

Flats for Retired Doctors

The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund has vacancies in 115 rent-free flats off Putney Hill, and invites inquiries from members of the medical profession. These flats are for retired doctors and their wives in reduced circumstances. Each consists of a sitting-room, bedroom, kitchen, and bathroom. There is a maintenance charge of £25 a year, residents supplying their own heating and lighting. Fuller information will be given by the Secretary, Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, 24 King's Road, Wimbledon, London S.W.19.

People in the News

► **LADY BIRK** has been appointed chairman of the Health Education Council (Lynton House, 7-12 Tavistock Square, London W.C.1).

► **Dr. J. M. C. GILL** has been reappointed chairman of the Scottish Medical Practices Committee.

Recent Publications

Human Factors in Road Accidents: report on a symposium convened by the Regional Office for Europe of the World Health Organization in Rome from 16 to 20 October 1967.

Directory of Clubs for the Disabled in Greater London lists over 500 clubs. Copies can be obtained from the Greater London Association for the Disabled, 183 Queensway, London W.2, price £2 2s. (complete directory), 5s. (individual borough sections).

M.S. News Supplement records activities undertaken in 1968 by the branches of the Multiple Sclerosis Society (4 Tachbrook Street, London S.W.1). New features include the number of members of each branch and an index to branches.

Where Do Babies Come From? by Mrs. J. KENNER is an illustrated booklet for primary and younger secondary schoolchildren. Published by the National Marriage Guidance Council (58 Queen Anne Street, London W1M 0BT), price 3s. 6d. or 4s. post free.

Coming Events

Cardiff Medical and Dental Old Students' Association.—Conversazione, 12 April, Medical School House, Howard Place, Cardiff. Details are obtainable from the Academic Registrar, Welsh National School of Medicine, 34 Newport Road, Cardiff CF2 1YE.

Lancaster Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Symposium, "Organ Transplantation," 20 April, Lancaster University. Admission by ticket only. Apply to Mr. D. W. Purser, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Ashton Road, Lancaster.

Stoke Mandeville Hospital.—Three-day refresher course for general practitioners, 6-8 May. Fee £3 3s. (including refreshments). Details obtainable from Postgraduate Secretary, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Thirteenth Annual Cancer Symposium.—26-28 May, Regina, presented by Allan Blair Memorial Clinic and sponsored by Canadian Cancer Society. Registration fee \$5. Details from Dr. A. J. S. BRYANT, Department of Public Health, Allan Blair Memorial Clinic, 1555 Pasqua Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Study Tour to North America.—23 September to 13 October, charter flight, organized by Bristol Local Medical Committee in association with the Proman Society. Immediate booking advised. Details of tour, and of membership of the Proman Society, essential for participation in the tour, may be obtained from the Secretary of the Society, Mr. J. SEIBERT, Ryde House, Chobham Road, Woking, Surrey.

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.

Tuesday, 8 April

FOREST MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Whipps Cross Hospital, London E.11, 1 p.m., clinical meeting.
INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, (1) 11.15 a.m., discussion by Dr. V. Dalley, Mr. D. B. Fraser: Treatment of Ovarian Carcinoma; (2) 3 p.m., Mr. D. M. Wallace: Urology and the Gynaecologist.●

WEXHAM PARK HOSPITAL, Slough.—8.45 p.m., Mr. K. H. Stone: Simple Bone Cysts.

Wednesday, 9 April

CHILTERN MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe, 12.15 p.m., Dr. G. F. Donald: Dermatology.

GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 2.15 p.m., obstetrics and gynaecology meeting.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. D. M. Wallace: Carcinoma of the Urothelium; 6.30 p.m., Professor H. Ellis: The Place of Antibiotics in Surgical Practice Today.●

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. B. Eisman (Colorado): Hepatic Transplantations.

Thursday, 10 April

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—(1) 5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor C. Westell: The Long-term Clinical and Metabolic Effects of Vagotomy and Gastric Drainage—including a Comparison of Pyloroplasty and Gastrojejunostomy. (2) 6.15 p.m., Professor L. P. Le Quesne: Preoperative Preparation.●

Friday, 11 April

BRIDGEND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE, GLAMORGAN.—8.15 p.m., Dr. F. Dudley Hart: Control of Pain in Arthritis Disease.

FOREST MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Whipps Cross Hospital, London E.11, 11.30 a.m., child psychiatric case conference by Dr. R. Little.

PLYMOUTH MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At North Friary House, 8.45 p.m., Dr. Muriel L. Newhouse, Surgeon Commander P. G. Harries: Asbestosis.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. D. W. Bracey: Surgery of Inguinal, Femoral, and Incisional Hernia; 6.30 p.m., Dr. J. M. Preece: Fibrinolysis—Spontaneous and Induced.●

WEST KENT MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—Miss Jessie Dobson: The Hunterian Museum.

Saturday, 12 April

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Glasgow, 11.30 a.m., Hunterian oration by Sir Henry Osmond-Clarke: Base Black Ingratitute.

Sunday, 13 April

EDGWARE POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Edgware General Hospital, 10.30 a.m., Mr. R. J. Ryall: Premalignant Conditions of the Gastro-intestinal Tract.

Universities and Colleges**BIRMINGHAM**

Dr. D. V. Hubble and Sir Solly Zuckerman, F.R.S., have had the title of emeritus professor conferred on them, and with Sir Robert Stevenson Aitken have been elected life members of the Court of Governors.

Dr. R. Schneider, reader in pharmacology, has been appointed acting head of the department of pharmacology.

The title of honorary lecturer in the department of anaesthetics has been conferred on Dr. M. D. A. Vickers for the period of his appointment as consultant anaesthetist at Dudley Road Hospital.

The title of honorary research fellow has been conferred on Mr. J. Burman for the period of his research in the department of surgery.

The title of university senior clinical tutor in paediatrics has been conferred on Dr. A. C.

Kendall for the period of his service with the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital.

The title of assistant clinical tutor has been conferred on the following for the period of their service with the United Birmingham Hospitals: Dr. T. H. Spreadbury, Dr. J. T. Styles (anaesthetics); Dr. M. F. Reed (obstetrics and gynaecology).

Appointments.—Dr. D. Wynne-Davies (post-graduate clinical tutor for Mid-Worcestershire Hospital group); Dr. J. A. Bushman (senior lecturer, department of anaesthetics); Dr. Margaret I. Griffiths (part-time senior research fellow, Institute of Child Health); Dr. J. Hatch (temporary lecturer, department of anatomy); Dr. W. J. Moore (lecturer, department of oral pathology); Dr. P. L. Felmsar (part-time lecturer, department of social medicine).

Appointments

NORTH-WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—M. A. Newton, M.D., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician, Central Middlesex Hospital, Neasden Hospital); H. G. Smith, M.D., M.R.C.P. (consultant in infectious diseases, Neasden Hospital).

UNITED BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS.—A. Pollock, M.B., M.C.Path. (consultant haematologist to the United Birmingham Hospitals).

WESSEX REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—J. Leslie, M.B., M.C.Path. (consultant in haematology, Southampton).

Corrections**Treatment of Hypertension with Propranolol**

We regret that the name of one of the authors, Dr. G. S. Humphreys, was incorrectly spelt in his letter published on 15 February at page 445.

Abortion in General Practice

In the letter from Dr. Evelyn Fisher (8 March, page 637) the last sentence should have read "... that gynaecologists... will make an effort to persuade these patients to adopt in future the more excellent way of contraception."

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