

## ***Editorial Notes.***

### **Orthopædics.**

This issue of the Journal is devoted to a series of articles on Orthopædic Surgery by a number of leading Orthopædic Surgeons and will, we hope, be welcomed by our readers. A very wide field of the subject is covered and reveals how, as Mr. Fairbank remarks, "Orthopædic Surgery in this country has come into its own."

As an introduction to the series Mr. Fairbank has given a brief summary of some recent advances in fracture treatment. He shows how the Great War was responsible for many changes in orthopædic and fracture surgery, and he makes a strong plea for every hospital having its own fracture clinic with special beds segregated for fracture cases. Mr. Fairbank's distrust of the unpadded plaster splint will be of particular interest to our readers in view of the present general opinion that the best results are obtained when the plaster is applied direct to the skin with no intervening padding.

Mr. Elmslie's choice of subject—Manipulative Surgery—is most opportune, coming as it does at a time when manipulation is at last being properly assessed as a method of treatment by medical men and is, we hope, being taken out of the hands of the unqualified practitioner. This is, of course, as it should be, for Mr. Elmslie emphasizes the absolute necessity of a proper investigation of the underlying pathological condition before any appropriate manipulations can be carried out (an investigation, too, which can only be undertaken by a fully trained medical man), although so far as an injured semilunar cartilage is concerned, his investigation apparently does not go the length of that of Mr. Bristow, who truly remarks, that as "we cannot see what has happened unless we look into the joint, it is obvious that any statistics as to cures by manipulation must be fallacious."

In view of the fact that Infant Welfare Centres are sending an increasing number of examples of flat feet to the Orthopædic Departments of the hospitals and of the importance of early treatment, the article by Mr. Higgs will be found particularly helpful. Similarly, we feel sure that the graphic description by Mr. Denis Browne of the cause and of the rational treatment of club foot will be of benefit to a wide audience.

In the field of tuberculosis Mr. Seddon's remarks on the attempts which have been made to eradicate an extra-articular focus of tuberculous disease are of particular importance as they indicate a line along which investigations might well proceed. This writer's views, too, on the extra-articular fixation of a tuberculous hip after the disease has become quiescent, will arouse wide interest.

We have no doubt that the discussion of that difficult and terribly deforming malady—osteomyelitis—by Mr. Matthew White will appeal to our readers, being, as it is, a record of a wide and ripe personal experience. The same may also be safely said regarding the discussion of muscle and tendon transplantation by Mr. Naughton Dunn. In the article which he has provided for our symposium he has summarized his experience of what surgery can avail in the face of a paralyzed muscle, or group of muscles, and we are sure that most surgeons will concur in the general principles which he has formulated.

The subject of lower back pain, so-called, on which Mr. Walter Mercer has written, will perhaps have the widest appeal, for every medical man (physician, surgeon or gynæcologist) is constantly being faced with cases of this type.

### Refresher Courses for Public Health Medical Officers.

It seems rather paradoxical that at a time when lectures to medical students are receiving so much adverse criticism there should be a gradually increasing desire on the part of the qualified medical man for a periodic return to his student days to hear again the spoken word of authority. The steady growth in the number of post-graduate classes is surely evidence of this fact. The medical man would seem to find that it is impossible to keep abreast of the times, even in his own special field, in spite of the flood of writing in medical journals and books. There is no doubt that by perusal of the latter there is a very real difficulty of seeing the wood for the trees and of gaining that perspective which is so essential for an understanding and correct application of modern developments in diagnosis and treatment. It is of course only from the lips of an experienced worker that such can be obtained. Hence the value of sound post-graduate instruction.

As we have just remarked, these facts have been long realized by the individual medical man and, until very recently, all provision to meet his wants had to be made by private bodies such as the Fellowship of Medicine and a few general and special hospitals. It was only some two years ago that the Government revealed its appreciation of this type of instruction by subsidising the institution and running costs of the British Post-Graduate Medical School. Their enthusiasm however, has grown apace, for, in order to make the instruction as attractive to as great a number of medical men as possible, the Ministry of Health have just announced that they will give financial help to defray the cost of fees for classes, lodging and travelling, as well as for a locum tenens, for two weeks every five years to panel practitioners.

That "it never rains but it pours" would seem to be a true prophecy, for we have to bring before the notice of our readers yet another development in post-graduate instruction. The Society of Medical Officers of Health at their May meeting this year approved of the principle of refresher courses and appointed a Committee to make arrangements for their inauguration as quickly as possible. It has now been announced that this Committee has arranged three four-day courses, one for Medical Officers of Health, one for Fever Hospital Officers and one for School Medical Officers. The course for the Health Medical Officers took place at Cardiff from September 28th to October 1st inclusive, and embraced such topics as "Transferred Poor Law Functions," "Tuberculosis," "Orthopædics," "Rheumatism in Childhood" and "Housing". The course for Fever Hospital Medical Officers, in collaboration with the London County Council Health Department, will be held in The Infectious Diseases Hospitals of London from January 25th to 28th, 1938. Such problems as "The Administration of Fever Hospitals," "Prophylaxis of Measles," "Intubation, the Oxygen Tent, and Electrocardiography in Diphtheria," "Parenteral Injections," "Puerperal Fever" and "Cerebro-Spinal Fever" form the subjects of the lectures and demonstrations. The course for School Medical Officers, comprising lectures and demonstrations on "Cardiac Disease in Childhood," "Debility," "Deafness," "Orthopædic Conditions," "Tuberculosis" and "Open-air-Schools," will be held in Manchester from November 9th to 12th, 1937, inclusive. All requests for further information concerning and applications for enrolment in these courses are to be made to The Executive Secretary, Society of Medical Officers of Health, 1, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, London, W.C.1.

