

Medical News

Fullerian Professor of Physiology, Royal Institution

Professor R. J. HARRISON, University of London professor of anatomy at the London Hospital Medical College since 1954, has been elected Fullerian professor of physiology, Royal Institution, in succession to Professor J. Z. YOUNG, F.R.S. The professorship was endowed in 1834 by John Fuller, an early benefactor of the Royal Institution, and is normally held for three years.



Professor Harrison, who is 40, was educated at Oundle, and Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, and received his medical training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College. He has held appointments at Glasgow University and Charing Cross Hospital, and is

joint author of *Anatomical Terms* and author of *Man the Peculiar Animal* in addition to numerous papers on embryology and comparative and human anatomy. He is especially known for his research on the physiology of diving seals.

College of G.P.s' Card Index Publications

The College of General Practitioners issues a series of record cards, all of which are designed to fit into the N.H.S. envelope, and which may be obtained both by members and by non-members of the College. The series includes an obstetric record card and a summary card (both costing 12s. 6d. per 100), and a menstruation chart (16s. per 100). There are also sets of cards printed in French, Spanish, Italian, German, Hungarian, and Polish which are designed to assist in taking a history when the patient has little or no English. The sets cost 5s. These publications may be obtained from the Secretary of the College, 41 Cadogan Gardens, London N.W.3.

Domiciliary Midwifery Symposium

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, in conjunction with the College of General Practitioners, has arranged a symposium on "Domiciliary Midwifery," primarily—though not exclusively—for general practitioners who are Diplomates of the R.C.O.G. It will be held in the Royal College on October 18.

The morning session will be devoted to "The Avoidable Factor in Maternal Mortality." The selection of cases for domiciliary confinement, toxæmias of pregnancy, haemorrhage, and the place of the Flying Squad will be considered briefly by Sir JOHN PEEL, Professor T. N. A. JEFFCOATE, Mr. ARNOLD WALKER, and Mr. FRANK STABLER. The afternoon session will be devoted to the staffing and management of a general-practitioner-obstetrician unit and the part it should play in the Obstetric Services. The opening speakers include two consultants, Mr. JOHN STALLWORTHY and Mr. R. A. TENNENT, and two general practitioners, Dr. T. MAURICE and Dr. P. B. BAILEY. Those wishing to attend should apply before October 4 to the Secretary, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London N.W.1.

British Paediatric Association

The British Paediatric Association held a joint annual meeting with the Canadian Paediatric Society at Cambridge from June 27 to 29. The meeting was attended by over 300 doctors, of whom 50 were Canadians. During the meeting Dr. J. H. EBBS, of Toronto, delivered the George Frederic Still Memorial Lecture. At the B.P.A.'s annual dinner, held in the Guildhall on June 29, the first awards of the James Spence Medal were made to Professor A. A. MONCRIEFF, of London, and Professor R. A. MCCANCE, F.R.S., of Cambridge. The gold medals commemorate the late Sir James Spence and are awarded for outstanding contributions to the advancement or clarification of

paediatric knowledge. The following have been elected as officers of the B.P.A. for the year 1961-2: *president*, Professor A. A. MONCRIEFF; *president-elect*, Dr. C. F. HARRIS; *treasurer*, Professor A. G. WATKINS; *secretary*, Dr. E. W. HART.

Royal College of Surgeons' Honorary Fellows

The Honorary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has been conferred on Sir HOWARD FLOREY, P.R.S., professor of pathology in the University of Oxford, and Dr. OWEN H. WANGENSTEEN, chairman, department of surgery, University of Minnesota, and former President of the American College of Surgeons.

Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men

On the last day of last year the Society had 140 members, two new members being elected during the year. There were 23 widows in receipt of grants—one fewer than the previous year. During the year one widow died at the age of 98, having been receiving grants since 1914. The Brickwell Fund distributed £530 in extra grants to widows and orphans, and special training grants to orphans over 16. The total amount distributed by the ordinary and Brickwell Funds combined was £4,205. There was a favourable balance at the end of the year of £1,406, and the mean market value of the Society's investments was £107,989 14s. 6d. The Society's address is 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W.1.

Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine

The Professions Supplementary to Medicine Act, 1960, came into force on July 1. The members of the Council for Professions Supplementary to Medicine, which now comes into existence, include Professor ROLAND BARNES, Professor J. MCCLURE BROWNE, Dr. H. A. BURT, Dr. J. D. CAMERON, Dr. G. A. CLARKE, and Dr. J. O. F. DAVIES. The Supplementary Professions represented on the Council are chiropody, dietetics, medical laboratory technology, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, radiography, and remedial gymnastics. The first tasks of the Council will be to appoint a Registrar and his staff and to set up the Registration Boards for each of the seven professions.

