

study programme to the secretary of the British Section, Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, London N7, by 30 April.

Multiple Sclerosis Society concert

Elgar's "Dream of Gerontius" will be performed at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday, 23 March, by St Bartholomew's Hospital Choral Society. The soloists will be Elizabeth Bainbridge (contralto), David Rendall (tenor), and Raimund Herinx (bass). The performance is in aid of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, and tickets will be available from the Royal Albert Hall box office from 21 February and the usual agents, price £3, £2, £1, and 75p, with gallery standing tickets at 30p.

COMING EVENTS

Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene—Laboratory meeting on schistosomiasis, 17 February, London. Details from the Society, Manson House, 26 Portland Place, London W1N 4EY. (Tel 01-580 2127.)

Brookwood Hospital, Woking—MRCPSych (preliminary test) and DPM (parts A and B) weekend revision course, 11-13 March. For details see advertisement at p x.

Institute of Urology—Seminar "Operative urology for the FRCS," 12 March, London. For details see advertisement at p x.

Chest, Heart and Stroke Association—Conference on Stroke Clubs, 18 March, London. Details and copies of the programme are available from Miss H V Walsh, Assistant Director, Chest, Heart and Stroke Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JE. (Tel 01-287 3012.)

British Institute of Radiology—Details of forthcoming meetings are now available from the Institute, 32 Welbeck Street, London W1M 7PG. (Tel 01-935 6237/6867.)

Manchester Medical Society—Details and copies of the February programme are now available from the Society, the University, Manchester M13 9PL. (Tel 061-273 6048.)

Royal Society of Medicine—Details and copies of the programme for February are now available from the Society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

Winchester and Central Hampshire Postgraduate Medical Centre—Details and copies of the programme to April 1977 are now available from the Centre, Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester. (Tel Winchester 63535 ext 422.)

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.

Monday, 14 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Professor I Friedmann: Limited forms of granuloma of Wegener's type and related problems.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON—5.30 pm, Professor H Thoenen (Basle): Transfer of information from effector organs to innervating neurons.

Tuesday, 15 February

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE—5 pm, Professor H E de Warden: The control of sodium excretion in health and disease.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE—5.30 pm, presentation of Gold Medal to Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, who will lecture on: Insulin molecules: answers and questions.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Dr Jean Ritchie: Carcinoma in ulcerative colitis.

Wednesday, 16 February

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL—5 pm, Dr E Donall Thomas (USA): Marrow transplantation.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY—Sandoz Foundation advanced lectures, 6 pm, Dr P Rudge: Compression and acute entrapment of peripheral nerves. 7 pm, Mr G L W Bonney: Peripheral nerve injuries.

MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION—At Middlesex Hospital Medical School, 5.30 pm, Sir Geoffrey Vickers lecture by Professor Arvid Carlsson (Sweden): Does dopamine play a role in schizophrenia?*

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD—At John Radcliffe Hospital, 4 pm, Professor E M Symonds: Parity, high blood pressure, and renin-angiotensin system.

Thursday, 17 February

DOCTORS AND OVERPOPULATION GROUP—At Central Hall, Westminster, 7.30 pm, agm and "Any Questions?" panel on "Contraception for young people." (Guests are welcome.)*

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL—5.15 pm, Dr R Suttton: Pacemakers.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Hunterian Oration by Mr R H Franklin: John Hunter and his relevance in 1977.

Friday, 18 February

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY—5.30 pm, Mr R C G Russell: The management of the enlarged thyroid.

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

FEBRUARY

16 Wed SRM Joint Agenda Committee, 10 am.
17 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

17 Thurs Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.

23 Wed BMA Council Executive, 2 pm.
23 Wed Scottish Committee for Community Medicine, 10.30 am.

24 Thurs Maternity Services Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.

MARCH

2 Wed Scottish Joint Consultants Committee (7 Drumshugh Gardens, Edinburgh 3), 10.15 am.

3 Thurs Diseases of the Chest Group Committee, 2 pm.

9 Wed Special Representative Meeting, 10 am.

Division Meetings to be Held

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

Aberystwyth—At Postgraduate Centre, Saturday, 19 February, 7.30 pm, Mr R L Rees: "Bangladesh and India." (Followed by buffet supper, guests are welcome.)

Aldershot and Farnham—At Camberley Heath Golf Club, Thursday, 17 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner, speaker Dr Oscar Craig: "Subject to error."* (Guests are invited.)

