

Nuffield Foundation

At the time of the Government's takeover of British Leyland the Nuffield Foundation held 25 million shares in the company. These were eventually disposed of at 10p each; but, says the Foundation in its annual report for 1975, the reserves built up during the prosperous 1950s and 1960s meant that its overall financial position remained satisfactory. The report warns that the inflexibility of academic appointments and salary scales is making British universities more rigid. At least one university has asked the Foundation for indemnity against redundancy payments that might become payable to individuals employed on its grants.

Amendments to the BNF

Detailed amendments to the 1976-78 edition of the *British National Formulary* were published in the *Pharmaceutical Journal* of 16 October. Copies of the amendments are also available on request from the Joint Formulary Committee, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1.

Boots and shoes for the disabled

Mrs Margery Thornton, the clothing adviser to the Disabled Living Foundation, has collected together information about footwear designed for the disabled and where to get it in Britain. The 44 page foolscap dossier is available from the DLF, 346 Kensington High Street, London W1, price 75p.

COMING EVENTS

King's Fund Centre—Patients and staff meeting 16 December, London. Details from the Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF. (Tel 01-267 6111.)

Royal College of Psychiatrists—Details of forthcoming meetings of the Psychotherapy Specialist Section are now available from the College, 17 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PG. (Tel 01-235 2351-5.)

Devon and Exeter Medical Society—Details and copies of the programme for the session 1976-7 are now available from Dr C H Stewart-Hess, Cheriton Fitzpaine, Crediton, Devon EX17 4HR. (Tel Cheriton Fitzpaine 495.)

Society for Drug Research—Meeting "Drugs used in diseases of skin," 4 January, London. Details from Dr Alma B Simmonds, 35 Summerland Grange, Summerland Gardens, London N10 3QP. (Tel 01-883 6114.)

Institute of Urology—Symposium "Infertility: treatment of the husband," 15 January, London. For details see advertisement at p x.

South Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details of the programme January to April 1977 are now available from the Centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Basildon, Essex SS16 5NL. (Tel 0268 3911 ext 3360.)

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 6 December

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—1.15 pm, Professor J H Quastel, FRS (Canada): Anaesthetics and cerebral transport processes.

Tuesday, 7 December

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY—4.30 pm, Dr R Eady: The ultrastructure of the epidermis.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—4.30 pm, Arnott demonstration by Mr A Levene: Anatomical features of the origin and spread of cancer.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Professor B Brooke: Crohn's disease.

Wednesday, 8 December

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr J M Walshe: Wilson's disease.

Thursday, 9 December

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Bradshaw lecture by Mr Selwyn Taylor: Thyroid medullary carcinoma: a new endocrine syndrome.
ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH—5 pm, Honyman Gillespie lecture by Dr A B Kay: The eosinophil leucocyte: formation, function, and fate.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

DECEMBER	
7 Tues	Scottish Hospital Junior Staffs Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 2 pm.
9 Thurs	Journal Committee, 2.30 pm.
15 Wed	Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
15 Wed	Finance and General Purposes Committee 9.30 am.
16 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.
16 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.
21 Tues	Scottish General Medical Services Committee (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.30 am.
22 Wed	Council, 10 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked * are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

Barnet and Finchley—At Finchley Memorial Hospital, Wednesday, 8 December, 8.15 pm, meeting to elect representatives to 1977 ARM.

Blackpool—At Savoy Hotel, Wednesday, 8 December, 7.30 for 8.45 pm, dinner-lecture, speaker Mr M S Owen.*

Cambridge and Isle of Ely—At Addenbrooke's Hospital New Site, Wednesday, 8 December, 8 pm, agm followed by talk by Dr E Brian Lewis: "The problems and difficulties of negotiations with the DHSS and Government."*

Durham—At Dryburn Hospital, Monday, 6 December, 8.30 pm, speaker from the Durham County Fire Brigade: "Fires and fire prevention." (Preceded by supper 7 for 7.30 pm.* guests are invited.)

Greenwich—At Greenwich District Hospital, Tuesday, 7 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, clinical meeting.*

Holland/Lincs—At Pilgrim Hospital, Saturday, 11 December, 7.30 pm, Dr P Barbor: "Neoplasia in children."* (Followed by buffet supper.)

