From Oct. 4th to 15th there is an intensive course at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart. As these courses are always extremely popular and are limited to an entry of 16, it is advisable to make early application. Therefore, it may not be out of place to state that the next course, after that in October, will be held in the early part of January—the date is not yet fixed—but requests for enrolment can be made at any time to the Secretary of the Fellowship of Medicine.

Also beginning on Oct. 4th is a three weeks’ clinical and operative surgery course at the Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital. This is intensive and keeps the post-graduate occupied on many an evening up to 7 P.M., so that a thorough up-to-date knowledge of all diseases relating to laryngology, rhinology, and otology may be acquired. The clinical course can be taken separately from or concurrently with the operative, but for the latter it is advisable to apply early, as the entry is limited.

There will be eight clinical demonstrations extending over four consecutive weeks from Oct. 5th to 28th at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. These demonstrations are undertaken by Dr. Low and Dr. Manson-Bahr and the subjects considered will be the more important diseases of tropical countries—illustrated as far as possible by cases in the Hospital for Tropical Diseases.

For those interested in diseases of children there will be a two weeks’ combined course from Oct. 18th, in which the staffs of the Paddington Green Hospital, the Victoria Hospital, and the Children’s Clinic will be participating. There will be morning and afternoon sessions from 10 to 5 daily.

The medical staff at St. Peter’s Hospital for Stone will undertake a course from Oct. 18th to 30th. Clinical instruction will be given in the out-patient department or theatre from 2 P.M., and formal lectures will be delivered dealing with all aspects of diseases of the urinary tract. Opportunities for seeing cystoscopies performed will also be afforded to those enrolling.

A course in gynaecology will be given at the Chelsea Hospital for Women from Oct. 18th, consisting of instruction in the theatre either by operation or by lecture-demonstration. Pathology and the method of case-taking will be one of the items included in the syllabus, as also anaesthesia in gynaecological operations.

Applications for any of the foregoing syllabuses should be made to the Secretary of the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole-street, London, W. I.

In November the special courses will be as follows: General practitioners’ course embodying medicine, surgery, and the specialities (1½ hours) at the Hampstead General Hospital; medicine, surgery, and gynaecology at the Royal Waterloo Hospital; dermatology at St. John’s Hospital; diseases of the chest at the Victoria Park Hospital; neurology at the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases; proctology at St. Mark’s Hospital; and venereal diseases at the London Lock Hospital.

We desire to draw attention to the well-known post-graduate courses in neurology held at the National Hospital three times a year. The next one will take place at the beginning of October and continue for eight weeks; it includes clinical lectures and demonstrations, teaching in the out-patient department, and lectures on the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the nervous system.

The Secretary of the Fellowship of Medicine will gladly forward syllabuses to any inquirers and issue tickets of admission if required.

We are pleased to be able to announce that in addition to the weekly courses in obstetrics already in operation at the City of London Maternity Hospital, for which personal application must be made to the Secretary of the Fellowship, arrangements have been made at Queen Charlotte’s Hospital for the accommodation of an increased number of practitioners, who can now be received for courses of practical midwifery at short notice. It must not be overlooked that the Fellowship of Medicine can also arrange for practical courses in the administration of anaesthetics.

Thanks to the kindness of Dr. Ainslie Johnston of Ambleside, we have seen the syllabus of a week’s Post-graduate Course announced to be held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne during September. It is an admirable programme, and we heartily congratulate those who attended the lectures and demonstrations. The course was arranged for a class of 12 to 20 doctors by a combined committee formed of representatives from the Lancashire, Cumberland, and Westmorland Panel Committee, acting as a unit, with the help of a grant from the Ministry of Health, obtained by the Rural Practitioners Sub-Committee of the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association. We should like to see such courses arranged all over the country.

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**POST-GRADUATE HOSTEL: IMPERIAL HOTEL, RUSSELL-SQUARE, LONDON, W.C.**

To the Editor of The Post-Graduate Medical Journal.

SIR,—May I draw attention to several points of interest concerning our hostel. It presents all the advantages of a club with few of its disadvantages.

1. No introduction beyond the presentation of a visiting card is required. This is of importance for overseas men and women unacquainted with anyone in London.
2. There is no entrance fee or subscription. This is a consideration for anyone spending perhaps only a week or two in London every few years and for those who can “drop in” only very occasionally in the evening.
3. A doctor may bring his wife and family and these, whilst not enjoying the privileges of the rooms reserved for members, can be under the same roof.
4. Women practitioners may have access to all the discussions and rooms except the smoking-room.
5. A ladies’ sub-committee will be formed at an early date. Yours very truly,

A. P. BERTWISTLE.