DR. J. A. MURRAY, Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, will give four lectures on cancer at St. Thomas's Hospital, beginning on Thursday, February 21st, at 5 p.m., when Sir George Makins, G.C.M.G., F.R.C.S., the treasurer of the Fund, will be in the chair. The lectures, which will be illustrated by lantern slides, will be addressed to advanced students of the University of London and to others interested in the subject. Admission is free.

UNDER the auspices of the Health Organization of the League of Nations a number of medical officers from foreign countries are about to visit England to study public health administration. A reception in their honour will be held by the Royal Sanitary Institute at its house, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, on Tuesday, February 5th, at 5 p.m.

DR. T. D. ACLAND has, at the invitation of the Minister of Pensions, accepted appointment as honorary consulting physician to the Ministry.

DR. BENJAMIN SUMNER, on his retirement from the post of honorary gynaecologist at the Bootle Borough Hospital, after thirty-four years' service, has been presented with his portrait in oils. A duplicate portrait will hang in the hospital.

A HUDDERSFIELD Practitioners' Mutual Help Association has been formed for the administration of a scheme for mutual help during holidays and illness. A meeting of those willing to join the association will be held at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, January 30th, at 8.15 p.m., to elect a committee and arrange for putting the scheme into operation.

DR. J. HEDLEY MARSH, honorary surgeon to the Macclesfield General Infirmary and medical officer of health for Macclesfield, has been appointed to the commission of the peace for that borough.

MESSRS. G. BELL AND SONS, Ltd., announce for early publication *Radium, X Rays, and the Living Cell* (with Physical Introduction) by H. A. Colwell, M.B., and Sidney Russ, D.Sc.

THE eighteenth Voyage d'études médicales (V.E.M.) will be made to the Mediterranean watering places, starting from Aix-en-Provence on April 17th and ending at Nice on April 23rd. It will be under the direction of M. A. Carnot, professor of therapeutics in the Faculty of Medicine, Paris, and M. E. Rathéry, assistant professor. The number of participants is limited to 180. The cost will be 450 francs. Before this main tour there will be another, limited to 60 persons and costing approximately 350 francs; it will start from Carcassonne on April 15th and reach Aix-en-Provence on April 17th. A number of watering places, including Amélie-les-Bains, will be visited by motor car, and also the university town of Montpellier. After the main tour there will be a third to Corsica, starting from Nice on April 23rd and ending at Nice or Marseilles on April 27th. The maximum number that can take part in this tour is 60; it will cost 400 francs. The French railways will grant a reduction of 50 per cent. to doctors and their wives or daughters and to medical students from a frontier station. Full information can be obtained from Madame M. C. Juppé-Blaise, representative of the French Spas, at the Office Français du Tourisme, 56, Haymarket, S.W.1.

MRS. PYE-SMITH, widow of Dr. Philip Henry Pye-Smith, F.R.S., physician to Guy's Hospital, bequeathed £1,000 to the governors of Guy's Hospital, to endow a bed in the "Philip" Ward in memory of her husband, and gave to the Royal College of Physicians his gold medals.

ALL the blind candidates entered for the recent massage examination of the Chartered Society passed. They were trained in the massage schools of the National Institute for the Blind by an entirely blind staff. The majority of blind masseurs and masseuses have their own private clinics. The secretary of the massage department, National Institute for the Blind, 224, Great Portland Street, W.1, will gladly answer any inquiries.

DR. AUBREY A. MONTAGUE, chief medical officer, Fiji, has been appointed a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of Fiji.

THE *Journal of the Kenya Medical Service* for December, 1923, contains several valuable articles, including one by Dr. H. S. de Boer, on the outbreak of plague in Nairobi; a note on railway medical services, by Dr. V. M. Fisher; and shorter articles on intestinal obstruction due to parasites, on yaws, and on antimalarial measures. Clinical notes and letters are included, and the whole journal reflects credit on the originator, and editor, Dr. C. J. Wilson. Although the periodical bears the title of the *Journal of the Kenya Medical Service*, the circulation is not confined to medical officers in the Government services, and two contributions to the present number come from outside their ranks. It is a typewritten, not a printed, publication.

INSURANCE CAPITATION FEE.

The Court's Award.

NINE SHILLINGS.

THE award of the Court of Inquiry into the remuneration of insurance practitioners is as follows:

WE, the undersigned being the Court of Inquiry appointed by a minute of the Minister of Health and the Secretary for Scotland dated the 12th December, 1923, have inquired into the matter mentioned in such minute and hereby report that the amount of the Capitation fee per insured person per annum on the basis of which the Central Practitioners' Fund under Article 19 of the National Health Insurance (Medical Benefit) Regulations, 1924, should be calculated as from the 1st January, 1924, so as to afford adequate remuneration for the time and service to be given by general practitioners under the conditions set out in those Regulations in connexion with the medical attendance and treatment of insured persons due regard being had to the service in fact rendered under the Regulations hitherto in force (such Capitation fee not to include any payment in respect of the supply of drugs and appliances nor any payments to meet the special conditions of practice in rural and semi-rural areas) is nine shillings.

In the course of the inquiry it was stated on behalf of the Minister of Health and the Secretary for Scotland and on behalf of the British Medical Association that our finding was only intended to be binding for the year from the 1st January, 1924, to the 31st December, 1924, but that both parties desired the Court to make a recommendation covering such longer period as we should think fit.

We therefore recommend that the Capitation fee of nine shillings so found by us should remain in force for a period of three years from the 31st December, 1924.

T. R. HUGHES.
F. C. GOODENOUGH.
GILBERT GARNSEY.

January 23rd, 1924.

Letters, Notes, and Answers.

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