

Health Board; Dr. A. W. Wright, consultant physician; and Dr. H. Yellowlees, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health.

Observers: Dr. C. J. Wells, general practitioner; and Dr. J. A. Ford, registrar in paediatric medicine. Secretariat: Dr. D. L. Gullick, Under Secretary, B.M.A.; and Mr. T. R. H. Luce, Department of Health. A few members have yet to be appointed; their names will be announced later. The Committee, which first met on 22 May, has the following terms of reference: "To consider the terms upon which senior medical and dental staff are employed in the National Health Service in Great Britain, including systems of remuneration (but not those matters which are within the remit of the Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration) and arrangements for private practice, and to report."

Battered Children

The Department of Health and Social Security has issued a new memorandum on non-accidental injury to children. In it, the importance of early recognition is emphasized, and the point is made that the first signs of trouble may be very minor injuries, such as bruises or small burns.

In the event of reasonable suspicion the memorandum states that a child should be admitted to hospital at once. Further advice on management and rehabilitation is given, and a recommendation is made that area review committees be set up to co-ordinate action over all local cases of child battering. In particular they will make sure that workers involved do not lose touch with families if they move to another area. The review committees are being asked to submit reports on what is being done in their areas to the Secretary of State for Social Services, Mrs. Barbara Castle, by the end of 1974. *Non-accidental Injury to Children*. LASSL (74)13, CMO(74)8. Department of Health and Social Security, April 1974.

More Support for Nurses

The Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services of the British Medical Association passed the following resolution unanimously at its meeting on 23 May:

"That the C.C.H.M.S. strongly supports the objectives of the nurses in their endeavours to improve not only their pay but status and conditions of work."

V.A.T. Relief on Aids for Disabled

The Value Added Tax (Aids for Disabled) Order 1974 comes into operation on 1 June. Its purpose is to zero-rate certain aids and appliances when supplied direct to chronically sick and disabled persons for their own domestic use. Previously these goods could be supplied free of V.A.T. only through the N.H.S. or through the personal social service departments of local authorities or, for many minor appliances as well as all drugs and medicines, when dispensed by a chemist on a doctor's prescription. Patients will still be able to obtain goods in these ways and hospitals, registered nursing homes, institutions, and local authorities will continue to receive supplies tax paid.

The relief is limited in all cases to supplies made to chronically sick or disabled persons for their domestic use. Further information about the changes may be obtained from any Customs and Excise V.A.T. office and copies of the Order will be available from H.M.S.O. or through booksellers.

B.M.A. Annual Film Competition

The Association will present Gold, Silver and Bronze awards for outstanding medical films completed during the last two years. The closing date for submission of entry forms is 30 August, and the closing date for receipt of films is 30 September. Further information and entry forms may be obtained from the Film Librarian, Department of Audio Visual Communication, The British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

People in the News

Dr. Henryk M. Wisniewski, assistant professor of pathology at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, has been appointed director of the Medical Research Council's demyelinating diseases unit at Newcastle upon Tyne, from 1 October.

COMING EVENTS

British Association of Social Psychiatry.—Day conference, "New Visions of Education," 8 June, London N.W.1. Fee £1.50. Applications to Brenda Ling, B.A.S.P., 18 Park Avenue, London NW11 7SJ. (Tel. 01-458 3476.)

Coeliac Society of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.—Annual meeting, 15 June, 2.30 p.m., Wellcome Institute, Euston Road, London N.W.1. Details from the society's honorary secretary, Mrs. E. Segall, P.O. Box 181, London N.W.2 2QY.

Indian Medical Association.—Annual dinner and dance, 15 June, Connaught Rooms, London W.C.2. Details form the secretary. (Tel. 01-856 4600, or 693 3377, extn. 3371.)

Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities.—Annual meeting, 26-28 June, Bristol. Details from the honorary secretary, Dr. A. Hutchison, Health Department, 32-36 Prospect Street, Kingston upon Hull, HU2 8PL, Yorks. (Tel. 0482 25281.)

"Family Planning and Marriage Counselling."—Residential course, 26-28 June, organized by the Leeds Regional Joint Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education in association with the Catholic Marriage Advisory Council. Details from dean of postgraduate medical education, School of Medicine, Thoresby Place, Leeds LS2 9NL, Yorks.

Biochemical Society.—Meeting, 1-3 July, Cambridge. Details from the meetings officer, Biochemical Society, 7 Warwick Court, Holborn, London WC1R 5DP. (Tel. 01-242 1076.)

"Health Physics (Radiation Protection)."—Annual summer school, 1-12 July, Imperial College. Fee £65 (non-residential). Details from the registrar, Imperial College, London SW7 2AZ.

British Council for Rehabilitation of the Disabled.—European and international seminar and exhibition, "Rehabilitation—the New Era," 1-5 July, Central Hall, Westminster. Details and application forms from the conference secretary, Rehab, Tavistock House (South), Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9LB. (Tel. 01-387 4037.)

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, 13 June

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Clinicopathological conference.

Tuesday, 4 June

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. A. Hill: Penicillamine: 4.15 p.m., Dr. A. Hill: Double Blind Trials—Fact and Fantasy. WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. P. W. M. Cope: Moles, Benign and Burrowing.

Wednesday, 5 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. M. Feiwel: Cutaneous Lipoidoses. INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. M. Pines: Borderline Personality Organization Theory and Therapy. ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS.—4.30 p.m., Postgraduate museum demonstration by Dr. A. D. T. Govan: The Pathology of Pre-eclampsia/Eclampsia. ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor D. H. Wright: Immunological Interpretation of Lymph Node Biopsies.

Thursday, 6 June

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—5 p.m., Professor G. Rose: Prevention of Coronary Heart Disease. ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—6 p.m., paper by students of D.C.M.T. course: Studies into Pathogenesis of Giardiasis. ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE, LONDON.—At Mare Street, Hackney, 8 p.m., Miss Shirley Richards: Care of the Bereaved. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Mr. G. V. P. Chamberlain: Cryosurgery in Gynaecology. WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., surgical conference by Professor A. G. E. Pearce: The APUD Systems.

Friday, 7 June

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Mr. H. H. Nixon: Experience with Tumours of the Liver in Childhood.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE

Sc.D.—J. D. Lever. Ph.D.—*In the Faculty of Medicine*: D. C. Dumonde, M. B. Pepys.

H.M. FORCES

ARMY

Colonel H. S. Gavourin, late R.A.M.C., to be Brigadier. Lieutenant-Colonels D. W. Bray, A. R. Worthington, and D. Sim-Davis, late R.A.M.C., to be Colonels.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

Wing Commander J. M. Wilson to be Group Captain.

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