Brighton and Cuckfield—At Brighton General Hospital, Wednesday, 16 February, 8.30 pm, combined meeting with Sussex Veterinary Society, Professor O Graham-Jones: "Dangers of domestic animals."* (Preceded by buffet supper, 7 for 7.30 pm.)*

Coventry—At Coventry and Warwickshire Postgraduate Centre, Tuesday, 15 February, 6.45 for 7.15 pm, dinner/lecture, Dr John Essex: "Medicine in China."*

Croydon—At Conservative Club, Tavistock Road, Tuesday, 15 February, 7.45 for 8.15 pm, joint meeting with Croydon BDA, buffet supper, speaker Mr Noel Thompson: "Reanimation of the paralysed face."*

Dudley—At Station Hotel, Thursday, 17 February, 7.45 pm, annual dinner dance.* (Guests are welcome.)

Edgware and Hendon—At Hendon Hall Hotel, Tuesday, 15 February, 8.30 pm, Professor R W Gilliat: "Faints and fits."* (Guests are welcome.)

Harrogate—At Cairn Hotel, Monday, 14 February, 8.30 pm, agm.

Hereford—At County Hospital, Thursday, 17 February, 8 pm, business meeting.

Manchester—At Boyd House, Tuesday, 15 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, scientific meeting, speaker Dr P J August: "Use of topical steroids."*

Northern Region—At Medical Institute, Newcastle upon Tyne, Monday, 14 February, 7.30 pm, meeting to discuss BMA draft evidence to Royal Commission.

North Warwickshire—At Manor Hotel, Meriden, Friday, 18 February, 8 for 8.30 pm, dinner dance.*

Ormskirk and Skelmersdale—At Ormskirk and District General Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 7.45 for 8 pm, general meeting.

Peterborough—At Postgraduate Medical Centre, Wednesday, 16 February, 8 pm, meeting to discuss BMA draft evidence to Royal Commission.

Portsmouth and South-east Hampshire—At St Mary's Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 8.15 pm, clinical meeting.* (Preceded by supper, 7.15 pm. Guests are invited.)

Rotherham—At British Steel Corporation, Sheffield Road, Thursday, 17 February, 7.15 for 7.45 pm, annual dinner and dance.* (Guests are invited.)

Southampton and South-west Hampshire—At Southampton General Hospital, Wednesday, 16 February, 8.30 pm, annual lecture by Professor Keith

Simpson: "Crime and the doctor." (Non-members are invited.)

South-west Durham—At Bishop Auckland General Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 8 pm, lecture by Mr F G Suggen: "The responsibilities of the environmental health officer."*

Stockton on Tees—At Swallow Hotel, Monday, 14 February, 8 pm, ladies' night dinner.*

West Derbyshire—At Whitworth Hospital, Wednesday, 16 February, 8.30 pm, Mr John Collins: "Roadside resuscitation."*

Wigan—At Medical Institute, Wigan Lane, Thursday, 17 February, 8 pm, agm.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

MD—J R C Gardham, W M G Tunbridge.

LONDON

The title of professor of thoracic medicine has been conferred on Dr T J H Clark in respect of his post at Guy's Hospital Medical School. MD—Elizabeth M Bryan, H Cannell, D Goldmeier, B J Hutchcroft, A G Maciver. MS—Elizabeth M Gordon.

ABERDEEN

Dr W A F Watson has been promoted to senior lecturer in genetics.

APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Dr A E A Joseph (consultant radiologist).

MANCHESTER AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr F J Weighill (orthopaedic surgeon); Mr D C Simpson (accident and emergency surgeon).

NORTHERN RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr G D Soppit, Dr S M McNulty (radiology); Dr G Terry (general medicine); Dr Linda M Barber, Dr Janet O'Neill (child psychiatry).

WESSEX RHA—The following consultants have been appointed: Dr G V A O'Reilly, Dr B Bentley (radiologists); Mrs D M Lobb (part-time ophthalmologist); Dr A K Clarke (rheumatology and rehabilitation).

Corrections

Abnormal calcium metabolism in normocalcaemic sarcoidosis

We regret that some errors occurred in this paper by Dr M Reiner and others (18 December 1976, p 1473). The equations in figs 2 and 4 should read, respectively, $y = 0.09x + 0.5$ and $y = 106x + 29.4$. In the table the urinary calcium value for case 4a should read 11.5 mmol/day and that for case 13 4.0 mmol/day.

Propranolol absorption in Crohn's disease and coeliac disease

Reference 10 in the letter from Dr R L Parsons and others (8 January, p 103) should read "Parsons, R L, *et al*, *Gut*, 1976, 17, 139."

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