Paediatric Surgery

The paediatric surgical associations of 16 west European countries have formed the European Union of Paediatric Surgical Associations. A resolution drawn up by members at a meeting in Rotterdam defines paediatric surgery, spells out the need for special centres, the kind of training programme required for specialization, and the age of patients considered to be in the category of paediatric surgery. The two British representatives on the union's council are Mr. James Lister of Sheffield and Professor A. Wilkinson of London.

Psychiatric Services in Scotland

A working party set up in June 1972 by the executive committee of the Scottish Regional Divisions and the General Council of the B.M.A. to "consider and make recommendations on the future provision of psychiatric services in Scotland" has now made its report. In general the working party recommends a comprehensive service for psychiatry with provisions for patients in hospital and through community services, both statutory and voluntary. Its members hope that in the main psychiatric patients will be cared for in general hospitals, although they acknowledge the well recognized view that the inpatient needs of such patients are radically different from medical and surgical patients. The need to extend care through the day hospital system is emphasized. Child and adolescent psychiatry are seen as part of a comprehensive child health service with the corollary that as no single-handed consultants could deal with the workload in this field further training posts be created and full-time appointments be made to university departments. Recommendations on geriatric and forensic services and concluded are public education, research, and professional training.

The working party was composed of 13 psychiatrists, from general and specific areas of the specialty, and the chairman was Dr. A. C. Tait. The report is at present under consideration by the Scottish division of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

Lunch in Edinburgh

B.M.A. members visiting Edinburgh on holiday or for the Edinburgh Festival are reminded that luncheon facilities for members and their families are available at the Scotts House, Drummond Gardens, from Mondays to Fridays, 12.30-2 p.m.

Seat Belts

Interested organizations have been invited by the Minister for Transport Industries, Mr. John Peyton, to comment on ways to increase use of seat belts. Publicity, improved design, insurance premium concessions, and car immobilization devices released only by fastening seat belts are all suggested inducements to improve degree of use. Those interested should write to the Department of the Environment (RSG1), Caxton House, Tottiel Street, London SW1, phone 0-1834 8540 ex. 205, and their comments must be received before 1 November.

Homosexuality

A new Family Doctor booklet on this subject by Dr. F. E. Kenyon has just been published. In 50 pages answers are essayed to such questions as "are homosexuals born or made?" and "is there any treatment?" and it is a general effort made to dispel some of the prejudice and ignorance surrounding the subject. Homosexuality by Dr. F. E. Kenyon, can be obtained from Family Doctor House, 47/51 Chalton Street, London NW1 1HT, price 17p, or at chemists 13p.

People in the News

Professor Jack Papps has had the title of Doctor Honoris Causa conferred on him by the University of Clermont, Clermont Ferrand, France, for his contributions to contemporary immunology.

Brigadier J. E. Miller, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen.

COMING EVENTS

Organ Transplantation Society.—6th Congress, 12-15 September, Varese. Details from the congress secretariat, Studio MGR, Via Lanzo 60, 20123 Milan, Italy.

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, 17 July

ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Professor M. T. Warren: Trigger Factors and Management of Asthma.

Wednesday, 18 July

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor A. M. Neville: Functional Aspects of Adrenal Physiology.

Friday, 20 July

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—3 p.m., Charles Tonks lecture by Professor W. J. Talley: Changing Faces.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

On 14 June the honorary degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on Dr. M. G. Cardan, director-general of the World Health Organization.


LONDON

The title of professor of pathology has been conferred on Professor G. W. A. Dick in respect of his post as honorary lecturer at the Institute of Child Health. Professor Dick was recently appointed post-graduate medical dean in the South-west Metropolitan Region, and an assistant director of the British Psychiatric Medical Federation.

The title of reader in drug dependence has been conferred on Dr. J. G. Edwards in respect of his post at the Institute of Psychiatry.

MANCHESTER

M.Sc.—In the Faculty of Medicine: Elizabeth R. M. Harvey, Mrs. Elvira Toppa.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS

The following successful candidates in the recent examination for the diploma in obstetrics were awarded "distinction" and named in the list published in the B.M.A., 23 June, p. 726.


APPOINTMENTS

SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. D. J. Wigram (consultant, orthopaedics and trauma surgery; Greenwich and Bromley groups); Dr. K. N. Diwaker (consultant, radiology; Greenwich and Maidstone and District groups); Dr. F. P. Girolami (consultant, general surgery, Medway and Gravesend group); Dr. M. A. R. J. Davis (consultant, radiology, Greenwich and Deptford group); Dr. D. H. Perkins (consultant, anaesthesiology; Greenwich and Kent's group); Dr. Armorel B. Church (consultant, anaesthesiology; Greenwich group); Mr. J. R. Sproule (consultant, ophthalmology, Hastings group); Dr. B. R. T. Smith (consultant, anaesthesiology, South-east Kent group).

Corrections

Australia Antigen in V.D. Clinic Patients

We regret that in a letter on this subject (30 June, p. 6) the name of the author, Mr. T. H. Bloomfield, was misspelt.

Association Notices: Group Committee Elections

In the notice of elections to vacancies on the B.M.A.'s Group Committees (Supplement, 7 July, p. 4) the period of office for Consulting Pathologists and Physical Medicine was incorrectly given in the table as 1971-5. It should have been 1973-7.

The Problem Oriented Medical Record

We regret that in the letter from Dr. E. C. Coles (30 June, p. 774), the 11th and 12th lines in the second paragraph were transposed owing to a technical error. The passage concerned should have read: "...and moral need is applied with great benefit to existing 'pencil and paper' methods of recording medical data; and should a successful system of computerized problem oriented records not be achieved..."

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