

"(4) The Advisory Appointments Committee will wish to be satisfied that applicants are in all respects fitted and prepared to carry out the full range of duties which they might be required to form [sic] if appointed. In doing so, enquiries about duties that relate to termination of pregnancy should be confined to professional intention, and should not extend to questions about candidates' personal beliefs.

"(5) I enclose extra copies of this letter for the A.M.O.s of A.H.S.s and A.H.A.s(T) to whose attention you will wish to bring it. It is also being copied to administrators, S.C.M.s (Medical Staffing), and regional personnel officers."

It will be noted (para. 2) that the D.H.S.S. must be notified of each occasion on which the above procedure is adopted. We understand that this requirement was included at the instance of the J.C.C. and is intended to help to ensure that the procedure is not used too freely.

### M.R.C. Developmental Neurobiology Unit

The Medical Research Council has set up a new unit for developmental neurobiology under the direction of Dr. Robert Balázs. The work of the unit will fall into two main areas: it will apply biochemical, morphological, and behavioural techniques to the study of normal growth and maturation of the central nervous system in experimental animals and man; and it will investigate the effect of metabolic factors, including hormones, nutrition, and drugs on the development of the brain. Temporarily, the unit is housed in the M.R.C.'s laboratories at Carshalton, Surrey, but by 1977 it will probably transfer to the Institute of Neurology in London, where, it is hoped, close academic and clinical links will develop with that establishment and with the Institute of Child Health.

### British Migraine Association Essay Competition

The British Migraine Association is providing prizes of £100, £50, and £25 for the best essays on "Migraine in Childhood." All members of the medical profession including those in preregistration year are eligible to participate. Entries should be typed on one side of the paper only and two clear copies sent to Mr. Peter Wilson, Secretary, British Migraine Association, Evergreen, Ottermead Lane, Ottershaw, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 0JH, to arrive not later than 1 September 1975.

### B.M.A. Awards

The British Medical Association is inviting applications from medical practitioners for the T.V. James Fellowship, the Edith Walsh Research Award, and a number of prizes. For further details see p. xix, 14 June.

### Private Hospital Provision

Private Patients Plan has agreed to provide substantial sums to help the Nuffield Nursing Homes Trust in its expansion programme. This will ensure the future of private treatment and reaffirm the confidence which both organizations have in the future growth of private practice in Great Britain. N.N.H.T., which is a charity sponsored in 1957 by B.U.P.A., has already built 24 independent hospitals through-

out the country. P.P.P. was established in 1940 as a non-profit organization and is the second largest private health insurance company in Britain, protecting half a million of the four million potential private patients in the country.

### People in the News

Professor Michael Heidelberger has been elected a foreign member of the Royal Society for his pioneering studies of antigen-antibody interactions and of the structure of bacterial polysaccharides.

## COMING EVENTS

**Chemical Society.**—Symposium "Heavy Metals as Environmental Hazards," 28-30 July, Bristol. Details from Education Officer, Burlington House, London W1V 0BN. (Tel. 01-734 9971).

**Workshop on Prolactin.**—24-25 August, 1975, Amsterdam, satellite symposium of Xth Acta Endocrinologica Congress. Details from H. G. Kwa, Netherlands Cancer Institute, Plesmanlaan 121, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**5th Australian General Practitioners' Convention and 2nd Joint Conference of the Colleges of General Practitioners of Australia, Singapore, Malaysia, and New Zealand.**—25-29 August, Sydney. Details from the convention manager, P.O. Box 45N, Grosvenor Street, Sydney, N.S.W. 2000, Australia.

**European Dialysis and Transplant Association.**—Congress, 26-29 August, Copenhagen. Details from E.D.T.A. Congress, DIS-Congress Service, Knabrostraede 3, DK-1210 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

**10th Acta Endocrinologica Congress.**—26-29 August, Amsterdam. Details from the secretariat of the congress, Department of Pharmacology, Free University Medical Faculty, Van der Boechorststraat 7, Amsterdam-1011, Netherlands.

## 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, 30 June

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., meeting to commemorate the life and work of the late Norman Capener.

### Tuesday, 1 July

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE SESSION OF PSYCHIATRY.—7 p.m., Professor F. J. Gillingham: Psychiatric Education.

### Wednesday, 2 July

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor I. Doniach: The Pancreas in Diabetes.

### Thursday, 3 July

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—6 p.m., Dr. S. S. Hakiir: *Argemone mexicana* toxicity in cooking oils.

### Friday, 4 July

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—12.30, Dr. H. L. Sharp (U.S.A.): Decreased Intrahepatic Bile Ducts in Paediatrics. 2 p.m., immunology seminar, Professor K. H. Meyer zum Buchenfelde (Germany).

## B.M.A. NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

JUNE  
27 Fri. Diseases of the Chest Group, Wolfson Hall, Churchill College, Cambridge, 4.30 p.m.

28 Sat. Annual Conference of Central Committee for Community Medicine, 10 a.m.

### JULY

3 Thurs. Scottish G.M.S. Committee (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.  
3 Thurs. Anaesthetists Subcommittee (Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services), 2 p.m.  
6 Sun. National Conference of Hospital Medical Staffs (Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, University of Leeds), 2.30 p.m.  
7 Mon. to 11 Fri. Annual Representative Meeting (Refectory, University of Leeds).  
9 Wed. and 10 Thurs. Annual Scientific Meeting (Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, University of Leeds).  
22 Tues. Joint Consultants Committee (at Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London NW1).

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### ABERDEEN

The title of reader in community medicine has been conferred on Dr. George Innes in respect of his post. The title of reader in medicine has been conferred on Dr. Derek Ogston in respect of his post.

### CAMBRIDGE

At a ceremony held on 5 June the titular degree of D.Sc. was conferred on Mr. G. K. McKee, C.B.E., clinical research orthopaedic surgeon (joint replacement surgery), East Anglian Regional Health Authority.

### LIVERPOOL

Appointments.—Mr. A. Cuschieri (reader in surgery).

### LONDON

M.D.—R. S. Elkeles.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At the ordinary meeting of the council held in May, with Sir Rodney Smith, president, in the chair, Sir Stanley Clayton was elected to serve on council as the co-opted representative of obstetrics and gynaecology.

Mr. Jeffery Atrale has been elected to the board of faculty of dental surgery.

Dr. Victor Goodhill is Joseph Toynbee Memorial Lecturer for 1976.

Mr. N. A. Olbourne has been awarded a Sir Alexander MacCormick fellowship.

Hallett Prizes were awarded to Dr. S.H.H.A. Galal and Dr. R. R. Morcos of Cairo and Dr. M. M. Hussein of Khartoum.

### Corrections

#### Antituberculous Drugs and the Liver

In the leading article on this subject (7 June, p. 522) reference 2 should read "Smith, J. P., and Sharer, L., *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 1969, 71, 1113."

#### Tolamolol in Treatment of Angina Pectoris

We regret that a typographical error occurred in the letter from Dr. S. Oram and others (28 June, p. 686). In the penultimate line the word "advisers" should read "adviser"—referring to Dr. Good and not to the authors of the letter.

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