

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE KING'S ILLNESS.

After many weeks of anxiety the feeling of optimism which now exists regarding His Majesty's illness seems justified. The bulletins have never disguised from the public the serious nature of the illness, and it is natural that after so prolonged a time convalescence must be slow, though we may now confidently feel it will be sure.

THE ASTHMA RESEARCH COUNCIL.

On January 15 a meeting was held at the Mansion House under the presidency of the Lord Mayor of London.

Sir Humphry Rolleston, in an address, described the various manifestations of asthma, the study of which was the object of the Research Council. Dr. Hurst moved a resolution, seconded by Dr. Freemantle, supporting the objects of the Council, and this was carried. It was pointed out that organized research of this kind required financial assistance, and amongst other speakers Lord Knutsford made an appeal on behalf of the movement. Mr. Ben Tillett also supported the movement. He had himself been a sufferer from asthma for many years. He told how one night he had a severe attack at an hotel, but noticed a herbalist's shop near by advertising a cure for asthma. On going into the shop he found the proprietor suffering from an attack of asthma more severe than his own. "Do you know a cure for asthma?" asked Mr. Tillett. "Only a poleaxe," was the reply.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.

Professor J. H. Zaaier, of Leyden University, delivered the Hunterian lecture of January 14 on the "Surgery of the Œsophagus and Lungs."

He described many interesting operations, showing that the œsophagus now came within the realm of surgery, and could be sutured to the thoracic wall with success and œsophagostomy performed.

Speaking of bronchiectasis he referred to lobectomy, which, under modern methods, can now be performed without the enormous mortality of a few years ago.

The lecture was of special interest, as many practitioners are quite unaware of the great strides made by thoracic surgery in recent years.

The Antiseptic, a monthly journal of medicine and surgery, published in Madras, will celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday in April, and we offer our heartiest congratulations. The journal is well known to many of our readers, and we look forward to the special Jubilee Number which will be published.

POST-GRADUATE NEWS.

DURING February there will be the following Special Courses: From February 11 to February 22 a course in Gynæcology will be undertaken at the Chelsea Hospital for Women. This course occupies some mornings and afternoons, and consists of lectures and operations. Fee £5 5s.

At the St. John's Hospital an afternoon and evening clinical course in Dermatology will be held from February 11 to March 9 in the Out-patient Department of the Hospital. On Tuesdays and Thursdays formal lectures at 5 p.m. will be delivered throughout the four weeks, and for those desiring practical Pathology a special course is provided. The fees are £1 1s. for the Clinical course and £4 4s. for the Pathology.

A one week's all-day course at the Brompton Hospital will be held from February 25 to March 2. Fee £3 3s.

Beginning on the same date, namely February 25, but continuing for two weeks, will be a special morning course at the Hospital for Sick Children. This course will be on similar lines to the first one which was held last October. Fee £3 3s.

An eight weeks' course in Neurology began on January 28 at the National Hospital, Queen Square, consisting of clinical lectures and demonstrations and pathology. Eight lectures on the Anatomy and Physiology of the Nervous System will begin on February 1, and twelve clinical demonstrations on Methods of Examination on February 5. Fee for the entire course £9 9s. Arrangements made to suit post-graduates' requirements, if only part of the course is desired.

Syllabuses of the above Special Courses, and tickets of admission are obtainable from the Fellowship of Medicine.

The following lectures entitled "Pitfalls in Medicine and Surgery" have been arranged for February at the Medical Society of London, at 5 p.m. :—

- Feb. 4.—Sir Henry Simson, K.C.V.O., "Some Obstetric Pitfalls."
 Feb. 11.—Mr. Andrew Wylie, "The Difficulties Experienced in the Diagnosis of Laryngeal Diseases."
 Feb. 18.—Dr. A. C. Roxburgh, "Pitfalls in Dermatology."
 Feb. 25.—Dr. Hector C. Cameron, "Appendicitis and other causes of Acute Abdominal Pain in Children."

The following demonstrations will be given in the Museum of Medical Science, 33, Gordon Street, W.C. 1, on Wednesdays at 4 o'clock :—

- Feb. 6.—Mr. Mortimer Woolf, "Tumours of the Thyroid Gland and their Treatment."
 Feb. 13.—Dr. S. H. Daukes, "A Consideration of Various Types of Ulceration met with in the Stomach and Intestines."
 Feb. 20.—Dr. C. M. Wenyon, "The Part Played by Animals in the Spread of Disease."
 Feb. 27.—Dr. Knyvett Gordon, "The Leukæmias and Hodgkin's Disease."

The Clinical Demonstrations in Medicine and in Surgery arranged for February are as follows :—

- Feb. 4, 2 p.m.—Queen Mary's Hospital, Mr. Mortimer Woolf (General).
 Feb. 5, 2 p.m.—Royal Waterloo Hospital, Dr. Gerald Slot (Rheumatism and the Cardiac Child).
 Feb. 11, 2.30 p.m.—Prince of Wales's Hospital, Mr. Aubrey Goodwin (Gynæc.), Out-Patient Department.
 Feb. 12, 6 p.m.—St. John's Hospital, Dr. J. F. M. Wigley (Dermat.), Out-Patient Department.
 Feb. 19, 10.30 a.m.—National Heart Hospital, Dr. Parsons-Smith.
 Feb. 21, 2 p.m.—Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital. Mr. Gill-Carey.
 Feb. 27, 4 p.m.—Royal Waterloo Hospital, Dr. Kenneth Playfair (Heart Cases).

