SOCIETIES AND LETTERS

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

Monday, 27 October
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL—5 pm, Professor Frank Austen (Harvard): The molecular basis of some interactions between mast cells and plasma cells.

Tuesday, 28 October
LA SOCIÉTÉ MÉDECINE DU DÉPANNEUR FRANÇAIS—tiendra une réunion entre 17 H et 18 H. Tous les médecins intéressés sont expressions invités à y participer. Le compte-rendu en est françois. Que ce qui débouche vers un dépannage bien-tôt édité en avance à la Secrétère, 01-387 5132.

Wednesday, 29 October
ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT HOSPITALS—At King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers, 5 pm, a.g.m. Speaker will be the Baroness Mabel of Beorte.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—6 pm, Sandon Founda- tion lectures, Dr S Montada: The mechanism of analgesia of systemic drugs. Dr H Marxery: Psychiatry and the treatment of pain.

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPEDICS—6.15 pm, Professor C E Strood: Orthopedic problems in the immigrant child.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY—5.30 pm, Dr A C S Rutter: The Neurotics of the Psychological Clinic. Dr J Steer: Psychotherapy in the treatment of intractable pain.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—Tudor Edwards memorial lecture, 5 pm, Dr N C Oswald: Prolonged immobility and the heart.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—5 pm, Dr G W Ashcroft: Affective disorders in reorienting clinical facts with theoretical models.

Thursday, 30 October
ST.MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Alec Bourn lecturer, Mr M R L Winsor: Experiences in Fallopian tube manipulation.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON—5.30 pm, a photographic lecture by Dr R Schater: The psychoanalytic life history.

Friday, 31 October
MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENERIAL DISEASES—6.30 pm, demonstration by Dr R M Warren of the models of the National Slide Library of Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a quarterly meeting of the council held on 9 October, with Sir Rodney Smith, president, in the chair, Mr Sir John Lamb of Bath was admitted to the honorary Fellowship of the college and Professor Paul Branum was awarded a certificate as an invited representative of the Faculty of Dental Surgery. Mr J E Bonser was elected a fellow of the college. Mr J D Hennessey, and Mr R E Williams were admitted to the Fellowship ad eundem.

Mr Derek Henders has been appointed Keiley Froy, the first postgraduate dental training to the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

APPOINTMENTS

TO THE QUEEN—Surgeon Captain A S Fallerton (honorary surgeon).

HAMPSTEAD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr J W Waterton (consultant nephrologist).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr Patricia Woolley (consultant radiologist); Mr K M White (consultant ophthalmologist); Mr D A W Johnson (psychiatrist); Mr S K Bhargava (ophthalmologist).

SALFORD AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr R R Coulson (general medicine); Dr A R Durrani (general medicine); Dr M R Kerur (cardiologist); Dr P D Wilson (urological surgery); Mr D A W Johnson (psychiatrist); Dr G F Fallerton (obstetrician and gynaecologist).

The following consultants have been appointed by other authorities but have sessions in the Salford area: Mr D J G Mearns (anaesthetics); Dr D MacLeod (anaesthetics); Dr N A Thomas (anaesthetics); Dr G F Fallerton (obstetrician and gynaecologist); Dr G A Kerur (psychiatrist); Dr P D Wilson (urological surgery).

NEWCASTLE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr J O K Durrani (anaesthetics); Dr J D Kerur (psychiatrist); Dr D MacLeod (anaesthetics); Mr D A W Johnson (psychiatrist); Dr G A Kerur (psychiatrist); Dr G F Fallerton (obstetrician and gynaecologist).

CORRECTIONS

Vitamin E deficiency and platelet functional defect in a jaundiced infant

In the case report of this article (4 October, p 19) under sub-title Progress, line 2, the dosage of vitamin E (Ephynal) should have read: 10 mg orally once daily. The patient was stored at -20 °C in a water soluble α-tocopherol-acetate preparation (supplied by Roche) 100 mg three times a day.

A free service?

The Health Service absorbs about £10m a day, not £1m as stated in the last sentence of the letter from Dr A R Bailey (11 October, p 106).

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