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 empowers 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 chair of 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.

Examinations Secretary to Retire
Mr. F. Morgan Stent, secretary to the Examining Board in England and examination 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. Lamber, 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, W1 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 Abrams memorial address by Professor 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 lectures 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 unless otherwise stated. Applications should be made in writing to the institution concerned.

Monday, 22 June

Institute of RADIOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor C. D. Calman: Autoimmunity and the Skin. Institute of LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Combined staff consultation clinical meeting.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.—7.30 p.m., Dr. J. M. Dietsch: Emergency Department: and Psychological Aspects of Scabies.

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. Gordon: "The Biological 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 the Department of Medicine, University of Edinburgh.)

Institute of RADIOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. G. M. Leven: In Vitro Studies with Lymphocytes. KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.—2.15 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. Sowton: Medico-Psychological conference.

Wednesday, 24 June

Institute of RADIOLOGY.—At 32 Welbeck Street, London W.1, 2 p.m., meeting: Progress in Application of Medical Physics to Medicine and Engineering.

GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 2.15 p.m., gynaecology and obstetrics meeting, Mr. C. E. Horstall: "Experiences in the Tropic Institute of RADIOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Use and Methods of Photography in Dentistry.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Mr. T. G. C. James: Spinal Cord Lesions and John Hunter's Spinal Sails.

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

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.15 a.m., Medicine staff round 2: Dr. P. G. R.L. Protein Binding in Diabetes: 2 p.m., lecture by Dr. J. M. Dietz: diabetes (department of internal medicine, University of Oregon Medical School). SCOTTISH TELEVISION.—11.25 a.m., postgraduate medicine: The Provision of Hospitals and Missions in Nevada. (repeat) (Sponsored by Glasgow Postgraduate Medical Board.)

WEST MIDDLSEX HOSPITAL.—1.30 p.m., Dr. N. J. O'Donnell: "Neurology of Lymphomas". 5 p.m., Dr. D. K. Peters: "Renal Failure."

Thursday, 25 June

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Discussion on Research.

Institute of CARDIOLOGY.—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.30 p.m., Haile Selassie I. MD., F.R.C.P., King's College, London: "The Human Heart."

KINGS COLLEGE 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.—7.30 p.m., Dr. I. C. Sowton: "Psychological Perspectives."

ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. G. Siggy: Postgraduate Medical Education.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. B. R. 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: "Neurological Aspects of Scabies.

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

Corrections
Case for Certification
The letter by Dr. D. R. Ripka (6 June, p. 607) was, as far as the line from the second paragraph should read "unlamed numbers of healthy malingerers" and not "unlamed 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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