Research Campaign, and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. This advisory committee will facilitate the scientific co-ordination of work in the cancer field and will strengthen the long-standing links between them. The committee membership is entirely scientific and includes the directors of the four major cancer research institutes in the U.K. and scientific representatives of the three founding bodies, Sir Max ROSENHEIM, P.R.C.P., is the chairman, and observers have been appointed by the health departments.

Chair of Chemical Pathology, Westminster

Dr. JOHN R. HOBBS, aged 41, senior lecturer in chemical pathology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, has been appointed to the chair of chemical pathology at the Westminster Hospital Medical School. He graduated B.Sc. (with honours) in 1953 at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School where he qualified M.B., B.S. in 1956. After two years of house posts at the Middlesex, the Central Middlesex, and the Brompton he became M.R.C.P. London. He was a registrar at the Westminster Hospital and lecturer in chemical pathology at the Royal Free until he went to Hammersmith in 1963. That year he gained his M.D. with a thesis on iodine-131 in thyroid function. His current research is mainly in the immunoglobulin field. A founder member of the Antibody Club and of the Royal College of Pathologists, he was European Molecular Biology Organization scholar to Uppsala in 1968, visiting professor to San Francisco in 1969, and Scott Heron medallist at Belfast for 1970.

People in the News

Professor P. C. C. GARHNIAM, F.R.S., emeritus professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, has been nominated by the Pope as an Academician of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences.

Surgeon-captain F. P. ELLIS, R.N., Retired, has been appointed visiting Fellow to the Nuffield Foundation Laboratory, New Haven, Connecticut, from 1 June, and visiting professor of epidemiology in the department of epidemiology and preventive medicine, Yale Medical School, from 1 July.

Mr. R. MYLES GIBSON has been appointed honorary consultant in neurosurgery to the Army at Home.

Coming Events

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—A series of conferences on "Geriatric Care" will be held between June and December. Details are obtainable from Miss J. G. Bricknell, Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.


Details from the conference secretary, Mrs. K. MacSorley, 238 Camden Road, London N.W.1.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At an admission ceremony held on 12 June Sir Arthur Porritt, Bt. K.C.B., C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Black were admitted to the Honorary Fellowship.

The following were admitted to the Fellowship according to the programme published in the June 27 issue of The British Medical Journal: E. De Valera, A. Kamel Naim, L. L. Williams.


Correction

Diapason and Neuromuscular Transmission

In the letter by Drs. G. Mounsidi and J. Pleuvry (20 June, p. 734) we regret that two lines of text were inadvertently transposed and appeared in the heading column instead of running on as part of the second paragraph. The second paragraph should have read: In order to determine whether diazepam affects transmission at the neuromuscular junction, we have investigated its activity upon the rat phrenic nerve-diaphragm preparation in vitro. This effect was dependent upon concentration and, at the highest concentration examined, a 50% increase in contraction height was seen.

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