All the above lectures and demonstrations arranged by the Fellowship of Medicine are open to members of the medical profession without fee.

Four lectures on "Psychological Mechanisms" will be given by Dr. Edward Mapother at the Maudsley Hospital, on Fridays, February 22 and March 1, at 2.30 and 4 p.m.

The following free lectures will take place at the Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, at 4 p.m. :—

- Feb. 8.—Mr. J. D. McLaggan, "The Treatment of Chronic Suppurative Middle Ear."
 Feb. 15.—Mr. Armour Brown, "The Significance of Aural Pain."

A free intensive course will begin at the Royal Northern Hospital, on February 18, and will continue for one week. Special lectures and demonstrations will be given at

2.15 and 3.15 p.m., and the remainder of the time available (mornings and afternoons) will be devoted to teaching in the wards of the various departments of the hospital.

The following lectures will be delivered at the City of London Maternity Hospital, at 5.30 p.m. :—

- Feb. 14.—Mr. McKim McCullagh, "Trial labour, Cæsarean Section and Craniotomy."
 Feb. 21.—Mr. J. A. Willett, "The Causes and Treatment of Lacerations and the Lessons Learned from Emergency Admissions."
 Feb. 28.—Dr. S. Owen, "The Normal Infant." No fee charged for these lectures.

The following lectures will be delivered at the Royal College of Surgeons, at 5 o'clock; free to members of the medical profession :—

- Feb. 1.—Prof. C. A. Pannett, "Local Anæsthesia in the Surgery of the Upper Abdomen."
 Feb. 4.—Prof. McNeill Love, "The Treatment of Some Acute Abdominal Disorders."
 Feb. 6.—Prof. Cecil Wakeley, "The Etiology, Pathology and Treatment of Tumours of the Intestinal Tract."
 Feb. 8.—Prof. Reginald Payne, "The Treatment of Varicose Veins and Varicose Ulcers by Injection."
 Feb. 11, 13 and 15.—Prof. H. A. Harris, "Bone Growth in Health and Diseases."

A clinical afternoon will be held at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, on Wednesday, February 6, at 4 p.m. Members of the medical profession are invited to attend without fee.

A short course of lectures on "Functional Nervous Disorders" will be given at the Tavistock Square Clinic, 51, Tavistock Square, W.C. 1, from February 11. The Fellowship of Medicine can supply syllabuses and issue tickets of admission. Fee £2 2s.

It must not be overlooked that the Fellowship of Medicine provides a General Course of instruction at the Hospitals with which it is associated. Detailed information is supplied by these hospitals, and is arranged by the Fellowship in diary form. The holder of the comprehensive ticket, issued for varying periods, being free to construct his own time-table in accordance with his requirements. The course is a continuous one and can be begun at any time.

REVIEWS.

EPIDEMIOLOGY, OLD AND NEW. By Sir William Hamer, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. Kegan Paul and Co. Price 9s. net.

It is difficult to understand why there is so little intercommunication between British and French scientific writers. In some measure this may be due to the lamentable fact that neither country really studies the language of the other. The French are notoriously bad linguists and we are worse. The Britisher knows, or very quickly appreciates, that he can travel in other countries and he will get on very well, if he so wishes, without the labour of studying other languages. This fact being acknowledged, the very greatest praise is due to two men, on our side Dr. F. G. Crookshank, and on the French side Professor R. Cruchet, of Bordeaux, for their joint labours in founding the Anglo-French Library of Medical and Biological Science. The present volume, the second of a most interesting series which have been promised, is well up to the

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FEBRUARY

5. Gynæcology. Feb. 11 to Feb. 23. Chelsea Hospital for Women. Mornings and/or afternoons. Fee £5 5s. 0d.
6. Dermatology. Feb. 11 to Mar. 9. St. John's Hospital. Every afternoon. Fee £1 1s. 0d. (Practical Pathological Demonstrations arranged. Fee £4 4s. 0d.)
7. Diseases of the Chest. Feb. 25 to Mar. 2. Brompton Hospital. All day. Fee £3 3s. 0d.
8. Diseases of Children. Feb. 25 to Mar. 9. Hospital for Sick Children. Mornings. Fee £3 3s. 0d.
9. Neurology. Feb./Mar. The National Hospital, Queen Square (8 weeks).

MARCH.

10. Orthopædics. March 11 to March 23. Royal National Orthopædic Hospital. All day. Fee £3 3s. 0d. (Minimum of 10).
11. Ophthalmology. March 11 to March 23. Royal Eye Hospital. Afternoons only. Fee £1 1s. 0d.

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