Hospital Building Notes

The latest in the Ministry of Health's series of Hospital Building Notes, No. 19, *Department of Medical Photography and Medical Illustration*, gives guidance on the design of a medical photography and medical illustration department for general hospitals, including teaching hospitals. (H.M.S.O., 1s. 6d. net.)

Cutting Drugs Bill

It was reported at a meeting of Manchester Regional Hospital Board's finance committee that an economy drive in eight hospitals in the Lancaster and Kendal area had reduced the annual bill for drugs and dressings by between 10 and 20%. After an investigation had shown the wide price range of drugs, which fulfilled the same or similar functions equally satisfactorily, prescriptions were standardized, by agreement, and where no advantage was to be gained by using an expensive drug a cheaper one was preferred.

Illegal Traffic in U.S. Drug Samples

According to the United States Food and Drug Administration there is a widespread traffic in the U.S. in the free drugs sent to doctors by pharmaceutical firms. The samples are bought at about 10% of the wholesale price, are relabelled by untrained personnel, sold to chemists' shops for 80% of the wholesale price, and then resold to customers at the usual retail price. In June the Administration seized \$170,000 worth of jumbled-up drug samples—including antibiotics, hormones, and tranquillizers—from bootleggers in the New York and Chicago areas. "Some day," says Dr. K. MILSTEAD, the director of the F.D.A.'s regulatory division, "someone is going to get the wrong drug in the wrong bottle." (*Newsweek*, June 26.)

Faculty of Radiologists

The following officers have been elected for 1961-2: *president*, Dr. ROHAN WILLIAMS (London); *vice-presidents*, radiodiagnosis, Dr. ERIC SAMUEL (Edinburgh), and radiotherapy, Dr. R. C. TUDWAY (Bristol); *warden of the fellowship*, Professor R. McWHIRTER (Edinburgh); *honorary treasurer*, Dr. E. C. EASSON (Manchester); *honorary secretary*, Dr. C. J. HODSON (London); *honorary editor*, Dr. D. SUTTON (London).

Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland

The Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland has awarded Research Essay Prizes in 1961 to Dr. J. D. ROBERTSON and Dr. A. WYNN WILLIAMS (Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh), Dr. A. C. FORRESTER and Mr. J. BROWN (Royal Infirmary, Glasgow), and Mr. D. G. CALVERT (Westminster Children's Hospital, London). Regulations for the 1962 Research Essay Prizes can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the A.A.G.B. and I. at 47 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London W.C.2.

Institute of Child Health

The United Nations Children's Fund has approved a grant of about £17,800 to the Institute of Child Health, University of London. Detailed plans have not yet been completed, but the Institute hopes to provide one-year training courses in teaching, administration, and the organization of research for six potential heads of paediatric departments from countries in the Middle and Far East where English is spoken in medical schools.

In Brief

The Lord Kitchener National Memorial Fund has offered, since 1952, a yearly prize of 100 guineas for the best student of the year at the Kitchener Memorial Medical School at Khartoum. In place of the prize it is hoped next year to award a more valuable postgraduate scholarship which will enable a student to pursue his studies in London.

People in the News

► Mr. H. S. TAYLOR-YOUNG has succeeded Major A. C. WHITE KNOX as surgeon-in-chief of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

► In recognition of his services as librarian to the Liverpool Medical Institute Mr. W. A. LEE is to receive the honorary degree of M.A. of Liverpool University.

► At the National Rose Society's annual show in London Dr. T. M. CULLINGWORTH, of Shrewsbury, was awarded the Franklin Dennison Bowl for a vase of hybrid tea roses, and Dr. S. W. DRINKWATER, of Norwich, gained the amateurs' prize for the best bloom in the show with a specimen of "Premier Bal."

COMING EVENTS

Biochemical Society.—Meeting, July 13-14, department of biochemistry, Oxford University. July 13, 10.40 a.m., original communications; 2 p.m., "The Training of Biochemists." July 14, 10.15 a.m., original communications.

Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.—Professor R. MILNES WALKER, "Some Aspects of Liver Disease," July 14, 3.30 p.m., in the Hall of the College. Open to postgraduate students.

Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.—Annual general meeting, July 18, 3 p.m., Assembly Hall, Church House, Great Smith Street, London S.W.1.