It is specially worthy of note in connection with these Public Health Courses that the Minister of Health "has expressed his general agreement with the

refresher courses for Medical Officers of Health and Fever Hospital Medical Officers, and states that no sanction on his part is required to reasonable expenditure incurred by The Local Authority on paying the expenses of the attendance of their medical officers of health or other medical officers in their service attending these courses" and, that in the case of the courses conducted for School Medical Officers, "The Board of Education will be prepared to recognise for the purpose of grant, reasonable expenditure incurred in connection with the attendance of school medical officers or assistant school medical officers at the courses".

## **General Post-Graduate News.**

It should be noted that instruction arranged by the Fellowship of Medicine is open only to Members and Associates unless otherwise stated. A copy of each detailed syllabus is sent to every Member and Associate. Information regarding the various Courses can always be obtained from the Office daily between 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. and on Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. (Telephone: Langham 4266.)

*To ensure admission or to avoid cancellation of the Courses application must be made by the date given on each syllabus.*

### **ADVANCED COURSES.**

- Cardiology** : October 4 to October 16. National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart. All day. Fee £7 7s. 0d. (*Limited to 20*).
- Medicine, Surgery and the Specialities** : October 4 to October 9. Metropolitan General Hospital. All day. Fee £3 3s. 0d.
- Dermatology** : October 4 to October 30; November 1 to November 27. St. John's Hospital. Afternoons. Fee £1 1s. 0d. per month. (Practical Pathology arranged. Fee £4 4s. 0d.).
- Gynæcology** : October 11 to October 23. Chelsea Hospital for Women. All day. Fee £5 5s. 0d. (*Limited to 15*).
- Chest Diseases** : October 25 to October 30. Brompton Hospital. All day. Fee £3 3s. 0d.
- Urology** : October 25 to November 6. St. Peter's Hospital. All day. Fee £5 5s. 0d. (*Limited to 8*). Men only.
- Proctology** : November 8 to November 13. St. Mark's Hospital. All day. Fee £3 3s. 0d.
- M.R.C.P.** : November 23 to December 9. Thursday evenings at 8.0 p.m. Clinical and Pathological. Fee £6 6s. 0d. (*Maximum of 24*).
- M.R.C.P. (Chest)** : November 22 to December 18. Brompton Hospital. Two afternoons weekly. 5.0 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Fee £3 13s. 6d. (*Limited to 6 per class*).
- M.R.C.P. (Heart and Chest)** : November 24 to December 18. Victoria Park Hospital. Wednesdays and Fridays 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Fee £3 13s. 6d. (*Limited to 6*).
- M.R.C.P. (Neurology)** : December 6 to December 18. West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases. Afternoons. Fee £3 10s. 0d. (*Limited to 10*).
- Thoracic Surgery** : December 6 to December 11. Brompton Hospital. All day. Fee £5 5s. 0d. (*Limited to 12*).

### **OTHER COURSES.**

- Fevers (week-end)** : October 2 and October 3. Park Hospital. Fee £1 11s. 6d. (*Limited to 20*).
- Cancer (week-end)** : October 16 and October 17. Cancer Hospital. Fee £1 11s. 6d.
- Obstetrics (week-end)** : October 23 and October 24. City of London Maternity Hospital. Fee £2 2s.
- Infants Diseases (week-end)** : October 30 and October 31. Infants Hospital. Fee £1 11s. 6d.

- Physical Medicine (week-end)** : November 6 and November 7. St. John Clinic and Institute of Physical Medicine. Fee £1 1s. 0d.
- Medicine, Surgery and Gynæcology** : November 8 to November 20. Royal Waterloo Hospital. All day. Fee £3 3s.
- Surgery (week-end)** : November 20 and November 21. Princess Beatrice Hospital. Fee £1 11s. 6d.
- Chest Diseases (week-end)** : November 27 and November 28. Brompton Hospital. Fee £1 11s. 6d.
- Dermatology** : December 6 to December 18. Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars. Afternoons. Fee £1 1s. 0d.

### STANDING ARRANGEMENTS.

- Anæsthetics** : Practical tuition for a fortnight or a month can be arranged. Limited to two Post-Graduates at a time.
- Ante-Natal Clinics** : (*For Women Post-Graduates only*). *East Islington Mothers and Babies Welfare Centre*. Tuesdays 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Two Post-Graduates only per clinic. Fee 5/- a time. Arrangements *must* be made in advance with the Fellowship of Medicine.
- Children's Diseases** : *The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street*. Three terms of ten to twelve Weeks Instruction consists of out-patient work every morning in general medicine and surgery, and in the special skin, ophthalmic, and ear, nose and throat departments Ward Visits in the afternoons, and on Thursday a special lecture from 2.0 to 3.0 p.m., followed by clinical pathology from 3.0 to 4.0 p.m. Fees: One week, £1 11s. 6d.; two weeks, £3 3s.; one month, £5 5s.; two months, £7 17s. 6d.; three months or the full term, £10 10s. Special courses in Practical Pathology, consisting of six demonstrations, fee £3 3s. Tickets and full information may be obtained from the Fellowship of Medicine. (Open to non-Members). Next term begins October 4th.

**Chest** : CLINICAL ASSISTANTSHIPS : *Brompton Hospital*. Tenable for 3 months; eligible for re-appointment. Candidates (men or women) will be attached to an In-Patient Physician and the corresponding Out-Patient Physician, to a Surgeon and/or to a Member of the Staff in charge of any Special Dept. They will be responsible for the performance of their duties to the Members of the Hon. Staff to whom they are attached, and may be required to undertake any special work which is considered desirable. Fees £5 5s. per 3 months or portion thereof. (Open to non-Members).

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