

## MEDICAL NEWS

### Court Committee on Paediatric Health Services

The Government committee to review health services for children is ready to take evidence. Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Social Services, announced the setting up of this committee under Professor Donald Court in June (see *B.M.J.*, 30 June, p. 789). Individuals and organizations with an interest in child health are invited to make submissions. The committee will also receive evidence from any other interested group.

The members of the committee are: Professor S. D. M. Court, president, British Paediatric Association (chairman); Mrs. M. Bannister; Mrs. B. Barnett, senior lecturer in social work; Miss B. M. Barchard, senior nursing officer; Mrs. M. Bickerton, health visitor; Professor P. H. Burke, professor of dental health; Mrs. G. Carter; Mrs. J. Davis; Dr. R. Harvard Davis, director, general practice unit; Miss F. M. Drake, director, social services; Dr. H. M. Giles, consultant paediatrician; Dr. A. Parry Jones, county medical officer of health; Professor C. R. Lowe, professor of social and occupational medicine; Mr. A. G. McPherson, consultant surgeon; Dr. S. R. W. Moore, medical officer of health; Professor T. E. Oppé, professor of paediatrics; Dr. M. G. H. Rogers, principal medical officer; Professor M. L. Rutter, professor of child psychiatry; Professor J. Tizard, research professor of child development; and Mr. J. R. G. Tomlinson, director of education. The secretaries of the committee are: Dr. T. K. Whitmore, Department of Education and Science, and Mr. J. E. Knight, Department of Health and Social Security.

### Employment for the Disabled

To help patients regain suitable employment after illness or injury the Department of Employment has issued leaflets for doctors and patients explaining how to set about it. If a doctor refers such a patient to any employment office arrangements will be made for the patient to see the disablement resettlement officer (D.R.O.), whose job it is to find the right employment for him, and possibly refer back to the doctor to help him do this. The D.R.O. can then decide whether the patient can return to his former type of employment or whether he will have to be trained in a new appropriate skill. *The Patient with Work Problems*. Employment Services for Disabled People. H.M.S.O. 1973.

### The Elderly and their Food

According to a survey by the geriatric nutrition unit at Queen Elizabeth College many old people keep no food stocks at home and do not know how to make provision in the event of becoming housebound by illness or bad weather. The unit has produced a set of educational slides and leaflets on the subject which are obtainable from Miss Louise Davies, Geriatric Nutrition Unit, Queen Elizabeth College, London W8 7AH, price £4.50.

### New Chair at Leeds

Professor Ronald James Linden has been appointed to the newly created chair of cardiovascular studies at Leeds, the fourth university chair to be endowed by the British



Heart Foundation. Professor Linden, who is 53, was educated at Knaresborough Grammar School and at Leeds University, where he graduated in 1951. After various posts in Leeds and a spell in the U.S.A. he started a cardiovascular research group in the department of physiology at Leeds under its head, Professor A. Hemingway. In 1964 Dr. Linden became director of the cardiovascular investigation unit at the Leeds General Infirmary and Killingbeck Hospital. He was appointed to a personal chair in applied physiology in 1967, and has been director of the cardiovascular unit at Leeds University since that time.

### Regional Medical Officers Appointed

Appointments have been announced of two regional medical officers to the new regional health authorities as follows. South East Thames R.H.A.: Dr. K. R. D. Porter, senior administrative medical officer of the South East Metropolitan Hospital Board. Wessex R.H.A.: Dr. John Revans, S.A.M.O. of the Wessex Regional Hospital Board.

### Honorary K.B.E.

Professor Paul Bruce Beeson, an American citizen, has been appointed an honorary K.B.E. by the Queen in recognition of his work as Nuffield professor of clinical medicine at Oxford University since 1965. Professor Beeson, who is 65, was educated at Washington University and at McGill University Medical School, where he graduated in 1933. From 1952 until 1965 he was professor of medicine and chairman of the department of medicine at Yale University in October 1974 he takes up a special appointment in the University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A. He will be succeeded at Oxford by Professor D. J. Weatherall (see *B.M.J.* 16 June, p. 673).

### COMING EVENTS

**Bone and Tooth Society.**—Winter meeting, 4 January, 2.30 p.m., Royal Dental Hospital School of Dental Surgery, London W.C.2. Details from Professor R. L. Hartles, Liverpool University.

**"Medical Computing".**—Day seminar, 7 January, University College London. Details from Mr. C. Wyld, University College Computer Centre, 19 Gordon Street, London WC1H 0AH. (Tel. 01-387 0858.)

**Institute of Orthopaedics.**—Instructional course, "Rheumatic Diseases—II," Wednesdays, 9 Janu-

ary-27 March. Details of this and of other courses, including some at Stanmore, Midd., are obtainable from the secretary for postgraduate studies, Institute of Orthopaedics, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, 234 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AD. (Tel. 01-387 5070.)

**Royal Society of Health.**—Day conference, "Family Planning in the Reorganized N.H.S.," 16 January, Westminster. Speakers include Sir John Stallworthy. Details from the head of information, R.S.H., 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7 EN. (Tel. 01-235 9961.)

**Institute of Child Health.**—Day conference, "Children's Wheel Chairs," 17 January, at the institute. Details from Dr. K. S. Holt, Wolfson Centre, Institute of Child Health, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N 2AP. (Tel. 01-837 7618).

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