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Notes and activities

Dr W. H. J. Summerskill

Dr W. H. J. Summerskill, DM, DSc, FRCP, died suddenly at Rochester, Minnesota on 9 March 1977, and his premature death aged 51 years will be a great loss for world gastroenterology. For some years he had been head of gastroenterology at the Mayo Clinic and had proved extraordinarily successful in choosing his team and building up probably the most successful unit in the North American continent. He was a superb speaker and writer, forthright and always taking a firm stand. His early experience of gastroenterology had been gained with Professor Sheila Sherlock at the Royal Free Hospital, and at Central Middlesex Hospital under Sir Francis Avery Jones and Dr T. D. Kellock, and Dr E. N. Rowlands, the Director of the MRC Gastroenterology Unit. He attained consultant status just at a time when his prospects of achieving his own department in Great Britain were extremely limited and he wisely accepted the invitation to join the Mayo Clinic in 1959. This gave him full scope for his outstanding abilities in planning and directing research and for his flair for selecting young men of great ability to work with him. He was a prolific writer himself, particularly in relation to chronic hepatitis and the treatment of cirrhosis. He retained close links with Great Britain where he had many friends. He had been appointed next year's Lilly lecturer at the Royal College of Physicians. Bill's great hospitality has long been appreciated by so many at his home, on his boat, and in this country, too.

Chair of Gastroenterology

A personal Chair in Gastroenterology has been conferred on Dr J. E. Lennard-Jones by the University of London. Dr Lennard-Jones is at present head of the Academic Department of Gastroenterology at The London Hospital and consultant gastroenterologist at St Mark's Hospital. His many contributions to gastroenterology will be well known to readers of *Gut* and this news will be received with great pleasure not only in Great Britain but by friends and former colleagues around the world.

Preliminary Announcement: VIth World Congress of Gastroenterology

This will take place in the Palacio Nacional de Congresos, Madrid, from 5-9 June 1978. The programme will consist of round tables, symposia, quadrennial reviews, and workshops: in addition, 300 free papers will be selected for presentation. Preliminary inquiries to General Secretary's Office, Calle de Londres, 41 Madrid, 28 Spain.

Primary Liver Tumours

Falk Symposium No. 25 on this subject will be held at Titisee/Black Forest (W. Germany), Schwarzwaldhotel, on 3-5 October 1977. Details may be obtained from Doz Dr H. M. Bolt, Institut für Toxikologie, der Universität Tübingen, Wilhelmstr. 56, D-7400 Tübingen, W. Germany.

International Symposium on Somatostatin

This symposium, sponsored by the Serono Research Foundation Europe Inc., will take place on September 25-27 1977, in Freiburg/Br., W. Germany, immediately before the congress of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes. Details from Dr S. Raptis, Department of Internal Medicine, Endocrinology and Metabolism, University of Ulm, Steinhövelstrasse 9, D-7900 Ulm, Germany, or Dr J. E. Gerich, Metabolic Unit, 1143-HSW, University of California, Medical Center, San Francisco, Calif. 94143, USA. Abstracts should be sent to S. R., Ulm, Germany, by 21 May.

Xth Symposium of the European Pancreatic Club

This will be held in Dublin on 6-8 October 1977. Details may be obtained from Professor O. FitzGerald, Xth Symposium European Pancreatic Club, Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, University College, Dublin 4, Ireland.

Books

Clinical Paediatric Surgery Edited by Peter G. Jones. 2nd edn. (Pp. 586. Illustrated. £10.00.) Blackwell: Oxford. 1976. This book is the product of staff and former staff of the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, written primarily for medical students covering the field of general surgery in relation to children, with particular emphasis on the neonate and toddler age groups. The miscellaneous specialties such as neurosurgery, and ear, nose and throat, and ocular conditions are also covered. Two chapters are devoted to special case problems such as 'the child with wetting' or the 'child with haematuria' and 'surgical causes of failure to thrive'. Though not widely used in Great Britain this book is an excellent standby for resident medical staff in children's units. Similarly, it is good reading for postgraduate surgical students who have not been exposed to paediatric surgery as a specialty. There is a wide use of italicised type and marginal lines for emphasis. This volume has been brought up to date after an interval of six years. There are added appendices on normal values, parental alimentation, and protocols for tumour chemotherapy. References for further reading are given at the end of each chapter. Congenital anomalies of the alimentary tract are well covered. There is a short section on granulomatous lesions of the intestine. However, there is very little information on management and even less on postoperative care, and this detracts from its usefulness for resident medical and surgical staff. The internationally recognised classification of anorectal anomalies unfortunately includes reference to anal 'agencies' (agenesis), but the general standard of production is excellent. Although stress ulcers are mentioned, there is no reference to the occurrence of duodenal ulcers in childhood in spite of the apparent increase in this condition over recent years. The illustrations are clear and effective.

The book is a reflection of the very high standard of paediatric surgery which this famous hospital has attained. It is a volume that is worthy of a place in hospital and departmental libraries.

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