

180 Years Service

The Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men, founded in 1788, distributed £6,045 to the widows and orphans of subscribers in 1969. Membership of the Society, a registered charity, is open to male registered medical practitioners who, at the time of election, are resident within 60 miles of Charing Cross. Experience shows, states the annual report, that in spite of superannuation schemes there is still a pressing need for insurance of the kind the Society provides. When a doctor dies young, his wife and family can be left in a tragically precarious position. The assets of the Society were over £140,000 at the end of 1969.

Details from the secretary, Dr. J. A. Struthers, 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W.1.

Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons

On 29 May the Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Bill received the Royal Assent. Among other provisions for the welfare of chronically sick and disabled persons it requires local authorities to give such persons information about aids and appliances, domestic help, financial benefits, and any other form of assistance, and to provide practical assistance and facilities.

British Aid for Fiji

The British Government is providing more than £80,000 as a major contribution to Fiji for the reconstruction and improvement of rural medical stations. This money will enable four rural medical stations and twelve nursing stations to be built, in addition to the building of six quarters at other medical stations.

Chair in Medical Physics

Dr. P. R. J. BURCH, a physicist and Deputy Director of the Medical Research Council Environmental Radiation Unit at Leeds University, has been awarded a personal professorship in the Department of Medical Physics there. Dr. Burch has carried out research on the intensity of cosmic radiation, the biological hazards of ionizing radiations, cancer, schizophrenia, and the processes of ageing.

Examining Board Secretary to Retire

Mr. F. MORGAN STENT, secretary to the Examining Board in England and examinations secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, is to retire on 30 June, after 37 years at Examination Hall. He will be succeeded by his assistant, Mr. J. LAMBERT, who was formerly assistant secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Coming Events

"Automation in Medical and other Higher Education."—Symposium, 23-26 June, Middlesex Hospital Medical School. Details from Mr. F. T. C. Harris, Department of Biology as Applied to Medicine, Middlesex Hospital Medical School, London, W1P 7PN.

Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.—Two lectures by Dr. Javier Lentini (Barcelona), (1) "Medicine and the Fine Arts," 24 June, 8.15 p.m.; (2) "Proctology and the Fine Arts," 25 June, 8.15 p.m.

Royal Medico-Psychological Association.—Annual meeting, 7-10 July, Royal Society of Medicine. Details from the Secretary, R.M.P.A., Chandos House, Queen Anne Street, London W.1.

British Association of Sport and Medicine.—Annual general meeting, 19 July, 5 p.m., Edinburgh. The programme includes the Adolphe Abrahams memorial address by Professor G. M. Carstairs, "Psychological Factors in Competitive Athletics." Followed by dinner. Tickets (£2) and details are obtainable from Dr. J. A. Moncur, Scottish School of P.E., Jordanhill College of Education, Glasgow W.3.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—Conference, "Problems of the Incontinent Older Child in the Community," 21 July, the Hospital Centre. Fee £1 (including lunch). Applications, before 7 July, to the Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

Cambridge University Medical School.—Weekend course for general practitioners, "The Critical Years," 24-26 July, St. John's College. The programme will consist of lecture discussions relating to psychological and psychiatric crises arising during a patient's life. Details from the Secretary, Medical Schools, Hills Road, Cambridge CB2 1QT.

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, 22 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor C. D. Calnan: Autoimmunity and the Skin.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTITIS.—5.30 p.m., Combined staff consultation clinical meeting.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.—5.30 p.m., Clinical conference.

SCOTTISH TELEVISION.—11.20 p.m., postgraduate medicine: Hypnosis in Medicine and Dentistry. (Sponsored by Glasgow Postgraduate Medical Board.)

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.—5 p.m., Professor D. E. Green (Wisconsin): Conformational Basis of Active Transport in the Mitochondrion.

Tuesday, 23 June

B.B.C. 2 TELEVISION.—1.15 p.m., Medicine Today: Febrile Children. (repeat). (Prepared in collaboration with A.S.M.E.)

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. G. M. Levene: In Vitro Studies with Lymphocytes.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.30 p.m., Professor G. Amoroso: Pregnancy as an Endocrine Syndrome.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. G. S. C. Sowry: clinicopathological conference.

Wednesday, 24 June

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—At 32 Welbeck Street, London W.1, 2 p.m., meeting: Progress in Application of Data Processing Techniques.●

GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 2.15 p.m., gynaecology and obstetrics meeting, Mr. C. E. Horsfall: My Experiences in the Tropics.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Use and Methods of Photography in Dermatology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Mr. T. G. I. James: Spinal Cord Tumours and John Hunter's Spinal Cords.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. N. Dubin (Berne): Cirrhotic Diseases of the Liver.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.15 a.m., Medicine staff round; 2 p.m., Dr. G. Rollinson: Protein Binding of Antibiotics; 2 p.m., lecture by Dr. J. M. Dietschy (department of internal medicine, Texas University).

SCOTTISH TELEVISION.—1.15 p.m., postgraduate medicine: Hypnosis in Medicine and Dentistry (repeat). (Sponsored by Glasgow Postgraduate Medical Board.)

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—1.30 p.m., Dr. N. J. O'Doherty: Neurology of Later Infancy; 5 p.m., Dr. D. K. Peters: Renal Failure.

Thursday, 25 June
FACULTY OF HOMEOPATHY.—5 p.m., Discussion on Research.

INSTITUTE OF CARDIOLOGY.—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.30 p.m., Halle Selassie lecture by Dr. E. Sowton: Electrical Control of the Human Heart.

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES MEDICAL CENTRE.—12.30 p.m., Colour videotapes; (1) Early diagnosis of Rheumatoid Arthritis; (2) Place of Surgery in Rheumatoid Arthritis.●

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.—8.30 p.m., Horder Club meeting: short papers by members of hospital staff.

ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTRE, LONDON.—7.30 p.m., Mr. J. I. Burn: Cancer of the Breast in Perspective.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Professor J. A. Stallworthy: Hysterectomy Reviewed.

SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Room 6, House of Commons, 7.30 p.m., Dr. I. C. Gilliland, Dr. G. Signy: Postgraduate Medical Education.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. B. E. Gilliver: Automation in Haematology.

Friday, 26 June

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE REGIONAL NEUROLOGICAL CENTRE.—At Newcastle General Hospital, 5.30 p.m., Dr. D. H. Adams: Biochemical Aspects of Scrapie.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10 a.m., Research in progress: Surgery.●

Corrections**Case for Certification**

In the letter by Dr. M. D. Ripka (6 June, p. 607) the fourth line from the end of the second paragraph should read "untold numbers of healthy malingerers" and not "untold members" as was erroneously printed.

Appointments. The appointment of Dr. A. A. G. Lewis, M.D., F.R.C.P., to the Tunbridge Wells Group (6 June, p. 614) should have read: "consultant in charge of diabetic clinics and regional adviser in postgraduate education."

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