Cambridge University School of Clinical Research and Postgraduate Medical Teaching.—Sir ERNEST MARSDEN, F.R.S. (member of New Zealand Atomic Energy Committee), "Radioactivity of Soils, Food-Plants and Bones, with Special Reference to Niue Island," July 19, 4.15 p.m., Postgraduate Lecture Room, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

"Chest Diseases in Children."—Symposium, including panel discussion on "Pulmonary Tuberculosis in Children," July 26, 11.20 a.m., Whittington Hospital, Museum Lecture Theatre, Archway Wing, Archway Road, London N.19. Details from Dr. P. D. B. DAVIES, St. Pancras Chest Clinic, 26 Margaret Street, London W.1.

Cambridge University School of Clinical Research and Postgraduate Medical Teaching.—Professor G. H. GLASER (associate professor of neurology and head of the section of neurology, Yale University School of Medicine), "Bioelectric Properties of Dystrophic Muscle," July 26, 4.15 p.m., Postgraduate Lecture Room, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge.

University of London Postgraduate Medical School.—Advanced symposium for consultants, "Modern Aspects of Cardiovascular Radiology," September 21-23. (See advertisement p. 53.)

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.—Whole-time course in occupational health for medical practitioners, September 25-December 15. See advertisement p. 53. Whole-time courses in occupational hygiene for graduates (in special circumstances, non-graduates), the first beginning on October 2. See advertisement p. 53.

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.

ANNALS OF THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES

Obituary. Jan van Breemen.
Sulphate (³⁵SO₄) Fixation by Human Articular Cartilage Compared in the Knee and Shoulder Joints. D. H. Collins and G. Meachim.
Psoasitis Arthritis. V. Wright.
The Nature of Anaemia in Rheumatoid Arthritis. V. Red Cell Survival Measured by Radioactive Chromium. J. Richmond, W. R. M. Alexander, J. L. Potter, and J. J. R. Duthie.
Sarcoidosis Presenting with Polyarthritis. Michael J. Williams.
Effects of Environmental Temperature upon Capillary Resistance in Patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Other Individuals. J. L. Potter and J. J. R. Duthie.
Rheumatic Complaints in a Rural Population. Joan M. Bremner.
A Controlled Trial of Phenylbutazone, Oxycyclobutazone, and a Placebo in the Treatment of Rheumatoid Arthritis. R. I. Meacock and E. Lewis-Fanning.
Combined Aspirin and Cortisone Treatment of Acute Rheumatic Fever. J. D. H. Slater.
Placebo Responses in an Arthritis Trial. R. A. H. Morison, A. Woodmancy, and A. J. Young.
Pauperal Hyperuricaemia. B. L. J. Treadwell and A. St. J. Dixon.
Atrophic Polycondritis. H. Rhys Davies and A. R. Keisall.
Book Review.
Heberden Society.
Abstracts.

Volume 20, No. 2. (Quarterly; £3 annually.)

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Tuesday, July 11

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., F. E. Williams Lecture by the Reverend A. T. Welford, M.A.: On Changes of Performance With Age.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.—At Medical Society of London, 8 p.m., discussion, to be introduced by Dr. M. M. Giatt: The Role of the Recovered Alcoholic in furthering Education regarding Alcoholism.

Wednesday, July 12

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON: EXPERIMENTAL RADIOPATHOLOGY RESEARCH UNIT.—At Wolfson Institute, Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Dr. Konrad Bloch (Harvard University): Studies on Lipid Biosynthesis.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor G. W. Milton: Behaviour of Gastric Epithelium under Various Conditions.

Thursday, July 13

GROUP FOR REPRESENTATION OF THE VIEWS OF CLINICAL PSYCHIATRISTS.—At Rygate Room, Tavistock House North (Fourth Floor), Tavistock Square, W.C., 5.30 p.m., committee meeting.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At West London Hospital (Lecture Room), 5.30 p.m., annual general meeting. Election of officers, etc.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**DEATHS**

Cox.—On June 8, 1961, at the home of his daughter, Ford Farm, Coleford, near Crediton, Devon, Alfred Berridge Cox, M.B., Ch.B., Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired, of 11 Glenwood Road, Mannamead, Plymouth, Devon, aged 81.
Gayer.—On June 13, 1961, Lena Bella Gayer, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 14 Edith Road, West Kensington, London W.
Klepacz.—On May 22, 1951, Marcel Klepacz, M.D. (Warsaw).
Napier.—On June 8, 1961, at Perth Royal Infirmary, Robert Napier, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., of Tay Terrace, Dunkeld, Perthshire.
Pinker.—On June 1, 1961, at Weir House, Countess Wear, Exeter, Henry George Pinker, F.R.C.S.
Young.—On June 3, 1961, at his home, Foxley Henning, Raughton Head, Carlisle, Cumberland, James Wilson Young, M.B., Ch.B.