Chair of Medical Microbiology

Professor William Brumfit has been appointed to the chair of medical microbiology at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, London. Professor Brumfit was educated at Worplesdon College, Hampshire, and at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London. After a period of work in the R.A.M.C. Headquarters in 1951, he was house physician at St. Mary's Hospital and then Medical Research Council scholar at the Wright - Fleming Institute with Sir Alexander Fleming and Professor Robert Cruickshank. In 1953 he became M.R.C.P. and then spent two years in the R.A.M.C. Headquarters. He returned to St. Mary's Hospital and in 1961 he was awarded the Ph.D. Subsequently he combined the appointments of senior lecturer and honorary consultant bacteriologist to St. Mary's Hospital while working College, clinical pathologist to Edgware General Hospital and the Charing Cross Group. During 1966 he was visiting professor at New York University School of Medicine. He became a foundation member of the Royal College of Pathologists in 1964 and was elected Fellow in 1969. In 1970 he was appointed professor of pathology at Southampton University Medical School. Professor Brumfit has published a number of papers on various aspects of urinary infections and other gram-negative infections, and his other publications include studies on the mode of action and mechanism of resistance to chemotherapeutic agents, as well as clinical studies to define the place of new antibiotics.

Society of Apothecaries of London

The following have been elected members of the society for the ensuing year: master, Sir John Richardson; senior wardens, Sir Brian Windley; junior wardens, Dr. G. B. Mitchell-Heggs.

People in the News

Air Vice Marshal H. L. Roxburgh has been appointed an Honorary Surgeon to the Queen.

Major-General J. P. Baird, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed commandant and director of studies, Royal Army Medical College.

COMING EVENTS

Lancaster Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Details of the current programme are obtainable from the clinical tutor of the centre, Ashton Road, Lancaster, Lancs. (Tel. Lancaster 2345.)

Burton Graduate Medical Centre.—Copies and details of the programme, September-December, are obtainable from the clinical tutor, General Hospital, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs.

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