of inborn error where synthesis or degradation is impaired.

The British Group in Haemolytic Anaemia: Department of Haematology (Professor T. A. J. Frankero), 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 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. More recently the student nurses 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 this arrangement 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.I. 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 Mesers. 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 Medical Association 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 Fetal 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 deals generally with accommodation for psychiatric patients. (H.M.S.O., 2s. 6d., postage 4d.)

New Issues of Specialist Journals


ARCHIVES OF DISEASE IN CHILDHOOD

Contents of the February issue are as follows:


Volume 40, No. 209. Yearly subscription (6 numbers) £4 4s., abroad £4 15s.

Coming Events

Sir Charles Hastings Lecture (South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch of the British Medical Association).—"The Use and Abuse of Drugs," by Sir Derek 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 disc, 21 March, Royal Army Medical College, John Islip Street, London S.W.1. Details from honorary secretary, 75 Wimpole Street, London W.1.

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 Rabbere Club.—Spring dinner, 3 April, Sofonis’ Restaurant, John Torrington. Details from Honorary Secretary, Dr. George Lloyd, Kirkham, Babcroome, Torquay.