FORTHCOMING EVENTS

North West Behaviour Modification Study Group

The Group has been formed to provide an open forum for psychiatrists, psychologists and others interested in the application of behaviour therapy and experimental methodology to the analysis and modification of behaviour in different settings.

The following meetings will take place at the Hester Adrian Research Centre, Manchester University at 5.30 p.m.: 'A Behavioural Approach to Depression', by Mr. C. E. Gathercole, Rainhill Hospital, on 7 December; 'Behaviour Therapy in Overcoming the Fear of Dental Treatment', by Dr. J. H. Clark and colleagues, Manchester University on 25 January.

Further details from L. E. Burns, Department of Clinical Psychology, Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale.

'*Medicine Today*'

The St. George's Hospital Department of Psychiatry wishes to draw attention to a television programme on 'Sleep and its disorders' which is to be shown in the 'Medicine Today' series on Tuesday, 8 February 1972, at 1.15 on B.B.C.2 and 11.15 on B.B.C.1.

Lectures on Mental Subnormality

The Committee for Postgraduate Medical Studies and Department of Psychiatry, Oxford University, are arranging a course of four lectures on mental subnormality, covering the genetic, developmental and social aspects and childbirth hazards. The lectures will take place on Tuesdays at 5.00 p.m. at the Warneford and Littlemore Hospitals and are open to all medical practitioners and workers in allied professions. Dates so far arranged are: 25 January—Professor L. S. Penrose; 8 February—Professor N. R. Butler; 22 February—Dr. N. O'Connor; 7 March—Professor J. Tizard.

The Balint Society

The Balint Society will hold its first International Conference at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London, N.W.1, from Thursday, 23 March to Saturday, 25 March 1972. The theme of the Conference will be 'The Doctor, His Patient and the Illness'.

The programme will consist of a discussion on the impact of the work of the late Dr. Michael Balint on medical thought and practice, the effect of his teaching on medical techniques, a demonstration of a Seminar and discussion, lectures and discussion on patient-centred medicine and on problems of illness and treatment arising out of recent research in this field.

Further details may be obtained from the Secretary of the Conference: Dr. M. B. Clyne, 150 Lady Margaret Road, Southall, Middlesex, England.

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