

part to the restraining influence of the courts and the judges.

### Living in hospital

A social study of a long-stay multiple sclerosis ward at Chadwell Heath Hospital, Romford, is described in a report, *Living in Hospital*, published by the East Riding District Community Council. The residents were well cared for physically, it concluded, and had satisfactory relationships with the staff; but their intellectual, spiritual, aesthetic, recreational, sexual, and work needs were almost totally ignored. The main recommendation is that there should be a member of staff who is directly responsible for residents' quality of life, especially work and recreation. The report may be obtained from Ilford Chambers, Ilford Lane, Ilford IG1 2QU.

### General Medical Council

The General Medical Council's annual report for 1977 includes articles on legislation and the GMC, by the president, Sir John Richardson; medical education, by Dr John Fry; and overseas visits as a member of a GMC visiting team, by Professor William Kessel. The report may be obtained from the GMC, 44 Hallam Street, London W1N 6AE.

### People in the news

Dr David Davies, of the University of Leicester, has been awarded the Guthrie medal by the British Paediatric Association.

## COMING EVENTS

**Royal College of Surgeons of England**—College evening on "Hyperparathyroidism," 5 June, London. Details from the administrative assistant, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN. (Tel 01-405 3474.)

**Royal College of Physicians of London**—Meeting "The dying patient," 6 June, London. For details see advertisement on p xii.

**Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases**—Conference "Personal mobility for the disabled," 13-14 June, Bath. Details from Dr A K Clarke, Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Upper Borough Walls, Bath BA1 1RL.

**Medical Art Society**—Annual exhibition, 15-28 June, London. Details from Mr Neil Weir, FRCS, Medical Art Society, 1 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8AE. (Tel 01-580 2070.)

**Royal College of Radiologists**—Annual meeting, 16-17 June, London. Details from the College, 28 Portland Place, London W1N 4DE. (Tel 01-636 4432/3.)

**Two international meetings in Australia**—International Thyroid Conference, 5-9 February 1980, Sydney, and Sixth International Congress of Endocrinology, 10-16 February 1980, Melbourne. Details from Professor D M deKretser, Secretary, Sixth International Congress of Endocrinology, Box 611E, GPO, Melbourne 3001, Australia.

**Institute of Mental Subnormality**—Details of the 1978 educational programme are now available from the Institute, Wolverhampton Road, Kidderminster, Worcs DY10 3PP.

**Winchester and Central Hampshire Postgraduate Medical Centre**—Details and copies of the May-August programme are now available from the Centre, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, Hampshire. (Tel Winchester 63535 ext 422.)

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

### Wednesday, 31 May

**INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY**—5.30 pm, Professor A H Crisp: Sleep, nutrition and mood.

**NATIONAL BIRTHDAY TRUST FUND**—At Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 5.30 pm, Eleventh Dame Juliet Rhys Williams Memorial lecture by Sir Brandon Rhys Williams.

### Thursday, 1 June

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE**—6 pm, Jephcott lecture by Sir Kenneth Berrill: Education for what?—An old yet new dilemma.  
**ST MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL**—5.15 pm, Aleck Bourne lecture by Dr C W G Redman: The medical management of hypertension in pregnancy.

## BMA NOTICES

### Election to group committees

Nominations are hereby invited to fill vacancies as listed below, caused by the retirement of members at the completion of their term of office. Retiring members are eligible for re-election. Candidates for election, and those nominating them, must be members of the group.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary, British Medical Association, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP, and must be returned not later than Monday, 19 June 1978.

Applications for membership to the groups should be sent to the same address.

### Diseases of the Chest Group

One vacancy (Northern Ireland) 1978-82.

One vacancy (Provinces of England) 1978-82.

In the event of nominations exceeding vacancies, voting papers will be issued at a later date to members of the Group.

### Mental Health Group

Three vacancies (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) 1978-84.

Three vacancies (Great Britain and Northern Ireland) 1978-81.

There is to be a full meeting of this group in BMA House, on Friday, 7 July 1978, at which the future of the group will be discussed. If required, elections to the group committee will be held at the meeting of the group.

E GREY-TURNER  
Secretary

### Central Meetings

MAY  
30 Tues ARM Agenda Committee, 9 am.  
30 Tues Hospital Junior Staff Committee, 10 am.

JUNE  
1 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.  
1 Thurs Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.30 am.  
6 Tues Manpower Subcommittee (CCHMS), 2 pm.  
7 Wed Finance and General Purposes Committee, 10 am.  
14 Wed Negotiating Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.  
15 Thurs General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.  
15 Thurs General Purposes Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10.30 am.  
22 Thurs Central Committee for Hospital Medical Staff, 2 pm.

### Regional Meetings

Members proposing to attend meetings marked \* are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

**North-west Thames Regional Council**—At Hendon District Hospital, Thursday, 1 June, 8 pm, agm.

## Instructions to authors

The following are the minimum requirements for manuscripts submitted for publication.

(1) **Typing** should be on one side of the paper, with double or triple spacing between the lines and 5-cm margins at the top and left-hand side of the sheet.

(2) **Two copies** (or preferably three) should be submitted.

(3) **Spelling** should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

(4) **References** must be set out in the style used in the *BMJ*, and their accuracy verified before the manuscript is submitted.

(5) **SI units** are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units, and some useful conversion factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977).

(6) **Authors** should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

(7) **Acknowledgments** will *not* be sent unless a stamped addressed envelope or an international reply coupon is enclosed.

(8) **Detailed instructions** are given in the *BMJ* dated 7 January (p 6).

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### CAMBRIDGE

MD—Elizabeth A Molland, P A Poole-Wilson, A G L Whitelaw.  
MChir—M Bewick, M J Kelly, B J Main, H N Whitfield.

### LONDON

MD—A J Barnes, R M Bennett, E McKay-Ferguson, S P Wilkinson, Judith B Weaver.  
MS—B A Shorey.

### NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

**Promotions**—To senior lecturer from 1 August 1978, Mr K Fanibunda (oral surgery); Dr M Goodfellow (microbiology).

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND**  
At an ordinary meeting of the Council held on 11 May with the president, Mr R S Murley, in the chair, Mr Robert Cox was appointed Sir Stanford Cade Memorial Lecturer for 1978.

The Hallett Prize was awarded to A A Ali, and the Begley Prize to Susan R Jacobs.

Mr W G Williams and Mr A W Stuart were appointed Royal College of Surgeons Surgical Tutors.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the college held on 4 May with the president, Dr R F Robertson, in the chair, the following were elected Members: C D Falconer, J Kalokerinos, I S Macdonald, G A Scott, J T Morrow, M P Vessey.

Hill Pattison-Struthers Bursaries for 1978 were awarded to G S Smith, A L Christianson, C Y How, and B Mulhern.

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