

by the elderly will have risen to 80%. Nearly a third of the seven million over-65s in Britain live alone; many others are cared for by relatives, often single daughters, for long periods before a place can be found in hospital. Much more provision by local authorities for elderly invalids is needed, says the report, if there is not to be increasing strain on hospital resources and further burdening of relatives.

Coal Strike

Coal traders are being asked to give preference in the provision of solid fuel to those who have special needs. Where there is doubt about a claim for priority and that claim rests on sickness in the home the consumer is to be referred to his general practitioner for verification that priority should be afforded. The B.M.A. hopes that general practitioners will be prepared to issue certificates for this purpose without charging a fee.

Holidays for the Disabled

The new 1972 edition of *Holidays for the Physically Handicapped* (published by the Central Council for the Disabled, price 40p.) has been enlarged to provide more up-to-date information on accommodation in Britain and abroad suitable for all types of disability. All information on camps, hotels, purpose-built homes has been examined and classified by the Central Council for the Disabled.

Medical Students Competition, 1972

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to offer prizes of up to the value of £50 to medical students for accounts of original observations in any field of medical interest. Individual or joint entries may be submitted and students who are registered members of a medical school and reading for a first medical qualification registrable in the United Kingdom are eligible to compete. The closing date is 30 March and further particulars and entry forms may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of Science and Education, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

Seminars at B.M.A. House

A seminar on fertility will be held at B.M.A. House, London, on Friday 18 February from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For full details see advertisement on page xxv.

People in the News

Professor Roy M. Acheson, professor of epidemiology and medicine at Yale University School of Medicine since 1964, has been appointed director of the Extension Training Centre for Community Medicine at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, from next July. Professor Acheson, who qualified at Oxford in 1951, was appointed associate professor at Yale in 1962. He has held a number of W.H.O. consultantships and has also served in a consultant capacity to the U.S. National Institutes of Health.

Dr. G. T. Bowra has been awarded the Polar Medal for outstanding services as a member of the British Antarctic Survey.

COMING EVENTS

Hampshire Medical Federation.—Copies and details of the programme for the Winchester and Basingstoke postgraduate medical centres, January-April, are obtainable from the clinical tutors at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, and at the Basingstoke District Hospital.

Bridgend Postgraduate Medical Centre.—Copies and details of the programme, January-April, are obtainable from the postgraduate organizer, Bridgend General Hospital, Quarella Road, Bridgend, Glam. (Tel. Bridgend 3341.)

Southampton Postgraduate Medical Federation.—Copies and details of the programme, January-May, are obtainable from the Secretary of the postgraduate centre, General Hospital, Tremona Road, Southampton SO9 4XY. (Tel. Southampton 75522, extn. 3247.)

Orthopaedic and Accident Surgery Lectures.—At Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, and Wexham Park Hospital, Slough, January-December. Copies and details of the programme are obtainable from Mr. R. H. Maudsley, Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, Berks.

5th International Congress of Rural Medicine.—10-15 May, Varna, Bulgaria. Closing date 31 January. Details from the organizing committee of the congress, 27-b Moskovska Street, P.O. Box 1109, Sofia, Bulgaria.

Royal College of Psychiatrists.—Two-day Maudsley lecture course, 9-10 February, Royal Society of Medicine, London W.1. Details from the college, Chandos House, Queen Anne Street, London W.1. (Tel. 01-580 2782.)

"Ischaemic Heart Disease and the Primary Myocardial Disorders."—Symposium by the Institute of Cardiology and the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, 9-11 February, at the Royal College of Physicians of London. Details from the secretary, Institute of Cardiology, 35 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8EX. (Tel. 01-486 3043.)

Institute of Ophthalmology.—Course in ophthalmology for consultants, 28 February-3 March, Moorfields Eye Hospital (High Holborn branch). Fee £30. Early application is advised and details are obtainable from the dean, Institute of Ophthalmology, Judd Street, London WC1H 9QS. (Tel. 01-387 9621.)

Institute of Urology.—Intensive three-day course, "Paediatric Urology," 9-11 March. For details see advertisement on page xxvi.

