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Recordings from B.M.A. meeting, Manchester, July 1964

Care of the elderly—Strokes—Molecular biology and the newer genetics—Practical applications in general practice, public health and industry—What are the teachers thinking?

ERRATUM

We have been advised by headquarters that due to a clerical error the composition of the Education Committee printed on page 180 of *Journal* No. 49 was incorrect. It should read:

Education Committee

Chairman, P. S. Byrne; *Vice-chairman*, W. H. Hylton; *Members*, M. E. Arnold, T. E. A. Carr, R. Cove-Smith, Margaret Dudley-Brown, Valerie Graves, J. A. R. Lawson, J. H. Owen, S. O'Clairigh, Professor R. Scott. *Co-opted*, P. O'Brien.

EPIDEMIC OBSERVATION UNIT

Joint studies with veterinary surgeons. Domestic animals owe their existence to man. He for his part receives from them not only their service but also at times some of their infections. Both man and his animals share some elements of a common environment, for example water, some vegetable foods and of course the climate.

From time to time a doctor may wonder if a link might exist between his patient's illness and the concurrent illness of some domestic animal. It was a member of the College, the late Dr G. W. Dryland of Hereford, who first showed that the sheep disease, orf, was transmissible to man. The long list of such infections includes rarities like anthrax, disappearing diseases such as bovine tuberculosis and others about whose present distribution too little is known, such as brucellosis.

Do epidemics of measles in children follow or coincide with epidemics of distemper in puppies? It appears that fog fever of cattle is of similar aetiology to farmer's lung in man. Among endemic diseases can a relationship be established between scrapie in sheep and multiple sclerosis in man? In New Zealand 'white muscle disease'—a disorder of connective tissue due to selenium deficiency—has been recognized in almost every kind of animal except man.

A proposal has been made that joint studies of such mutual problems should be carried out by the Epidemic Observation Unit and its opposite number, the Clinical Observation Unit of the British Veterinary Association. The latter is directed by Mr C. M. Gould, M.R.C.V.S., of Southampton,