

statement will be fully considered by junior hospital staff and was not binding upon them until they had made a decision on its detailed proposals. Indeed, further clarifying talks have already taken place with the Department. The Council expressed its full support for the actions of the committee, from which it will receive a further report at its next meeting on 7 January."

### Medical life peer

Among the new life peers announced on 17 December was Dr M P Winstanley, formerly



Liberal member of Parliament for Cheadle and later Hazel Grove. Dr Winstanley was born in 1918 and educated at Manchester Grammar School and Manchester University, where he was president of the union and captained the cricket club. He qualified in 1944

and entered general practice in 1948. In 1957 he began broadcasting on medical topics and later appeared on his own television programmes on both ITV and the BBC. He was active in the Manchester Division of the BMA from 1957 to 1965. He contested his first parliamentary election in 1964 and was elected as MP for Cheadle in 1966. He was defeated in the second general election in 1974. He has published several books on medicine and written on cricket for the *Manchester Evening News*. Dr Winstanley is married with three children.

### Drug statistics

There were 1980 narcotic addicts in the United Kingdom at 31 December 1974, according to Home Office statistics. This is a rise of 9% since the same date in 1973. New notifications totalled 887, a rise of 10%. Most addicts are in their mid-twenties, although 24% of the women notified were aged over 50.

The number of persons found guilty of offences against the drugs Acts was 11 423, a fall of 27% from the 1973 total: these offences include supply and possession of cannabis. Convictions for offences concerned with importation of drugs (mostly cannabis) rose by 11% to a total of 405.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

### Thursday, 8 January

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8.15 pm, the Hon Mr Justice Cusack: A Gloucestershire murder: R v Brittle.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON—5 pm, Marc Daniels lecture by Professor D D Reid: The social background of bronchitis.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND—5 pm, Arris and Gale lecture by Mr S P F Hughes: The extraction by bone and the clearance by the tissues of technetium labelled ethane-1-hydroxy-1, 1-diphosphate.

### Friday, 9 January

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY—5.30 pm, Mr J B Booth: Vertigo—surgical, anatomy and pathology.

## COMING EVENTS

**Institute of Urology**—Day conference "Cost effective or care effective? A question for our time," 24 January, London. For details see advertisement at p vi.

## BMA NOTICES

### Reconstitution of the Dumfries and Galloway Division

Notice is hereby given by the Council to all concerned that the Dumfries and Galloway Division as specified in the Schedule published in the *BMJ* on 31 August 1974 (p 587) has been dissolved and reconstituted as two divisions with the following titles and areas:

**Dumfries and Stewartry Division** composed of the local authority areas of Nithsdale, Annandale, and Stewartry in the area of the Dumfries and Galloway Health Board.

**Wigtownshire Division** composed of the local authority area of Wigtownshire in the area of the Dumfries and Galloway Health Board.

DEREK STEVENSON,  
Secretary

### Diary of Central Meetings

	JANUARY
6 Tues	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
7 Wed	Council, 10 am.
8 Thurs	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
8 Thurs	Working Party on Services for the Elderly (Board of Science and Education), 10.30 am.
9 Fri	Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
11 Sun	Welsh Committee for Hospital Medical Services (Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2 pm.
14 Wed	Scottish Council (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am
14 Wed	Welsh Committee for Community Medicine (Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2.30 pm.
15 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
15 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

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

**Blackpool and Fylde Division**—At Savoy Hotel, Blackpool, Wednesday, 7 January, 8.45 pm, Dr W G F Adams: "Recent advances in industrial toxicology." (Preceded by dinner, 7.30 pm.\* Guests are invited.)

**East Berkshire Division**—At King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Wednesday, 7 January, 7.45 pm, agm followed by open meeting on the political background to the NHS crisis. Speaker Dr J D J Havard.

**Hereford and Worcester and Bromsgrove Divisions**—At Ronkswood Hospital, Tuesday, 6 January, 8.30 pm, open meeting to all doctors on the hospital crisis.

