding of the Health Service. The value of these arrangements was referred to by Lady BROOKE, chairman of the executive committee of the Queen's Institute, at a party held early this month to launch the new courses. They would provide, she said, a period of refreshment for ward sisters and charge nurses who were interested in administration and form a bridge between workers in hospital and public health. She hoped that as the courses developed more funds would be forthcoming. At present the College is supported by a grant from the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust.

Royal Medico-Psychological Association

The Royal Medico-Psychological Association has moved to its new premises at Chandos House, 2 Queen Anne Street, London W.1. It is requested that all correspondence should be sent there. The new telephone number is Langham 2782, but the old one (Langham 1495) should be used for inquiries referring to the library, which is not being moved until the second week in March.

Film on Oral Contraception

A film, "Oral Contraception in General Practice," has been produced for Messrs. G. D. Searle and Co. Ltd. It is available on loan for professional audiences free of charge. Applications should be made to the Films Officer, G. D. Searle and Co., Ltd., Lane End Road, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire. The film is 16 mm. with colour and sound and runs for 25 minutes.

Correction

In a note announcing the appointment of Professor IAN MACGILLIVRAY to the Regius Chair

of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Aberdeen (*Journal*, 13 February, p. 462) it was stated that in 1955 he went to Aberdeen as a lecturer when, in fact, he went there as a senior lecturer.

News in Brief

A new chair in neuropathology is to be established at Manchester University from 1 October.

The British Heart Foundation has established a regional office for Northern Ireland. Its address is 3 Botanic Avenue, Belfast 2.

A hydrotherapy pool, made of glass fibre, was opened last week by Mr. KENNETH ROBINSON, Minister of Health, at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

Grants and Awards

The Whittington Hospital research prize for 1964 was awarded to Mr. J. B. JONES for his paper "The Use of Low Molecular Weight Dextran in Management of Foetal Distress in Labour."

Edinburgh University has accepted an award of £3,000 a year for three years offered by the council of the Thistle Foundation for research into cerebral vascular disease.

A grant of £1,500 has been made by the New Ireland Assurance to University College, Dublin, to supply statistical and other informational services to the cardiac department of St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, where research into coronary heart disease is taking place.

Recent Publications

A revised edition of *Nursing and Midwifery in the Choice of Careers* series has been published by the Central Youth Employment Executive. (No. 82, H.M.S.O., 2s. 6d.)

Hospital Equipment Note No. 31, published by the Ministry of Health, gives advice on the basic requirements for a ward unit to accommodate 30 low-grade severely subnormal patients or other mentally subnormal patients who are severely physically handicapped and require constant supervision and habit-training. It should be read in conjunction with *Hospital Building Note No. 31*, which relates to the design and planning of such a unit, and with *Hospital Building Note No. 30*, which deals generally with accommodation for psychiatric patients. (H.M.S.O., 2s. 6d., postage 4d.)

New Issues of Specialist Journals

Obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

ARCHIVES OF DISEASE IN CHILDHOOD

Contents of the February issue are as follows:

- An Inborn Error of Intestinal Absorption of Certain Monosaccharides. Charlotte M. Anderson, K. R. Kerry, and R. R. W. Townley.
 Studies in Osteopetrosis. C. E. Dent, Jean M. Smellie, and L. Watson.
 Urinary Excretion of Gonadotrophins with Particular Reference to Children. W. Fitschen and Barbara E. Clayton.
 Lymphangiography and Chromosome Studies in Females with Lymphoedema and Possible Ovarian Dysgenesis. P. F. Benson, M. H. Gough, and P. E. Polani.
 Renal Excretion of Hydrogen Ions in Infants and Children. Alexander Peonides, Barnett Levin, and Winifred F. Young.
 A- β -lipoproteinemia (Bassen-Kornzweig Syndrome). Report of a Case. D. M. O. Becroft, J. M. Costello, and P. J. Scott.
 A- β -lipoproteinemia. Constance C. Forsyth, June K. Lloyd, and Audrey S. Fosbrooke.
 Megaloblastic Anaemia in Premature Infants. O. P. Gray and E. Blanche Buder.
 Dycephalia Mandibulo-oculo-facialis (Hallermann-Streiff Syndrome). D. Hoefnagel and K. Benirschke.
 Respiratory Distress Syndrome of the Newborn: Immaturity Versus Prematurity. Peter M. Dunn.
 Influence of Androgen Treatment on Ultimate Height in Males. George L. Foss.
 Thyrotoxicosis in Children: A Follow-up Study. T. McKendrick and G. H. News.
 Assessment of Gastric Acid Secretory Response with "Maximal" Augmented Histamine Stimulation in Children with Peptic Ulcer. O. P. Ghai, Meharban Singh, B. N. S. Walia, and N. G. Gaddekar.
 External Injury Causing Foetal Deformity. E. Hinden.
 Partial Deletion of the Short Arms of a Chromosome of the 4-5 Group (Denver). H. V. Dyggve and Margareta Mikkelsen.
 Intrathoracic Kidney in a Premature Infant. Emmanuel Shapira, Efraim Fishel, and Stanley Levin.
 Fanconi's Anaemia with Hydrocephalus and Thyroid Abnormality. Ruth London, Aharon Drukker, and Uri Sandbank.
 Obstetrical Paralysis Due to Ischaemia of the Spinal Cord. J. Hume Adams and Hector M. Cameron.
 Conjugation Reactions in the Newborn Infant: The Metabolism of Para-aminobenzoic Acid. Markus F. Vest and René Salzberg.
 Osteochondrodysplasia Deformans with Mucopolysaccharidosis. S. Vestermark.
 Editorial Notice. Book Reviews.

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Coming Events

Sir Charles Hastings Lecture (South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch of the British Medical Association).—"The Use and Abuse of Drugs," by Sir DERRICK DUNLOP, 25 March, 7.30 p.m., Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre, Cardiff.

University of Sheffield.—Refresher courses for general practitioners. See advertisement p. xxx.

Christian Medical Fellowship.—Meeting, "Morality, the Law and the Doctor," 17 March, 8.15 p.m., Hall of Royal Commonwealth Society (Craven Street entrance), London W.C.2.

Association of Manipulative Medicine.—Symposium on lumbar disk, 21 March, Royal Army Medical College, John Islip Street, London S.W.1. Details from honorary secretary, 75 Wimpole Street, London W.1.

National Association for Mental Health.—Course for general practitioners in management and treatment of mental disorder, 30 March–2 April, Whiteley Wood Clinic, Sheffield. Details from Director, Postgraduate Clinical Studies, Faculty of Medicine, University, Sheffield 10.

Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.—Annual meeting, 1–3 April, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London W.C.2.

British Diabetic Association (Medical and Scientific Section).—Spring meeting, 2–3 April, Leeds. Details from Secretary-General, 152 Harley Street, London W.1.

Wessex Rahere Club.—Spring dinner, 3 April, Sofroni's Restaurant, Torquay. Details from Honorary Secretary, Dr. GEORGE LLOYD, Kirkham, Babbacombe, Torquay.