

duced by Mr. PHILLIP WHITEHEAD (Lab., Derby N), which is designed to provide vasectomy on the N.H.S.

The first was a new clause requiring local health authorities each year to submit a report to the Secretary of State showing how many patients, and at what ages, had had the operation. For the first two years, local health authorities would have to keep records showing how many men under 30 had applied for and been refused the operation.

The second amendment has removed from the Bill the provision that the operation should be available only to men of 30 or more, with exceptions on medical grounds. The Department of Health and Social Security has, however, stated that, after the Bill received the Royal Assent, it would send a circular to local health authorities stating that, except on medical grounds, the operation should normally only be available to "older men" who had completed their families.

Postgraduate Course in Neurology.—17-28 April, whole-time, at National Hospital, Queen Square, and Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London, for post-membership general physicians and neurologists and covering clinical neurology and neurology in relation to general medicine. Fee £25. Details from Dr. I. C. Gilliland, British Postgraduate Medical Federation, 33 Millman Street, London WC1N 3EJ. (Tel. 01-405 2716.)

4th L. H. Gray Memorial Conference.—"Parameters of the Vascular System Relating to Radiation Responses," 14 April 1972, Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Early application is advised and details are obtainable from Professor Patricia J. Lindop, Department of Radiobiology Medical College of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6BQ. (Tel. 01-251 1184.)

European Contact Lens Society of Ophthalmologists.—2nd Scientific Congress, 15-16 April, in Budapest, details from Dr. Istvan Gyorffy, Budapest VIII, Maria U. 39, Hungary.

MEDICAL NEWS

Community Medicine

The Faculty of Community Medicine held its inaugural general meeting on 15 March, when about 800 foundation members and 144 foundation Fellows were elected (see leading article p. 763). The president is Professor A. L. Cochrane, the vice-president Dr. W. G. Harding, the treasurer Dr. F. J. Fowler, the academic registrar Professor M. D. Warren, and the registrar Dr. T. M. Galloway. The members of the board of the faculty are: Professor T. Anderson, Sir John Brotherton, Professor A. L. Cochrane, Dr. W. Edgar, Dr. A. J. Essex-Cater, Dr. G. D. Forwell, Dr. F. J. Fowler, Dr. T. M. Galloway, Dr. W. G. Harding, Dr. M. A. Heasman, Professor W. W. Holland, Dr. J. D. Kershaw, Dr. J. F. Kirk, Professor C. R. Lowe, Dr. W. J. McGinness, Dr. Maud P. Menzies, Dr. J. R. Preston, Professor T. A. Ramsay, Lord Rosenheim, Dr. R. H. M. Stewart, and Dr. H. Yellowlees.

Royal Photographic Society Awards

The *British Medical Journal's* annual photographic award was won by Miss Christina Jones of Westminster Medical School, London, for her entry of three exhibition mounts showing retinal and slit lamp photography. The award consists of a cheque for £25 and a year's subscription to the Royal Photographic Society. The winner of the *Lancet* award was Mr. Ronald S. Barnett of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

Dermatological Research Unit

A new dermatological study and research unit at St. Mary's Hospital, London, was opened by Sir John McMichael, F.R.S., on 16 February. The Wellcome Trust has generously contributed £45,000 and the Medical Research Council £15,000 for the establishment of this department. Cell kinetics and mechanisms of drug action in psoriasis and treatment of atopic eczema in children are current projects. The immunological abnormality in dermatitis herpetiformis and its relationship to coeliac disease is being studied.

Indian Medical Association (Great Britain)

At the annual general meeting held on 6 February, the following officers were elected: *president*, Dr. M. S. Kataria; *secretary*, Dr. S. Maneksha; *treasurers*, Dr. J. Lobo and Dr. S. Chakravorty.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London.—(1) Teach-in, "Myeloencephalitis," 4 April, 8 p.m. (2) Watson Smith lecture, "Anderson-Fabry Dyslipidosis," by Dr. H. J. Wallace, 5 April, 5 p.m. For details see advertisements on page xxi.

Society for Drug Research.—Symposium, "Availability of Drugs from Medicines," 6 April, 9.45 p.m., London S.W.3. Fee £1.50. Details from Dr. Alma B. Simmonds, Chelsea College, Manresa Road, London S.W.3. (Tel. 01-352 6421.)

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.—Fourth annual symposium, "Cancer at the Crossroads and the Challenge for the Future," 9 May, Royal College of Surgeons of England. The programme includes the college's Walker prize lecture by Mr. D. P. Burkitt, "Epidemiology and Causation of Bowel Cancer." Fee £3.50. Application forms, to be returned by 24 April, and details are obtainable from the assistant secretary of the foundation, 124 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9BP. (Tel. 01-730 9157.)

Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.—Annual meeting, 6-8 April, Harrogate and Leeds. Details from honorary secretary of the association, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

"Treatment of Small Bowel Diseases."—International symposium, 7-8 April, Nice. Details from Professor J. Delmont, Hôpital Pasteur, Nice 06, France.

British Small Animal Veterinary Association.—15th Annual congress, 7-9 April, Kensington, London. Details from Mr. J. S. Baxter, 2 Rose Avenue, Horsforth, near Leeds, Yorks.

Royal College of General Practitioners (Merseyside and North Wales Faculty).—Spring general meeting, 7-9 April, Liverpool. The programme includes a symposium, "Advances in Diagnosis," under the chairmanship of Lord Cohen and Lord Rosenheim. Details from Dr. R. A. Yorke, 3 Wicks Lane, Formby, Lancs. (Tel. Formby 72187.)

"Interdisciplinary Investigations of the Brain."—Congress, 11-13 April, Oxford University, organized by the U.K. Liaison Committee for Sciences Allied to Medicine and Biology (S.A.M.B.). Application forms and details from Dr. J. P. Nicholson, honorary secretary, S.A.M.B., Physics Department, Westminster Hospital, Page Street Wing, London S.W.1. (Tel. 01-828 9811.)

"Recent Advances in Therapeutics."—Conference, 13-14 April, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, organized by the Western Regional Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education.

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, 28 March

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Professor M. C. MacNaughton: Steroid Aspects of Placental Function. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, S.W.3.)*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—5 p.m., Dr. J. T. Scott: A Current Survey of Gout and its Treatment.

Wednesday, 29 March

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Erasmus Wilson demonstration by Dr. M. C. Berenbaum: Immunosuppression.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor B. Firkin (Melbourne): Role of the Platelet in Haemostasis and Thrombosis.

Thursday, 30 March

FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—At Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital, 6 p.m., symposium: Disseminated Sclerosis.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 2 p.m., Mr. D. B. Paintin: Hypertension in Pregnancy. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, S.W.3.)*

Corrections

Dr. A. D. Anderson

We regret that in the obituary of the late Dr. A. D. Anderson (11 March, p. 698) it was incorrectly stated that he was educated at Christ's College, Cambridge. This should have read Christ's College, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Pulmonary Disability in Pneumoconiosis

In the article on Pulmonary Disability in Coal Workers' Pneumoconiosis by Dr. J. P. Lyons, Dr. R. Ryder, Professor H. Campbell, and Professor J. Gough (18 March, p. 713) figures 2 and 3 pertained to all cases and not just to those of simple pneumoconiosis.

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