

When the three new units still needed in order to complete the hospital have been provided, there will be about 440 ward beds for those who can not pay the full cost of hospital care and about 160 beds for patients who can meet this cost.

THERAPEUTIC TRIALS COMMITTEE OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

ACCORDING to the *London Times*, the British Medical Research Council announce that they have appointed a Therapeutic Trials Committee, as follows, to advise and assist them in arranging for properly controlled clinical tests of new products that seem likely, on experimental grounds, to have value in the treatment of disease:

Professor T. R. Elliott, physician to University College Hospital, London, *chairman*.

Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard, regius professor of physics, University of Oxford.

Dr. H. H. Dale, director, National Institute for Medical Research.

The Right Honorable Lord Dawson of Penn, president, Royal College of Physicians, London.

Professor A. W. M. Ellis, physician to the London Hospital.

Professor F. R. Fraser, physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

Sir John Parsons, ophthalmic surgeon to University College Hospital, London.

J. A. Ryle, physician to Guy's Hospital, London.

Sir John W. Thomson-Walker, consultant urologist to King's College Hospital, London.

Wilfred Trotter, surgeon to University College Hospital, London.

Professor D. P. D. Wilkie, surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

F. H. K. Green, *secretary*.

Conditions have been the subject of discussion and agreement between the Medical Research Council and the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers, under which the Therapeutic Trials Committee will be prepared to consider applications by commercial firms for the examination of new products, submitted with the available experimental evidence of their value, and will arrange appropriate clinical trials in suitable cases. The committee will work in close touch also with the existing Chemotherapy Committee, who are engaged for the Medical Research Council in promoting researches aimed at the discovery and production of new remedies.

The Therapeutic Trials Committee will invite suitable experts in particular branches of medicine or surgery to undertake the clinical tests of preparations accepted for trial. The reports upon the results will be published under the authority of the committee.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ROBERT A. MILLIKAN, of the California Institute of Technology, has been made Knight of the Legion of Honor by the French Government.

PROFESSOR RUFUS H. PETTIT, head of the department of entomology at Michigan State College, received the honorary degree of doctor of science at the commencement exercises at the college, in recognition of his high attainments as an investigator and teacher and of "his thirty-four years of loyal and efficient service."

DR. M. LUCKIESH and Frank K. Moss, of the Nela Research Laboratory of the General Electric Company, Cleveland, have been awarded the gold medal of the Distinguished Service Foundations of Optometry.

It is announced in the *British Medical Journal* that a fund is being inaugurated in order that the friends, colleagues and pupils of Colonel Thomas Sinclair, emeritus professor of surgery in Queen's University, Belfast, may have an opportunity to express their appreciation of his invaluable services to the Belfast Medical School. Professor Sinclair occupied the

chair of surgery from 1886 to 1923. The testimonial will probably take the form of a portrait to be painted and presented to the university.

PROFESSOR ARIENS KAPPERS, director of the Central Institute for Brain Research, Amsterdam, recently received the honorary degree of doctor of science from the University of Dublin. Professor Kappers delivered three lectures on diseases of the brain while in Dublin.

DR. BERNHARD FISCHER, professor of pathology at Frankfurt, has been elected an honorary member of the Royal Institute of Public Health, London.

DR. VICTOR MORITZ GOLDSCHMIDT, of Göttingen, has been elected a corresponding member of the Geological Society at Stockholm and a foreign member of the Geological Society of London.

M. JACOB, professor of geology at the Sorbonne, has been elected a member of the French Academy of Sciences.

COLONEL CHAS. F. CRAIG, director of the department of preventive medicine and clinical pathology at