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## MEDICAL NEWS

### DONCASTER POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL TEACHING CENTRE

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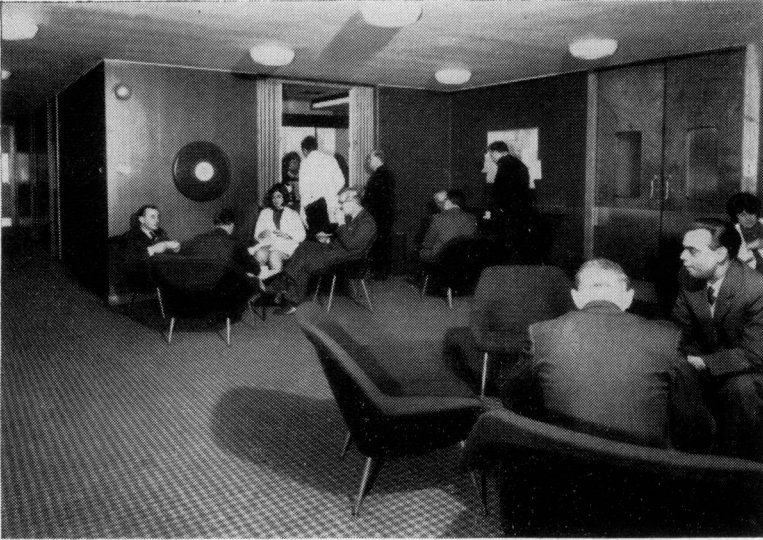
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THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE Doncaster Postgraduate Medical Teaching Centre took place on Saturday 16 March 1968. The three guest speakers were Sir George Godber, chief medical officer to the Ministry of Health, Dame Annis Gillie, past president of the Royal College of General Practitioners and Mr W. J. Lytle, postgraduate dean, University of Sheffield. In the evening an inaugural dinner was held when the postgraduate Medical Teaching Centre was handed over by Mr S. T. Firth, J.P. chairman of the hospital management committee to the chairman of the Doncaster Postgraduate Medical Federation, Mr A. J. Sinclair.

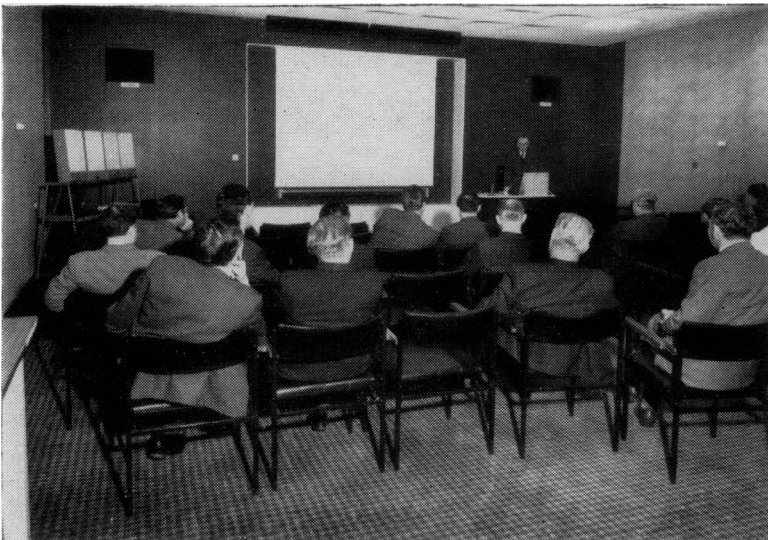
The centre was built and equipped out of exchequer funds for the furtherance of postgraduate education in the area and the authority for its running has been vested in the Doncaster Postgraduate Medical Federation. The Federation Committee consists of seven members of the hospital medical staff and seven doctors appointed by various medical bodies outside the hospital, four of whom are general practitioners, plus one dentist appointed by the Doncaster Dental Society. The committee is responsible for the promotion of postgraduate education and social communication among all medically and dentally qualified persons in Doncaster and district as well as the management of the premises. The hospital management committee for their part are responsible for the care and maintenance of the building including heating, lighting, telephone services, cleaning, catering services at cost, the appointment of a full-time secretary and the cost of stationery and postage. In addition, the hospital treasurer acts as banker and accountant to the Federation.

The premises are an integral part of the Doncaster Royal Infirmary. The large entrance foyer has the servery on one side and the dispense bar on the other. Easy chairs, tables and a plush carpet provide a congenial

atmosphere in which colleagues can meet informally over coffee and sandwiches. Beyond the foyer is an excellent lecture theatre capable of holding 120 people seated. It is equipped with the latest in acoustics,



Doncaster postgraduate medical teaching centre—the foyer



The lecture theatre

loud speakers, microphones and lecturer's aids. The floor of the theatre is level so that when the chairs are removed it becomes an ideal room for social functions. Leading off the foyer to one side is the secretary's office and seminar room and on the other side are the cloakrooms and library.

The West Riding County Library which has established this library supplies all the books and periodicals as well as the librarian and her assistant. Primarily, it is intended to serve the medical staff of the Doncaster group of hospitals and general practitioners in the area but any doctor in other parts of the county-library area is free to use it.

Membership of the Federation to date is 200 and increasing. It includes not only doctors and dentists but veterinary surgeons, biochemists, senior administrative and other officers of the hospital management committee. Medical dinners which in the past were held in one of the local hotels now take place within the hospital where the catering department provides first class fare and the wines are sold by the Federation to the diners at almost cost price—a most popular arrangement.

The clinical tutor assisted by the Education Subcommittee organize a very full postgraduate programme. There are weekly lunch time films, tapes or talks lasting about 30 minutes. Courses of lectures on various subjects lasting 6–10 weeks are interspersed with single lectures by specialists renowned in their field. The clinical society meets monthly and large scale study days occur biannually. The aim of providing something of interest for everybody is being attained.

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**Clinical diabetes mellitus.** First edition. JOHN MALINS, M.D., F.R.C.P. London. Eyre & Spottiswoode. 1968. Pp. xxii + 474. Price £5 5s. 0d.

A reviewer is seldom allowed a second chance to comment on a book he has examined, but on this occasion a finished copy of a work hitherto only seen in proof copy, has been received.

Note had been made of the indifferent quality of the photographs in the proof copy. In the finished book, however, these are found to be excellent and no fault is to be found with them.

There is no doubt that this will become the standard work on diabetes, for many years and through many editions in which the publishers will certainly maintain the high standards they have set themselves.