

viewing the control limits for methylene chloride, but in the meantime the HSE is taking the opportunity to remind industry of the limits currently in force.

Chinese translation service

From the end of January Dr A J H Brown will be offering a translation service for articles in Chinese medical journals for an annual fee of £10. For more information on the journals and subjects covered contact Dr Brown at 46 Merrytown Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow G46 6DX.

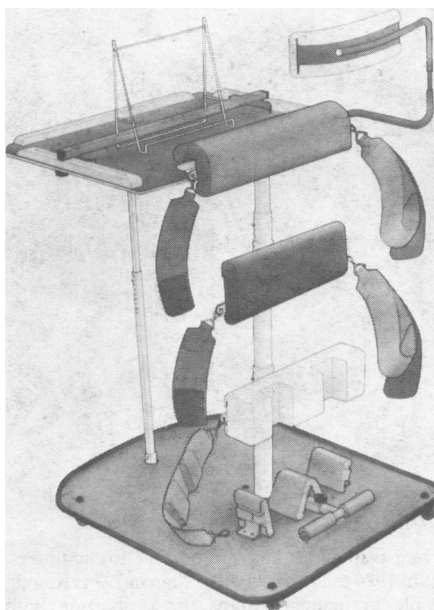
Brief news

The annual review of the National Health Service, *The Health Service in England. Annual Report 1985-6*, is now available from HMSO and good booksellers, price £8.50.

The Nuffield department of clinical medicine in Oxford is to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary either at the end of 1987 or the beginning of 1988 by holding a one day symposium followed by a dinner. Previous members of the department who are interested should contact Mrs Jane Watt at the department, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU.

The Miscarriage Association offers a network of women all over the country who have had miscarriages and are available to support women who recently had one. The association also publishes a newsletter and can be contacted at 18 Stonybrook Close, West Bretton, Wakefield WF4 4TD (please enclose stamped addressed envelope).

The Psychiatry Research Trust has been launched with the aim of raising £4 m for psychiatric research. The Institute of Psychiatry says that there have never been greater opportunities in psychiatric research just at a time when govern-



Lawrence Eastwell's standing frame for children with cerebral palsy (above) won one of the four annual Medic awards for 1986. The awards, started by the British Surgical Trades Association and organised by the Royal Society of Arts, are worth £5000 each and enable the winners, who must be final year degree or diploma students or postgraduates, to undertake nine months of research and development with a manufacturing company, developing their design to prototype stage. The other winners in 1986 were Martin Kelly, who designed a multifunctional work-top for the disabled, elderly, or bedridden patient, and Rena Moore and Vivien Young, for their multisensory stimulation play environment for blind or partially sighted children.

ment cuts are biting hard. For more information write to the trust, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, Denmark Hill, London SE5 8AF.

New stock

A centralised pharmaceutical unit, costing £2.1m, is to be built at the City Hospital in Edinburgh. The unit will replace the six pharmaceutical distribution centres that currently serve Lothian hospitals.

The second phase of the West Lothian District General Hospital in Livingston, which will cost £19.5m, has been approved by the Scottish Office's Minister of State responsible for health. Construction will begin in September 1987.

Three of ten new wards, costing £4m, have been opened at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, to provide 90 beds for patients transferred from other wards that are undergoing conversion. The remaining seven wards will come into use over 18 months from February 1987 onwards.

Information please

The Training Advisory Group on the Sexual Abuse of Children and the National Children's Bureau hope to provide a training advisory resource in child sexual abuse. Anyone with knowledge of existing training initiatives or needs should contact Dr Sydney Brandon, Department of Psychiatry, Clinical Services Building, Leicester Royal Infirmary, PO Box 65, Leicester LE2 7LX.

Correction

We regret that in the item on medical new year honours (10 January, p 127) the legends to the photographs were transposed. From left to right the photographs showed Dr J C Batten, Professor D J Weatherall, Professor H L Duthie, and Mr A Elton. We apologise for this error.

COMING EVENTS

Longman Seminars—Seminar "Child abuse," 26 February, London. Details from Susie Harvey, Longman Seminars, 1st Floor, Vernon House, Sicilian Avenue, London WC1. (Tel 01 242 4111.)

"Psychiatric and psychosocial aspects of AIDS and related conditions"—Multidisciplinary conference organised by the Academic Department of Psychological Medicine of King's College School of Medicine and Dentistry and the Institute of Psychiatry, 27 February, London. Details from Mrs Deanna Voos of the institute, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF.