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, 17 January

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 8.30 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Dr. Michael Laurence: Causes and Prevention of Abnormal Babies.

Tuesday, 18 January

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. R. S. Wells: Principals of Human Genetics.
ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. K. C. Easton: Accident Care—the Therapeutic Vacuum.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Marc Daniels lecture by Professor J. Pepys: Immunopathological Mechanisms in Allergic Respiratory Disease.
ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—5 p.m., Dr. M. Mason: Behcet's Disease.
ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Dr. A. S. D. Spiers: The Acute Leukaemias.

Wednesday, 19 January

DUNDEE UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Professor B. E. C. Nordin: Osteoporosis.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. I. H. Kerr: Pulmonary Arteriography.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—(1) 6 p.m., Professor C. T. Dollery: Drug Interactions in Therapy of Central Nervous System Disorders. (2) 7 p.m., Dr. B. Berde (Basle): Methodology in Development of New Drugs for Prophylaxis and Treatment of Migraine.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Dr. R. Gabriel: Basic Investigations in Urology.

MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 36 Harborne Road, Birmingham, 7.15 p.m., meeting: The Training of a Doctor.*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS.—At Institute of Diseases of Chest, Brompton Hospital, 8.30 p.m., South London Faculty meeting, Dr. V. Parsons: Investigation of Proteinuria.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor J. Landon: Endocrine Functions of the Hypothalamus.

Thursday, 20 January

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—At 32 Welbeck Street, London W.1, 7.15 p.m., presidential address by Professor J. Rotblat: The Doctor, the Scientist and the Community.

KENNEDY INSTITUTE OF RHEUMATOLOGY.—5 p.m., Professor L. Brent: Future of Organ Transplantation.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—7.30 p.m., paper and discussion by Dr. R. Carter: Primary Amoebic Meningoencephalitis.

Friday, 21 January

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Fulbourn Hospital, 10 a.m., day symposium: The "Illness" and its Treatment in Psychiatry.*

FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, London W.C.2, 4.30 p.m., radiotherapy section meeting: Carcinoma of the Oral Cavity.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. P. McKelvie: Cryosurgery.

APPOINTMENTS

LIVERPOOL REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. L. G. Brock (consultant neuroradiologist, Walton and Alder Hey Children's Hospitals).

NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Dr. P. K. Hopper (consultant pathologist, microbiologist, Hackney group); Dr. M. Impallomeni (consultant geriatrician, Enfield and Tottenham groups); Mr. C. D. R. Lightowler (consultant orthopaedic surgeon, South-west Essex group).

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

ABERDEEN

Appointments.—Dr. R. N. Walmsley (senior lecturer, chemical pathology); Dr. D. R. Abramovich (senior lecturer, obstetrics and gynaecology).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

The following have been admitted to the Membership:

H. O. Adewoye, J. Alaghband-Zadeh, H. H. Al-Noussairi, T. J. Anderson, Jeanne Arno, C. J. T. Bateman, Jov I. Blair, Pamela Day, G. R. Doran, Rasikbala J. Doshi, K. H. Du Plessis, N. G. Flanagan, M. Hughes, Margaret McP. Hutton, J. Jacques, M. S. Kearney, S. U. Khaliq, R. R. Khaund, J. J. Layton, D. G. MacDonald, A. M. R. Mackenzie, A. Mahmood, C. P. Mayers, N. J. Mitchell, T. R. Mitchell H. M. Myatt, P. Noone, R. N. Peel, A. B. Price, Ilansa R. Samarutunga, M. J. Sworn, H. B. Tavadia, P. G. Toner.

Corrections

Hamster-hair Hypersensitivity

In the letter by Dr. J. A. Wilson (18 December 1971, p. 748) the first sentence of the third paragraph should have read "Five days before his death . . ." and not "Five weeks."

Medical New Year Honours

We regret the omission (8 January, p. 122) of the name of Dr. John McKee (South Shields, Co. Durham), who has been appointed O.B.E. (Civil Division), "for political services in the North-east."

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