

aspirin. But the Government should have "gone the whole hog and said that all medicines which could be dangerous to young children would have to be put in child resistant containers." Contraceptive pills and cough syrup were not covered and both were accessible to children. Mrs. Knight warned that if legislation was not introduced do-it-yourself child resistant containers might be used. Some countries would insist that products were child resistant and firms who wanted to export would adopt their own methods. "A hotch-potch of differing closures, some effective and some not, would have very dangerous implications," she said.

The Bill was given a first reading.

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Dental Anaesthesia

The Chief Dental Officer of the Department of Health, Mr. G. D. Gibb, wrote to all N.H.S. dentists on 25 June informing them that the Standing Dental Advisory Committee has advised against operator-administered general dental anaesthetics. "I accordingly appeal to any in the profession who may still be following the practice to cease it (unless exceptionally it can be justified in extreme emergency)," says the letter, "in the interests of their patients and themselves."

### Scotland's Health

A progressive rise in the number of general practitioners in Scotland has led to the average number of patients per G.P. falling below 2000, says *Health Services in Scotland, Report for 1974*, published on 19 June (H.M.S.O., price £1.35). There are now 2744 principals in general practice and 4168 hospital medical staff. The report draws attention to the high mortality and morbidity among children living in areas of deprivation; the Scottish Health Service Planning Council will be looking at ways to provide disadvantaged families with the services they require. Another cause for concern is dental health; the shortage of dentists is such that if 40% of the community asked for regular dental treatment there would be insufficient facilities to provide it.

### Cancer Research

Work has begun at Sutton, Surrey, on the first phase of a new headquarters complex for the Institute of Cancer Research, which, with its associated Chester Beatty Research Institute, forms one of the leading organizations of its kind in the country. The three-storey laboratory block estimated to cost £750 000 is being built adjacent to the Royal Marsden Hospital, with which the institute has close links, and is scheduled to be completed in 18 months. The new block has been designed to fit into what is hoped will be a major cancer research centre.

The institute spends about £2 million a year on research and is funded largely by grants from the Medical Research Council, the Cancer Research Council, and the Cancer Research Campaign, one of the leading

voluntary fund raising bodies. Its work is also helped by legacies and contributions from the general public.

### Appointment of Consultants and Termination of Pregnancy

The council of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association, believing that the letter on the above subject from the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health (for full text, see *B.M.J.*, 28 June, p. 760) constitutes "a potential threat to both professional and personal freedom," is advising members of its association to do all they can to prevent the implementation of the C.M.O.'s advice.

## COMING EVENTS

**4th Symposium on Neutron Activation Analysis.**—4-7 August, Churchill College, Cambridge. Details from Mr. C. H. Gill, Neutron Division, Marconi Elliott Avionic Systems Ltd., Elstree Way, Borehamwood, Herts WD6 1RX. (Tel. 01-953 2030, extn. 3152).

**Workshop in Echocardiography.**—4-5 September, Rotterdam. Details from Dr. J. Roelandt, Thoraxcentre, P.O. Box 1738, Rotterdam, Netherlands.

## 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.*

### Tuesday, 8 July

**NUFFIELD PROVINCIAL HOSPITALS TRUST.**—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, 5.30 p.m., Rock Carling Lecture by Sir George Godber: Change in Medicine.

### Wednesday, 9 July

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—3 p.m., Moynihan lecture by Sir Michael Woodruff, F.R.S.: Oncology and Surgery.  
**ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—2 p.m., Dr. P. J. Scheuer: The Evolution of Hepatitis.

### Thursday, 10 July

**COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MILLIMETRE OF MERCURY.**—At University College Hospital Medical School, 5.30 p.m., inaugural meeting.  
**St. JOSEPH'S HOSPICE.**—8 p.m., Dr. R. Lamerton: Family Care When Someone is Dying at Home.

## B.M.A. NOTICES

### Diary of Central Meetings

	JULY
6 Sun.	National Conference of Hospital Medical Staffs (Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, University of Leeds), 2.30 p.m.
7 Mon. to 11 Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting (Rectory, University of Leeds).
9 Wed. and 10 Thurs.	Annual Scientific Meeting (Rupert Beckett Lecture Theatre, University of Leeds).
17 Thurs.	General Medical Services Committee, 10 a.m.
22 Tues.	Joint Consultants Committee (at Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London N.W.1).

### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Bath District Division.**—At Bath University, Tuesday, 8 July, 8 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Dr. M. O'Donnell: "A Misguided Tour of Medical Journalism."

**City and Hackney Division.**—At Bethnal Green Hospital, Thursday, 10 July, 1 p.m., talk by Lord Pitt of Hampstead: "The Problems in Large Cities" (preceded by buffet lunch, 12.30 p.m.).

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

### CAMBRIDGE

M.D.—M.H.N. Tattersall.

### LONDON

Dr. J. R. Henderson has been appointed reader in physiology at St. George's Hospital Medical School. The title of reader in clinical pharmacology has been conferred on Dr. B. N. C. Prichard in respect of his post at University College Hospital Medical School.

### MANCHESTER

Appointments:—Miss Caroline M. Doig (senior lecturer in paediatric surgery); Dr. B. E. Marks (principle in the Darbishire House Health Centre and senior lecturer in general practice).

### BRISTOL

M.D.—R.K. Jacoby.  
M.S.—E. O. Olurin, O. Olurin.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS

The following have been admitted to membership: P. H. O. Amodu; K. J. Arulambalam; B. Attock; S. Banik; Gillian Batcup; R. A. L. Bayoumi; C. H. Beng; W. H. Binnie; K. C. Bouskill; J. W. B. Bradfield; I. E. Burton; G. D. Calvert; M. W. Casewell; Victoria Cattell; D. R. Clark; Pauline Cooper; Katherine P. Cotter; E. R. Craven; T. J. Davies; A. F. A. Gadir; A. R. Goldsmith; A. H. Goldstone; P. A. Gordon; I. R. Hainsworth; P. J. Hamilton; M. T. Haqqani; C. Hay; A. Hayee; U. M. Hedge; F. G. H. Hill; R. M. Hutchinson; U. Jayaswal; D. P. Kenny; A. H. H. Khattab; J. B. Kurtz; A. S. Y. Leong; D. A. Levison; M. J. Lewis; May G. McGaughey; T. C. M. Marrs; J. Mitra; C. W. Newrick; T. Ooyirilangumaren; J. R. Pattison; M. Rahman; R. C. Routledge; S. A. Saad; M. Saleem; Diana Samson; J. Sellars; M. S. Shafi; G. N. Smith; E. C. Sweeney; E. G. D. Tuddenham; Jennifer M. Voke.

## APPOINTMENTS

**CITY AND EAST LONDON AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING).**—Dr. F. M. Marks (consultant psychiatrist).

**HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING).**—Dr. J. R. Dathan (consultant physician); Dr. R. Waldram (consultant physician). Dr. P. A. Boswell (consultant in microbiology).

**NATIONAL HOSPITALS FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.**—Dr. Ivan Moseley (consultant radiologist).

**NORTH WESTERN R.H.A.**—The following consultants have been appointed: Mr. D. L. Jones (urology); Mr. J. S. Duthie (general surgery).

## Corrections

### Immune Complexes in Cystic Fibrosis

In the article by Dr. H. McFarlane and his colleagues (22 February, p. 423) it should have been stated that figure 3 was originally published in *Clinical and Experimental Immunology* (1974, 18, 303) and an acknowledgment made to the editor of that journal.

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