Royal Society of Medicine News

Society, Oslo; the Collège de Médecine des Hôpitaux de Paris; the Swedish Medical Society, Stockholm, and the Academy of Medicine, Toronto.

At their meeting in July, Council entered into reciprocity with two more medical societies, the Union of Scientific Medical Societies in the Socialist Republic of Roumania, Bucharest, and the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC.

It is always the Society's wish that such arrangements should extend beyond a formal agreement to a practical and lively exchange of courtesies. Because of this, it is agreed that members of societies with which reciprocity has been established should have the free use of this Society's House when they are in London, with admission to any meetings being held here and with access to the Library for reading and the use of the Club rooms and restaurant. The staff of the Society also gladly undertake to give these visiting members any possible help in the way of introductions to colleagues in this country.

Annual Dinner Dance
In October last year, the Society held, at the Hilton Hotel, its first dinner dance. This was generally agreed to be a great success and it is likely to become an annual event. The date of the dinner dance this year will be October 21 and it will again be held at the Hilton. Tickets at £3 10s each may be obtained from the Assistant Secretary.

Christmas Lectures
For many years now, the Society has arranged Christmas lectures for young people. The lecturers this year will be:

December 29: Professor C H Stuart-Harris
December 30: Dr John T Scales
January 3: Mr Oliver Graham-Jones
January 4: Professor John Cohen

Christmas Cards
The Society is producing two Christmas Cards this year. One will bear a reproduction of the plaque by John Bacon, depicting Aeneas carrying his father, the blind Anchises, from burning Troy. The cost will be 1s each. The other card, with a centre page, will be embossed with the Society's coat-of-arms and tied with red ribbon. The cost of this card will be 1s 6d. All orders should be sent to the Assistant Secretary; overseas orders should include payment for postage.
Departments of the Society

The Library

Mr Glyn Evans, the Leverhulme Research Assistant, who is studying MEDLARS information retrieval techniques and library mechanization procedures, left at the end of August for a visit to the United States to attend a four-month course in Library Automation at Washington University School of Medicine, Medical Library, St Louis. This Library is in the forefront of the development of mechanized methods for library procedures and has successfully developed computer techniques to assist in the accessioning, cataloguing, journal records and circulation routines of the library. The course will include a period of tuition in digital computers. Mr Evans also hopes to pay a number of short visits to other leading American Medical Libraries during his stay in the USA, when he expects to have an opportunity of seeing these techniques in operation.

Birthday Honours

The Birthday Honours list published on 11 June 1966 contained the names of the following members of the Society:

Knights Bachelor

Professor Alexander Haddow
Director, Chester Beatty Research Institute, Royal Marsden Hospital, London
Professor John Denis Nelson Hill
Professor of Psychiatry, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, University of London

CMG

Professor Edward Tenney Casswell Spooner
Dean of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

CBE (Military)

Group Captain Robert McPherson Cross

CBE (Civil)

Professor Douglas Vernon Hubble
Professor of Pediatrics and Child Health, and Dean, Faculty of Medicine, University of Birmingham
Ludlow Murcott Moody
For public services in Jamaica
Professor Hugh Vivian Morgan
British subject resident in the Sudan
Eliot Trevor Oakeshott Slater
Director, MRC Psychiatric Genetics Research Unit
Professor Arnold Sorsby
Research Professor in Ophthalmology, Royal College of Surgeons of England

OBE (Military)

Wing Commander William Allan Crawford
Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander Alexander Fraser Davidson
Lieutenant-Colonel Roger West

OBE (Civil)

Harold William Kennedy Acheson
General medical practitioner, Stoke-on-Trent
Patrick Sarsfield Byrne
General medical practitioner, Westmorland
Professor Arthur Ralph Hodgson
Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Hong Kong
Robert Murdoch McGregor
General medical practitioner, Hawick
Professor Guan Bee Ong
Honorary Surgical Consultant, Kwong Wah and Grantham Hospitals, Hong Kong
John Woolnough Wigg
General medical practitioner, London