**Lancaster Division**—At Strathmore Hotel, Friday, 9 January, 8 for 8.30 pm, annual dinner dance.\*

**Nottingham Division**—At Nottingham City Hospital, Thursday, 8 January, 8.30 pm, business meeting.

**Wigan Division**—At Haigh Hall, Thursday, 8 January, 7.30 pm, combined meeting with Wigan Law Society.\*

## UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

CAMBRIDGE  
MD—V S Chadwick, Shirley J Richmond, A M Zalin.

MANCHESTER  
MD—W V Humphreys, T W Warnes.

LEEDS  
MD—Mary E Brennan, M D Rawson.

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the council held on 11 December, with Mr R H Franklin, senior vice-president, in the chair, the honorary medal of the college was awarded to Professor L N Pyrah. Mr Leonard Wolfson was elected to the Court of Patrons.

The election of the Rt Hon Lord Brock of Wimbledon as chairman of the board and the election to the board of trustees of the Hunterian Collection of Sir John Summerson and Mr R V Cooke, and the award of the Colyer gold medal to Professor C F Ballard were noted.

Professor A S Prophet was appointed Charles Tomes lecturer for 1977. The appointment of Mr B W Fickling as Webb-Johnson lecturer for 1976-8 was noted. The award of the Faculty of Anaesthetists Fellowship Prize to Dr L J Williams was noted.

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF PSYCHIATRISTS

The following were successful at the recent examination for membership of the college:

D J Aldridge, S M Alexander, A H Al-Kaisi, M R Almudevar, F A W Al-Sudani, C J Andrew, P D Bartlett, A R Bedi, G S Bhatt, S A Bokhari, T P Burns, C A D Calvert, J A Causton, J L Chakravarti, B W Chenoweth, N J Child, Jean I Coleman, A F Colgan, C J Cooper, Sherv E Corray, B J S Craig, Helen M Cumiskey, P S Curran, A E Daniel, J R Darc, Mary S Davies, N S Davies, M S Dayal, M G Duke, J A T D Ehsanullah, N A Elias, E J Elliott, L H Fagin, I R H Falloon, R G Farquharson, A F Francis, C P Freeman, Maria E Garralda, G S Gnanasingham, Sandra M Grant, R K Gupta, S J Harris, F Hassanyeh, Ruth M Hiron, J A Holmes, A V M Hughson, K R Hyde, Eleanor Hyland, N O Iechuku, GH Jones, Margaret Kay, K A Kilbride, Helen E Kirk, Winnie Kuttappa, P T-C Lam, M A Launer, Ann G Lewis, Lo Chun Wai, N Longhurst, Katherine E Lubbe, Eloise M L Lucas, D Macdiarmid, Hilde P G McIlvenna, Heather J McKee, A J Mackie, A L MacNeill, S N Mahapatra, A M Margo, G U Mehta, A Michalakeas, Judith R Morgan, Linda A Morse, P K Mukherjee, Elaine Murphy, J E Olive, K N Padamsee, T Pastor, R G Potter, G P Pullen, P M Rauchenburg, P Reder, T M R Riazuddin, Pauline H Salmons, J T Schofield, Ruth Seifert, P Sepping, A McC Sim, H G Smith, T Sriranganatha, M J Stevens, Gillian Stratford, Tan Chue Tin, E A Taylor, A F Teggin, S Thirumalachari, Mary McN Tomlinson, M R Trimble, R Tym, Margaret M Walker, Malcolm Weller, J N Westhead, A J Williams, R D Winter, M B Younan, Z A J Zaidan.

## APPOINTMENTS

HAMPSHIRE AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—  
Dr P M Ashurst (consultant psychotherapist).

## Corrections

### Junior hospital staff contract

We regret that in his letter to the Editor (27 December p 762) the signature of Dr P J Milewski was incorrectly spelt.

### Hospital discharge reports: content and design

In this article (on 22 November, p 443) in the acknowledgments at the end Dr R T Mayon-White's name should be substituted for that of Dr R M Mayon-White.

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