accessible patient, and another setting out the Gresham Ward questionnaires for elderly patients. Notes on eliciting and recording clinical information, Oxford University Press, price 50p.

Dictionary of Epilepsy
Professor H. Gastaut, of the University of Aix-Marseille, and a group of experts from 16 countries have produced a dictionary of the clinical terms used in this disease. Recommended terms are defined, and so far as possible all known synonyms are included though they are listed separately and cross-referenced. In many cases the reasons for recommending one particular term rather than an alternative are given. The dictionary is published by the W.H.O., and was produced in response to suggestions that international organizations should take the lead in reducing the growing confusion in medical and scientific terminology. Part I is being issued simultaneously in English, French, Spanish, and Russian (it is hoped to have it in Russian shortly. Part II is to be a multilingual index; it is not yet available.

Hospital Advisory Service
Dr. Eluned Woodford-Williams has been appointed directory of the Hospital Advisory Service on leaving the post of teacher in anatomy to Dr. Alex Baker. Dr. Woodford-Williams is consultant physician in charge of the geriatric services in the Sunderland Hospital Group. From 1966 to 1971 she was a member of the Central Health Services Council.

Private Medical Care
Over two-thirds of the subscribers to provident schemes for private medical care are in group schemes, usually set up by firms for key employees. The number of persons insured again increased in 1972, reaching a total of 2,169,000. These figures are given by Mr. Donaldson Associates in a report for the Department of Health and Social Security.

COMING EVENTS
Society for Social Medicine.—Annual scientific meeting, 19-21 September, Southampton. Details from the honorary secretary, Dr. A. E. Bennett, 9 Keble Road, Oxford OX1 3QG. (Tel. 35913.)

London Medical Orchestra.—Rehearsals, Tuesdays, 8 p.m., beginning 25 September, Christ Church School, Conway Street, London N.W.1. New members are welcome and particulars are obtainable from Mrs. I. Weir, Hill House, Mount Park Road, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middx. (Tel. 01-422 8762.)

Institute of Sports Medicine.—Symposium, “Medical Aspects of Water Sports,” 25 September, 6.30 p.m., Royal Society of Medicine, London W.1. Fee £2.75 (including buffet supper). Application forms are available from 25 September to 10 October, Secretary of the institute, Ling House, 10 Nottingham Place, London W1M 4AX. (Tel. 01-486 1903.)

Medical Women’s Federation (North-eastern Association).—Annual meeting on health service reorganization, “The Ins . . . of Integration,” 25 September, 8 p.m., Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne. Details from Dr. Ann M. Brown, 12 Lindisfarne Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2HE. (Tel. 014114.)

Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust.—Annual medical advisory conference, 28 September, Institute of Child Health, London W.C.I. Details from the C.F.R.T., 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent, BR1 3RS. (Tel. 01-464 7211.)

Final F.R.C.S. Lecture Course.—Wednesdays, 5–8 October (and 3 November). Institute of Urology, 172 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2H 8JF. Copies and details of the programme from the assistant secretary of the institute (tel. 01-836 5361.)

North Tees General Hospital.—Workshop on “Stoma Care,” 5 October, 2 p.m. Admission by ticket (free), from Mrs. D. Hall, research secretary, North Tees General Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees, Teesside.

St. George’s Hospital and South-west Metropolitan Orthopaedic Teaching Scheme.—Copies and details of the programme, October–December, are obtainable from the orthopaedic tutor, St. James’s Hospital, Sarsfield Road, Balham, London SW12. (Tel. 01-672 1222.)

Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh.—Copies and details of the programme, October–March, are obtainable from the business convenor, R.M.S., 3 Hill Square, Edinburgh EH2 9DR. (Tel. 031-667 8159.)

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES
For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or * tickets. Applications should be made far at the institution concerned.

Wednesday, 12 September

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. Bruce Smith: a-Fibrinogen in Neoplastic and non-neoplastic conditions.

Thursday, 13 September

ST. JOSEPH’S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—At Maple Street Hackney, London E3. H. Hanna: Volunteer Workers in a Terminal Unit.

Friday, 14 September

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—At Institute of Medicine, 10.30 a.m. Dr. Yerushalmy: The Hereditary Haemolytic Anaemias.

B.M.A. ASSOCIATION NOTICES
Diary of Central Meetings

SOCIETY FOR SOCIAL MEDICINE

10 Mon. Hospital Junior Staffs Group Council (Scotland) (at Drumshags Gardens, Edinburgh), 2.15 p.m. a.m.

11 Tues. Scottish General Medical Services Committee (at Drumshags Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.

12 Wed. General Purposes Committee, 10 a.m.

13 Wed. Public Health Committee (Scotland) (at Drumshags Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 a.m.

14 Wed. Constitution Sub Committee (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.

15 Thurs. Parish on Health Care Teams (Board of Science and Education), 2 p.m.

16 Thurs. General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.

17 Thurs. Negotiation Sub Committee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10.00 a.m.

18 Thurs. Staff Side of Whitley Committee C (Board of Science and Education), 10.30 a.m.

19 Thurs. Medical-Legal Sub Committee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.

20 Thurs. Board of Science and Education, 10.30 a.m.

21 Fri. Medical-Legal Sub Committee (C.C.H.M.S.), 10 a.m.

22 Fri. Board of Science and Education, 10.30 a.m.

23 Wed. Court of Council (at Drumshags Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.15 a.m.

24 Wed. Working Group on L.M.C. Contributions (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.

25 Wed. Journal Committee, 2 p.m.

26 Thurs. Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, 10 a.m.

27 Fri. Full-time Medical Teachers and Secretaries, 10 a.m.

28 Fri. & 29 Sat. Annual Postgraduate Meeting, 8 a.m. Guernsey.