went on; and there was some evidence that smoking by parents might increase the risk of respiratory illness in infants in their first year of life.

**Professor of Mental Health, Belfast**

Dr. G. W. Fenton has been appointed to the chair of mental health, Queen's University of Belfast. Dr. Fenton, who is 44, was educated at Balliol College, Oxford University, and qualified at the University of Belfast, where he graduated in 1951. After house appointments in Belfast, Glasgow, and London, Dr. Fenton became research assistant in the adult psychiatry department of the Middlesex Hospital, and in 1964 was appointed lecturer. In 1967 he became senior lecturer in the Institute of Psychiatry and consultant psychiatrist and neurophysiologist at the Bethlem Royal and Maudsley hospitals. Dr. Fenton gained his D.P.M. in 1957, M.R.C.P. (Edinburgh) in 1958, M.R.C.P. (London) in 1959, and M.R.C.P. (England) in 1971. In 1974 he was elected F.R.C.P. (Edinburgh).

**Reciprocal Health Agreements**

Britain now has reciprocal agreements for urgent medical treatment of foreign visitors on the same terms as their own nationals with Austria, Bulgaria, Denmark, Federal Germany, Greece, Sweden, and Yugoslavia. A similar agreement covers the countries of the E.E.C. British citizens in New Zealand are entitled to free treatment. Listing these agreements last year would have been impossible, Dr. David Owen said that comprehensive information about the medical services in other countries was not readily available.

**Speaking and Reading**

**Speaking and Reading** is the latest Family Doctor booklet, published this week (price 2s). In trying to reach the baby's mind, Dr. David Owen gives a clear account of the way in which babies learn to speak and read and how their parents can help them.

**COMING EVENTS**

Charing Cross Hospital (Fulham).—Day symposia—"Anticonvulsants and Their Complications," 28 May. Details from The Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital, Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF.

Royal Society of Medicine.—Day symposium "The Doctor's Responsibilities in 1975," 29 May. London. Details from Conference Secretary, Royal Society of Medicine, 11-13 Wimpole Street, London W1 (Tel. 01-3580 2070).

9th International Congress on Clinical Chemistry.—13-18 July. Tokyo. Details from Dr. F. H. Sims, Division of Clinical Chemistry, Women's College Hospital, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Medical Association of South Africa.—Golden jubilee congress, 14-18 July, Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg. Details from the secretariat, Jubilee Medical Congress, P.O. Box 10102, Johannesburg, South Africa 2000.

Charing Cross Hospital (Fulham).—Surgical weekend, 6-8 June. Details from Postgraduate Medical Centre, Charing Cross Hospital (Fulham), Fulham Palace Road, London W6 8RF (Tel. 01-748 2050 ext. 2980).

Royal Postgraduate Medical School.—Under the auspices of the British Cardiac Society, day symposium "Ischaemic Heart Disease—Prospects for Prevention," 11-12 June, Royal College of Physicians of England. Details from Dr. B. Lewis and Dr. Celia Oakley, Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London W12 OHS. (Tel. 01-743 2030).

National Children's Bureau.—Day conference on "An Exercise in Co-operation," 19 June, London. Details from Voluntary Council for Handicapped Children, National Children's Bureau, 8 Walkev Road, London EC1V 7QE. (Tel. 01-278 9441).

**SOCIETIES AND LECTURES**

For attending lectures marked *, a fee is charged to students; applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

**Monday, 19 May**

**Institute of Dermatology.—**4.30 p.m., Prof. R. K. Buch: Ectodermal Dysplasia.

**Tuesday, 20 May**

**Royal Army Medical College.—**5 p.m., Prof. Tucker: Progress in Vasal Surgery.

**Postgraduate Medical School.—**4 p.m., Professor D. S. Baldwin (New York): Lupus Nephritis.

**Wednesday, 21 May**

**Institute of Psychiatry.—**5.30 p.m., Dr. D. H. Bannister: A Closer Look at the "New" Longstay Patient.

**Royal College of Physicians of London.—**5.30 p.m., Groome lecture by Dr. W. N. Daker: Bilary Cirrhosis—an Appraisal.

**Postgraduate Medical School.—**2 p.m., Dr. N. G. Daker: Chromosome Banding Techniques and Clinical Diagnosis.

**Royal Society of Medicine.—**5 p.m., meeting of the Comprehensive Medicine Section: Central Rhabies.

**University College Hospital Medical School.—**5 p.m., first Cow & Gate Lecture by Dr. F. C. Battaglia (U.S.A.): Placental Transfer and Fetal Metabolism.

**Thursday, 22 May**

**Charing Cross Hospital (Fulham).—**1 p.m., Mr. G. M. Elder: Prostaglandins in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

**NUTRITION SOCIETY.—**At Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London W1, 2 p.m., consultation with Laboratory Research.

**St. Mary's Hospital Medical School.—**5.15 p.m., Professor Melville Kerr: The McMaster Experiment in Medical Education.

**University of Edinburgh.—**At Royal Infirmary, 5 p.m., Horvay Lecture by Dr. A. M. Goldstone: Imported Infection—Diagnosis and Treatment.

**Friday, 23 May**

**Royal Postgraduate Medical School.—**11 a.m., Mr. J. H. Jenkins: Carcinoma of the Bladder.

**Scottish Radiological Society.—**At Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 7.30 p.m., McGibbon memorial lecture by Dr. R. M. Marquis: Radiology and the Natural History of Heart Disease.

**B.M.A. NOTICES**

**Diary of Central Meetings**

**MAY**

21 Wed. Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 a.m.

21 Wed. Diseases of the Chest Group Committee, 2 p.m.

22 Thurs. A.R.M. Agenda Committee, 10 a.m.

22 Thurs. Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.

22 Thurs. Central Committee (H.I.S. Group Council), 10.30 a.m.

22 Thurs. Postgraduate and Training Sub-committee (H.I.S. Group Council), 2 p.m.

22 Thurs. Central Committee on the E.E.C., 2 p.m.

28 Wed. Finance Committee, 2 p.m.

28 Thurs. Hoo Committee—Doctors and Social Work, 10.30 a.m.

29 Thurs. Annuity Meetings Sub-committee (General Purposes Committee), 10.30 a.m.

29 Thurs. Scottish Council (at 7 Drumsh пре Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 a.m.

29 Thurs. Council, 2.30 p.m.

4 May Council, 9.30 a.m.

4 May Finance Committee (General Purposes Sub-committee (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.

7 Sat. Council (at Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2.30 p.m.

11 Wed. and Annual Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees, 10 a.m.