

Griffiths, with Mr. H. Roberts and Mr. H. Briggs, lay members of court. Counsel for the H.C.S.A. outlined the main grounds of its application for its claim for recognition to be referred to the Commission on Industrial Relations. Sir Hugh reminded both sides of the possible effect of the Government's legislation on industrial relations but Counsel for the H.C.S.A. said that his clients wished to proceed with the case despite the uncertain future of the court and of the Commission on Industrial Relations. The court later heard submissions from Counsel for the B.M.A. that the Industrial Relations Court was not competent to adjudicate in the dispute for recognition. The Court decided to reserve judgement on the question of its jurisdiction and meanwhile to proceed with hearing the substantive part of the H.C.S.A.'s claim for recognition. A fuller report of the hearing will be published in a forthcoming issue.

New Research Chairs

Two research chairs, one in experimental neurology at Newcastle upon Tyne University and the other in human morphology and experimental orthopaedics at Nottingham University, have been endowed by the National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases. The endowment marks the 21st anniversary of the Fund, and the amount given is £200,000 for each chair.

Dr. W. G. Bradley, senior lecturer in neurology at Newcastle and principal research associate at the Muscular Dystrophy Research Laboratories since 1971, has been appointed to the chair at Newcastle, where the endowment also provides for a senior lectureship. He graduated in 1963 from Oxford University where he later worked under Sir George Pickering, F.R.S., and Professor W. Ritchie Russell. In 1967 Dr. Bradley was appointed M.R.C. research fellow in muscular dystrophy at Newcastle.

Mr. R. G. Burwell, of the Institute of Orthopaedics, London University, has been appointed to the chair at Nottingham. He graduated in 1952 from Leeds University. After working as senior resident surgical officer at the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry, he was appointed in 1968 to the N.F.R.C.D. chair of orthopaedics at the Institute of Orthopaedics. In 1970 he gave up surgery to undertake fundamental research in crippling diseases and since 1972 he has carried out his work in and from the department of human morphology at Nottingham University.

M.R.C. and Research on Multiple Sclerosis

The Medical Research Council, in conjunction with the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, will hold a scientific conference on research on multiple sclerosis with particular reference to the identification of most promising lines of future work. It is hoped that the conference will be held in the autumn.

Needs of the Handicapped

Starting in January 1975 the Open University is to give a course entitled "The Handicapped Person in the Community." Professor Philip Williams will be the course

team chairman, and the aim is to increase mutual understanding between specialists who share similar goals but have different professional backgrounds. The range of aids, treatments, and techniques available for the handicapped, the fields of education, occupational training together with employers' attitudes and associated problems, and the whole question of financial support will be dealt with in this course. It will close with a study of existing services and assessment of how far these will meet future needs.

The programme is one of the Open University's "post-experience courses" designed for people wishing to extend their knowledge. The cost is £55, and further information is available from the Information Officer, Open University, Milton Keynes, MK7 6AA.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Pathologists.—Day Symposium, "The Future of Pathology in Britain," 3 June, Royal Society, London. Details from the assistant registrar, Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AF. (Tel. 01-930 5861.)

20th International Institute on the Prevention and Treatment of Alcoholism.—23-28 June, Manchester University. Details from Mr. Archer Tongue, International Council on Alcohol and Addictions, Case Postale 140, 1001 Lausanne, Switzerland.

International Atomic Energy Agency.—Symposium, "Dynamic Studies with Radioisotopes in Clinical Medicine and Research," 15-19 July 1974, Tennessee, U.S.A. Details from national authorities for atomic energy matters, or from I.A.E.A., Kärntner Ring 11-13, P.O. Box 590, A-1011 Vienna, Austria.

Postgraduate Studies on Immunovirology of Cancer.—Short course, 30 September-12 October, Lyon, organized by the W.H.O. International Agency for Research on Cancer. There is no charge for the course but application must be made before 24 June. Details from the chief of research training and liaison, I.A.R.C., 150 cours Albert Thomas, 69008 Lyon, France.

Hampshire Medical Federation.—Copies and details of the programme, May-August, are obtainable from the secretary, Postgraduate Medical Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Hants. (Tel. Winchester 63535, extn. 422.)

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, 20 May

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. D. D. Munro: Effects of Corticosteroid Drugs on the Skin.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, 5.30 p.m., Professor A. A. Liebow (California): Pulmonary Angiitis and Granulomatosis.

Tuesday, 21 May

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Westminster Medical School, 5.15 p.m., Professor E. N. Cohen (California): Environmental Effects of Volatile Anaesthetics.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—9 a.m., Dr. J. Daly: Cytochemical Bioassay of Hormones; 10.30 a.m., Dr. C. W. Burke: Diagnosis of Cushing's Syndrome; 4 p.m., Dr. S. R. Bloom: Gut Endocrinology.

ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Professor M. H. Lessof: Immune Disorders and the General Physician.

Wednesday, 22 May

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. C. H. Cameron: Virological Methods.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor T. A. Sears: Talking of Breathing.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. W. Fenton: Sleep—Physiology and Pathology.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, 5.30 p.m., Professor R. Wheeler Haines: Bony Knobs—Epiphyses and Apophyses.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—At School of Pharmacy, Bradford University, 2 p.m., symposium: Herbal Remedies in Europe.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—9 a.m., Professor J. Doniach: Histopathology of Pituitary Tumours; 2 p.m., Dr. W. M. Thurlbeck: Growth, Development, and Ageing of Human Lungs; 4 p.m., Professor V. Marks: Hypoglycaemia.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—6 p.m., Jephcott lecture by Dr. Alfred Spinks: Future Invention in a Harsher World.*

Thursday, 23 May

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—At medical school, 5.15 p.m., Macarthur postgraduate lecture by Professor W. F. Ballinger (Washington University): Hyperparathyroidism—Dilemmas in its Treatment.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—6.30 p.m., Winsbury White lecture by Mr. Barry O'Donnell: Childhood Controversies.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. G. A. Neligan: The Quality of the Survivors.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. Angela Fairney: Some Aspects of Calcium Regulating Hormone.

Friday, 24 May

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—9 a.m., Professor V. H. T. James: Androgen Metabolism in Women; 4 p.m., Dr. E. Clarke: History of Endocrinology.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

MANCHESTER

Appointment.—Dr. Joan M. Braganza (lecturer, gastroenterology).

Corrections

Travel and Health

A leaflet entitled *Health Protection Notice to Travellers* is printed by H.M.S.O. and is available free of charge from the Department of Health and Social Security, Alexander Fleming House, Elephant and Castle, London S.E.1., and not from H.M.S.O. as printed (6 April, p. 68).

Can I Have an Ambulance, Doctor?

We regret that a printing error occurred in the letter from Dr. D. E. Ford (4 May, p. 378). The second paragraph should have read as follows:

"The facts revealed in the article showed that 75% of the patients treated were receiving no more than one hour of physiotherapy per week. I find it incredible, at a time when rehabilitation services are being reassessed and recommendations made about the implementation of the Tunbridge Committee report and when consultants in rehabilitation are being appointed, that such a very low level of treatment is still prescribed and carried out. This should be contrasted with a modern rehabilitation centre which treats patients on a full-time basis—that is, the patients attend for a 37-hour working week and treatment is devoted to active exercise or effective forms of physiotherapy and recovery time is reduced to an absolute minimum thereby."

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