"Professor Cheraskin on nutrition"—Seminar, 6-7 March, Gatwick. Details from Education and Seminars for Professionals Ltd, Freeport, Dorking, Surrey RH5 5SN. (Tel 0372 68221, 24 hours.)

Northwick Park Microsurgical Workshops—Details of the workshops, 23-27 March and 30 March to 3 April, and individual courses throughout the year, Harrow, are available from Dr C J Green, Surgical Research Group, Clinical Research Centre, Watford Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 3UJ. (Tel 01 864 5311 ext 2511.)

"Rehabilitation after facial disfigurement"—Conference organised by the British Red Cross Society and the King's Fund Centre, 31 March, London. Details from Mrs Susan Hodge of the centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF. (Tel 01 267 6111 ext 210.)

Green College, Oxford—Jan Brod Memorial Lecture by Dr Arnold S Reiman, editor of the *New England Journal of Medicine* on "The treatment of end stage renal disease in the US and the UK: Transatlantic differences in the use of medical resources," 24 April, Oxford. Details from Sir John Walton, Green College, Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford OX2 6HG.

Institute of Dental Surgery Behavioural Sciences and Dentistry Group—2nd annual meeting "Management of anxiety," 16 May, London. Details from Dr Charlotte Feinmann at the institute, Eastman Dental Hospital, 256 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X 8LD.

British Association for Service to the Elderly—Details and copies of the programme of forthcoming meetings are available from the association, 119 Hassell Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, Staffordshire ST5 1AX. (Tel 0782 661033.)

South Essex Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme of meetings to March are available from the centre, Basildon Hospital, Nether Mayne, Basildon, Essex. (Tel 0268 3911 ext 3360.)

BMA NOTICES

Central meetings

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| | JANUARY |
| 20 Tues | Joint Consultants Committee (Faculty of Dental Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2), 9.30 am. |
| 21 Wed | Scottish council (9 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am. |
| 21 Wed | EEC committee, 2 pm. |
| 24 Sat | Associate members group committee, 2 pm. |

Division meetings

Members proposing to attend meetings marked * are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

Ayrshire and Arran—At Piersland House Hotel, Troon, Wednesday 21 January, 7 for 7.30 pm, annual meeting with BMA Ladies' Section, speaker Dr Leslie Hardie: "Ayrshire through my lens."* (Followed by buffet supper.)

Shropshire—At Medical Institute, Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Tuesday 20 January, 7.30 for 8 pm, combined meeting with the Shropshire Division of the BMA, speaker Mr D G Lyon from Chester Zoo.* (Followed by buffet supper.)

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institutions concerned.

Monday 19 January

GREEN COLLEGE OXFORD—At Witts Lecture Theatre, Radcliffe Infirmary, 6 pm, Professor Alwyn Smith: Social factors and disease: the medical perspective.

ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—In Lecture Theatre A, Hunter Wing, 12.30 pm, obstetrics and gynaecology departmental lecture by Dr Victoria Munday: Serum alphafetoprotein in the screening of Down's syndrome.

Tuesday 20 January

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD ICRF CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY AND CLINICAL TRIALS UNIT—At Ida Green Seminar Room, Observer's House, Green College, 3.30 pm, Theo Schofield: Design and evaluation of a course in communication skills teaching.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD WOLFSON COLLEGE—In the Hall of the college, 5 pm, Sir Raymond Hoffenberg: Modern medicine: prospects and problems.

Wednesday 21 January

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures, 6 pm, Dr S G Cull-Candy: Biophysics of synaptic channels. 7 pm, Professor J Newsom Davis: Disorders affecting synaptic channels at the neuromuscular junction.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—At Stamp Lecture Theatre, 10.15 am, medical staff round.

WELLCOME INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE—At seminar room, second floor, 5.30 pm, Joan Mottram: A new hospital for women: the transformation of the Manchester Lying In Charity c 1850. (Preceded by refreshments 5.15 pm.)

Saturday 24 January

NUFFIELD DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY, OXFORD—8.30 am, Mr P D McLardy Smith: Inflammatory components of osteoarthritis. 9.30 am, Dr D Wilson: New imaging techniques and joint disease.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

Following elections the office bearers for the ensuing year include: Dr M F Oliver (president); Dr James Syme (vice president); Dr A J Keay (treasurer); Dr J L Anderson (secretary); and Dr J Nimmo (registrar).

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