

ready been found to function satisfactorily are given. The role of the family doctor, both inside the local authority clinics and in his own surgery, is given considerable prominence, as is the provision of vasectomy by the area health authorities, which the latter are urged to do outside the hospital service if the demand in any area cannot be met satisfactorily otherwise. Advice on suitable medical records, obtaining supplies of appliances, publicizing the services available, and where what type of training can be obtained are set out in appendices.

#### Chair of Rehabilitation Studies, Edinburgh

Dr. Cairns Aitken, senior lecturer in the department of psychiatry, Edinburgh University, has been appointed to the newly founded chair of rehabilitation studies at that university. The appointment is the first of its kind in Scotland and only the second in the United Kingdom.

Dr. Aitken, who is 40, graduated M.B., Ch.B. Glasgow in 1957. He proceeded



M.D. with commendation in 1965, the year he obtained the D.P.M., and in 1971 he became F.R.C.P. Edinburgh and M.R.C. Psych. After junior hospital posts in Glasgow he studied neurology and psychiatry for a year at McGill University, Montreal.

On his return he took up a short service commission in the R.A.F. and worked mainly at the Institute of Aviation Medicine, Farnborough. Before continuing his training in psychiatry at the Maudsley and Bethlem Royal Hospitals, London, he was for two years medical registrar at Orpington Hospital, Kent. In 1966 he was appointed lecturer at Edinburgh, being promoted to his present post a year later.

#### "Health Care: The Growing Dilemma"

A survey of the health needs and comparative effectiveness of health care in a group of 20 developed countries has been done by McKinsey and Company Inc. A report on the survey, *Health Care: The Growing Dilemma*, suggests that increased expenditure alone cannot assure higher health standards. Available data on the population, its health, the resources used, the services provided and their organization have been analysed for most western European nations, the United States, and the Soviet Union. According to the report inadequate health care at an unacceptably high cost is the prospect facing Britain and other developed countries unless more resources are provided and used more effectively. If present trends continue the report forecasts that some nations could be spending four times the amount on health than they are now doing without even narrowing the present gap between needs and resources. Pointing out that the United Kingdom gets a high return for its Health Service at a comparatively low cost, the report states that there

are nevertheless serious signs of shortage and strain. It calls for a more imaginative use of resources at all levels.

#### Infectious Diseases

Specially commissioned articles on this subject which appeared in the *B.M.J.* last year have been collected into a book published this week. *A New Look at Infectious Diseases*, published by the British Medical Association, is available from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR, price £2 including postage.

#### People in the News

Brigadier S. E. Large, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen.

Brigadier D. G. Milne, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen.

Brigadier R. M. Vanreenen, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen.

#### COMING EVENTS

**Royal College of Midwives.**—Annual meeting, 20-21 June, National Film Theatre, London S.E.1. Details from the secretary, R.C.M., 15 Mansfield Street, London W1M 0BE. (Tel. 01-580 6523.)

**8th Miles International Symposium.**—"Role of Immunological Factors in Infections, Allergic and Autoimmune Processes," 24-25 June, University College, London. Details from Miles Laboratories Ltd., Stoke Court, Stoke Poges, Slough, Bucks. (Tel. Farnham Common 2151.)

**"The Zoonoses."**—Day meeting, 3 July, 10 a.m., Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, organized by Society of Community Medicine and Mid-west Veterinary Association. Details from Miss J. E. Ring, B.M.A. Regional Office, 96c Whiteladies Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 2QX. (Tel. 0272 36636.)

**Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.**—Open Symposium, "Surgical Training within the E.E.C.," 10-11 July, at the college. There will be no conference fee but those wishing to attend should apply not later than 28 June to clerk to the college, R.C.S., Edinburgh EH8 9DW.

**Nutrition Society.**—Symposium, "Trace Elements and Nutrition," 11-12 July, Reading University. Details from Dr. J. D. Sutton, National Institute for Research in Dairying, Shinfield, Reading RG2 9AT, Berks.

**Cambridge Graduates Medical Club.**—Dinner, 12 July, Corpus Christi College. Details from Mr. J. O. Robinson, 149 Harley Street, London W1N 1HG. (Tel. 01-935 4444.)

**Association for the Psychiatric Study of Adolescents.**—Annual conference, "Disturbing Adolescents and the Staff who Care for Them," 12-14 July, Bede College, Durham. Details and application forms from Dr. S. T. Morton, Nuffield Child Psychiatry Unit, Hospital for Sick Children, Great North Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3AX. (Tel. 0632 813257.)

**Medical Association for Prevention of War.**—Conference, "Inequality—Is Violence an Answer?," 12-14 July, St. Anne's College, Oxford. Fee £10, including full board (students £5). Details from the conference secretary, M.A.P.W., 158 North Gower Street, London NW1 2ND. (Tel. 01-388 0882.)

**British Dietetic Association.**—Refresher course, 15-19 July, Nottingham University. Details and application forms from the course secretary, Mrs. Pauline Walker, "Langdale," 13 Amberley Rise, Skellow, Doncaster DN6 8NN, Yorks.

**American Academy of Clinical Toxicology.**—Annual meeting, 11-16 August, Montreal, jointly with Canadian Academy of Clinical and Analytical Toxicology. Details from Dr. J. E. Ott, Colorado University Medical Centre, 4200 East Ninth Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80220, U.S.A.

**World Federation of Occupational Therapists.**—6th International congress, 12-16 August, Vancouver, B.C. Details from the federation, Totem Park Convention Centre, University of British Columbia, Vancouver 8, B.C., Canada.

#### 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 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. R. Grahame: Cutaneous and Joint Disease.  
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor P. Puech (Montpellier): Development of Intracardiac Electrophysiology.

##### Tuesday, 18 June

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., medical films.

##### Wednesday, 19 June

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Dr. B. Lake: Aspects of Diagnostic Histochemistry.  
ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—8.15 p.m., Albert Wander lecture by Professor J. McCormick: The Restoration of Caritas.

##### Thursday, 20 June

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor P. Puech (Montpellier): Extracranial Cerebrovascular Disease.  
ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—8 p.m. (approx.), Sir Cyril Clarke, F.R.S.: The Role of Natural History in Understanding Disease.

##### Friday, 21 June

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. V. J. Hyams (Washington): Nasal and Paranasal Sinus Papillomas and Olfactory Neural Tumours.  
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Professor A. Munro Neville: Function and Structural Properties of Carcinoembryonic Antigen and related Macromolecules; 12 noon, Dr. Liliane Morel-Maroger (Paris): Immunopathological Studies in Tropical Nephropathies.

#### APPOINTMENTS

WESSEX REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY.—Dr. T. J. Hamblin (consultant in haematology, East Dorset district); Dr. G. H. Millward-Sadler (consultant/senior lecturer in morbid anatomy, Southampton University); Dr. D. H. Macdougall (consultant in anaesthetics, Portsmouth and South-east Hants A.H.A.).

#### Corrections

##### Autoimmune Haemolytic Anaemia and Ulcerative Colitis

The name of Mr. B. Tolliday should have been included with that of Dr. A. H. Goldstone as coauthor of the letter on this subject (8 June, p. 556). We regret this error.

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