

MEDICAL NEWS

New Chairman of M.R.C.

The DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND has accepted an invitation to be the next Chairman of the Medical Research Council. He will take office when LORD AMORY, who has been Chairman of the M.R.C. since 1965, retires on 30 September 1969. The Duke of Northumberland was Chairman of the Agricultural Research Council from 1958 until July 1968, and has been Chancellor of the University of Newcastle since 1964.

Sherman Fund

The Welsh Council has decided to establish a prize (100 guineas) to be awarded annually for the most significant contribution published in the medical journals in the United Kingdom arising from work carried out in Wales by a registered medical practitioner. The prize, named the B.M.A. Sherman Prize, will be awarded on the basis of work published between 1 January and 31 December. Authors are invited to submit reprints in the first instance to the Area Secretary, B.M.A. Welsh House, 195 Newport Road, Cardiff.

Applications are also invited from doctors engaged in research in Wales who need financial assistance to further their research. They should give details of the proposed project and specify the extent of the financial assistance required.

Welsh Symposium on Green Paper

Under the sponsorship of the B.M.A. Welsh Council an inter-professional symposium entitled "The Green Paper in the Principality" will be held from 18 to 19 January at Whitchurch Hospital, Cardiff. It will be opened by Mr. G. THOMAS, M.P., Secretary of State for Wales. Other participants include Professor R. F. L. LOGAN ("The Need for Change"), Dr. D. L. WILLIAMS ("Area Boards?"), and Professor IVOR GOWAN ("Implications for Wales"). There will be opportunities for discussion. Further details may be obtained from the Welsh Regional office of the B.M.A.

Royal College of Surgeons

The second list of surgical tutors appointed by the Royal College of Surgeons of England is given below. The first list, with the terms of reference for the tutors, appeared in the *B.M.J.* of 18 May (p. 416).

North-west Metropolitan Region.—Mr. J. I. H. HADFIELD (Bedford Group).

North-east Metropolitan Region.—Mr. B. W. T. PENDER (Chelmsford); Mr. D. M. MILLAR (Colchester); Mr. A. G. DINGLEY (Southend); Mr. W. D. PARK (Romford and Ilford); Mr. L. R. DE JODE (Whipps Cross); Mr. W. A. HAMER (Billerica); Mr. J. E. TALBOT (Harold Wood); Mr. R. PELHAM WARREN (Epping).

Wessex Region.—Mr. J. H. H. WEBSTER (Southampton).

South-western Region.—Mr. J. FAIRGRIEVE (Cheltenham); Mr. A. M. N. GARDNER (Torquay); Mr. G. N. LUMB (Taunton); Mr. R. MERRYWEATHER (Gloucester); Mr. W. F. W. SOUTHWOOD (Bath); Mr. K. D. J. VOWLES (Exeter); Mr. C. M. VICKERY (Truro).

Birmingham Region.—Mr. P. G. BEVAN (Birmingham); Mr. B. H. PRICE (Birmingham); Mr. H. PIGGOTT (Birmingham); Mr.

P. L. BERGER (Sutton Coldfield); Mr. J. H. BRIDGER (Stafford); Mr. R. E. SHAW (Coventry); Mr. M. E. WHITE (Coventry); Mr. J. D. MARSH (Warwick); Mr. J. G. GRAY (Stoke-on-Trent); Mr. D. J. OAKLAND (Hereford); Mr. P. S. LONDON (Birmingham); Mr. J. H. BULMER (Wolverhampton); Mr. P. NICHOLAS (Worcester).

British Committee for Standards in Haematology

The British Committee for Standards in Haematology is to launch a scheme for inter-laboratory quality control of haematological tests. At intervals various reference preparations will be distributed to participating laboratories, while the "true" results will be determined in reference laboratories. The results from the participants will be evaluated statistically; acceptable limits of accuracy and precision will be established; and the results of each trial will be reported in confidence to the individual participants. Initially the scheme will be available only to a limited number of laboratories, but it is planned to expand the scheme to all areas in the United Kingdom. Applications to take part are invited from consultant haematologists in charge of laboratories. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. S. M. LEWIS, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Ducane Road, London W.12. There will be no charge for the service, which is being sponsored as a project of the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust.

People in the News

► Air Vice-Marshal J. CLARKE TAYLOR, Q.H.P., principal medical officer, Strike Command, has been appointed Deputy Director-General, R.A.F. Medical Services. He succeeds Air Vice-Marshal E. S. SIDEY, Q.H.S., who has been appointed to the Strike Command post.

► Captain H. A. D. WHITE, of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps, has been mentioned in dispatches for gallant and distinguished service in Vietnam.

Recent Publications

Medical Handbook on Contraception, third edition, published by the International Planned Parenthood Federation (18-20 Lower Regent Street, London S.W.1), 20s. including postage.

The Nursing Homes Register provides a list of registered nursing homes in the United Kingdom arranged in alphabetical order within counties. Details given include types of cases accepted and scale of charges. Published by Kelly's Directories Ltd., Neville House, Eden Street, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey, price 15s. post free.

Coming Events

B.M.A. Worcester and Bromsgrove Division.—Symposium, "Hazards of Exposure," 11 January, 2.30 p.m., Bromsgrove College of Further Education, School Drive, Stratford Road, Bromsgrove. Speakers will include Dr. L. G. C. E. PUGH, Surgeon Rear-Admiral S. MILES, and Dr. J. M. MILLEDGE.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—Lunch talk, "The Role of the G.L.C. Research and Intelligence Unit in Planning of Local Government and Health Services," by Dr. B. BENJAMIN, 22 January. Fee 10s. Applications to Director, Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

XXth International Tuberculosis Conference of the International Union Against Tuberculosis.—2-6 September 1969, New York City. Applications, before 1 March, to Conference Secretariat, National Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, 1740 Broadway, New York 10019, U.S.A.

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, 31 December

B.B.C. 2 TELEVISION.—1.15 p.m., *Medicine Today: Angina*. (Prepared in collaboration with A.S.M.E.) FOREST MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Whipps Cross Hospital, London E., 1 p.m., clinical meeting.

Friday, 3 January

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 10.15 a.m., Professor R. G. Burwell: *Scientific Basis of Bone Transplantation*; (2) 11.30 a.m., Mr. W. H. Stephenson: *clinicopathological conference*.

Sunday, 5 January

EDGWARE POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Edgware General Hospital, 10.30 a.m., Dr. C. Hodges: *Presymptomatic Diagnosis of Cancer*.

Saturday, 4 January

WEST SUFFOLK POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, 11 a.m., series of cases by Mr. J. F. Pereira: *Neurological Conditions Affecting the Eye*.

Correction

Preventing Postoperative Thrombosis.—Owing to a printer's error the second sentence in the third paragraph of the letter by Mr. G. E. Moloney and Dr. R. H. Fell (14 December, p. 705) was incorrect. This should have read, "The stimulator must be capable of delivering D.C. (galvanic) stimuli of up to 150 mA to curarized patients. . . ."

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