

MEDICAL NEWS

Leeds University

Dr. D. GORDON McDOWALL, senior lecturer and head of the university department of anaesthesia at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, has been appointed professor and head of the department of anaesthesia, Leeds University. He will succeed Professor J. F. NUNN. Dr. McDowall, who is 35, was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Edinburgh University, graduating M.B. in 1957. He held house appointments at the Royal Infirmary and the



Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, and then served for three years in the medical branch of the Royal Air Force. In 1961 he was appointed registrar at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, before becoming I.C.I. research fellow in anaesthesia at the hyperbaric oxygen unit, Western Infirmary, Glasgow. After holding a university lectureship at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, he was promoted senior lecturer there in 1965, and since March last year has held his present post at the Western Infirmary. In 1962 he was elected F.F.A.R.C.S., and in 1967 he graduated M.D. with commendation from Edinburgh University. His published work includes articles on the physiology and pharmacology of the cerebral circulation and on hyperbaric oxygen.

Commonwealth Medical Conference

Mr. KENNETH ROBINSON, Minister of Health, is leading the British delegation at the Second Commonwealth Medical Conference, which opened in Kampala, Uganda, on 2 September. The first item on the agenda was action taken by Commonwealth governments on the recommendations for various schemes of co-operation made at the first conference in Edinburgh in 1965. Other subjects for discussion include medical education, family planning, and co-operation in health services. The conference will continue until 12 September.

Medical Research in Scotland

Grants totalling nearly £60,000 for medical research have been awarded by the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust. They include £16,692 over three years to Dr. M. A. FERGUSON-SMITH, Glasgow University, for the study of chromosomal aberrations in gene localization. Others to receive support for projects are: Professor ROLAND BARNES, Glasgow University, mineralization and formation of bone in animals and man, £6,713 over three years; Dr. J. K. GRANT, Glasgow University, study of adrenocortical cell components, £1,595; Dr. J. R. SMYTHIES, Edinburgh University, importance of psychological factors in the outcome of treatment of acute coronary occlusion, £5,300 over two years; Professor A. W. KAY, Western Infirmary, Glasgow, computing applied to surgery with particular reference

to peptic ulceration, £2,600 over two years (supplementary grant); Professor G. M. WILSON and others, Glasgow University, preparation of computer analysis data on calcium metabolism, £6,040 over two years (supplementary grant); Dr. J. A. BALDWIN, Aberdeen University, epidemiological studies in psychiatric morbidity, £1,100 for one year (supplementary grant); Dr. C. H. M. WALKER, Dundee University, investigation and treatment of infants with cardiac or respiratory distress or with renal failure, £10,400 over two years (supplementary grant); Mr. KEITH BODDY and Professor A. E. RITCHIE, Scottish Research Reactor Centre and St. Andrews University, a mobile whole-body counter for research in medicine and radiological physics, and application of whole-body monitoring to medicine, £1,500 for purchase of equipment and £1,500 over three years (supplementary grant); Dr. JAMES MCGEACHIE, Glasgow Royal Infirmary, purification and immunology of colicine, £2,400 over two years (supplementary grant); Professor R. G. WHITE, Glasgow University, biosynthesis of immunoglobulins in the guinea-pig: in-vitro studies of the role of various lymphoid tissues, £2,050 for one year (supplementary grant); and Professor J. R. GREENING and Dr. J. M. NEILSON, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, application of electronics and physics to medicine, £1,700 for one year (supplementary grant).

The Cruden Medical Research Fellowship for 1968-9 has been awarded to Dr. ALRICH J. DA COSTA.

Draft Asbestos Regulations

Proposals for new regulations to replace the Asbestos Industry Regulations 1931 were published last week by the Department of Employment and Productivity (H.M.S.O., 1s. 3d.). They require that processes giving rise to asbestos dust be carried out under an exhaust draught or in some other equally safe way. If this is not practicable workers are to be provided with respiratory protective equipment and protective clothing (see leading article, 24 August, p. 448). Where crocidolite is used, the district inspector must be notified. No young person may be employed in any process to which the regulations apply. The closing date for objections to be made to the proposals is 27 September.

People in the News

► Sir PETER MEDAWAR, F.R.S., director of the National Institute for Medical Research, was installed last week as president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

Recent Publications

Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Auxiliaries, a W.H.O. publication surveying existing legislation in 18 countries. H.M.S.O., 16s.

Coming Events

Symposium on Resuscitation.—10 September, Royal College of Surgeons of England. Application for tickets to "Symposium," St. John Ambulance Association, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London S.W.1.

IX International Congress of Audiology.—15-19 September, London. Details from secretary-general at 330 Grays Inn Road, London W.C.1.

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.—Annual Congress, 19 to 21 September, Sheffield.

British Club for Surgery of the Hand.—Symposium on the treatment of tendon injuries, 15 November. For details see advertisement on p. xlv.

Cambridge University Medical School.—Revision course in basic medical sciences, mainly for junior anaesthetists working for the March 1969 primary F.F.A. examination, to be held every other Saturday from October to March. Details from Secretary, Cambridge University Medical School, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

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.

Tuesday, 10 September

HEATHERWOOD HOSPITAL, ASCOT.—At Outpatient Hall, 8.45 p.m., Mr. R. H. Maudsley: Cervical Spondylosis.

Wednesday, 11 September

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL: DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE. At Large Lecture Hut, 5.15 p.m., Dr. H. Sarles (Marseilles): Chronic Pancreatitis. STOKES MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL.—12.15 p.m., Dr. C. S. Fitcher: Some Problems in Iron Metabolism.

Correction

Infection Risks of Haemodialysis.—The text of this article (24 August, p. 454) inadvertently omitted the name of Dr. W. H. H. Jebb (Oxford) from the list of members of the working party.

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