Ipswich—At Ipswich Hospital, Wednesday, 8 December, 8.30 pm, meeting. (Preceded by supper, 7.30 pm.)

Isle of Wight—At Wheatsheaf Hotel, Saturday, 11 December, 8.15 for 8.45 pm, annual dinner.*

Manchester—At Boyd House, Saturday, 11 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, Christmas party.*

North Warwickshire—At Chase Hotel, Nuneaton, Tuesday, 7 December, 7.30 for 8 pm, dinner-lecture, speaker Chief Inspector B E Fisher: "The Moorgate train disaster."* (Guests are invited.)

Roehampton—At Queen Mary's Hospital, Friday, 10 December, 8.30 pm, wine tasting.*

Salop—At Copthorne Hospital, Wednesday, 8 December, 7.30 pm, agm and lecture by Dr R E G Altounyan on his work with asthma.*

Solihull—At Marston Green Hospital, Friday, 10 December, 7 pm, wine tasting followed by meeting on medical care in various countries and a discussion on evidence to the Royal Commission.*

South Bedfordshire—At the Winston Churchill, Dunstable, Wednesday, 8 December, 8 pm, agm and supper.*

South Middlesex—At Ashford Hospital, Monday, 6 December, 8.30 pm, agm.

West Berkshire—At Royal Berkshire Hospital, Wednesday, 8 December, 8.30 pm, Mr C R Sandison: "Medical finances in an inflationary period." (Wives are welcome.)

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

Professor R M Acheson has had the degrees of MD and DSc conferred on him by incorporation.
MD—J R Kemm, J F Smyth.

ABERDEEN

Dr C R Dundas has been appointed senior lecturer in surgery (anaesthesia) from 9 January, 1977.
MD—R D Hill.

GLASGOW

MD—R Mitchell, R O Quin, P J Rooney, R F M Wood.

LONDON

The title of professor of immunology has been conferred on Dr H Festenstein at the London and St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical Colleges.

LIVERPOOL

Dr R M R Barnes has been appointed senior lecturer (clinical) in immunology.

DUNDEE

Dr J Campbell Murdoch has been appointed senior lecturer in the Department of General Practice.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the college held on 4 November with the president, Dr J W Crofton, in the chair, the following were elected members of the college—J G Collee, W B McN Howie, D Jackson, D M Weir.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

At the annual meeting held on 1 November the following office-bearers were elected: Professor T Gibson (president); Dr Gavin B Shaw (visitor); Dr Norman MacKay (honorary secretary); Mr Colin MacKay (honorary treasurer); Sir Charles Illingworth (honorary librarian); Sir Robert Wright (representative on the General Medical Council); Professor James Ireland (representative on the General Dental Council); Dr C D Forbes, Mr D C Smith, Dr H Conway, Professor M C Macnaughton, Dr R B Wilson, Dr R Hume, Dr Brian O Williams (councillors).

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr S M Mostafa (consultant anaesthetist).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed—Dr I E Burton (haematologist); Dr A Merriman (geriatric medicine); Dr T A White (anaesthetist).

NORTH-EAST THAMES RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr C H W Browne (anaesthetist); Dr J D Hardy (paediatrician); Mr J M Beaugie, Mr D N Offen (general surgery).

NORTH-WESTERN RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr D N Foster (medicine); Dr D Thistlethwaite, Dr K M Adler, Dr M Purcell (paediatrics); Mr C D Baumber (general surgery); Dr G S Bhatt (psychiatry); Dr S Jegarajah (medicine with special interest in chest diseases); Mr P L Bali (ophthalmology); Mr M S Bell (orthopaedic surgery).

Corrections

The Week

When Dr Cameron's speech in Liverpool was quoted in *The Week* (27 November, p 1336) we regret that a line was omitted from the quotation. The last sentence of the first paragraph should have read:

But it might not always work: indeed, many doctors felt that—and I quote—"to go down the TUC road would be to destroy for ever the standing of doctors in the community; that it would provide the strongest ammunition for those at present engaged in an insidious campaign to 'cut the doctors down to size.'"

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