

there will be fewer doctors in practice. But if the number of doctors as estimated in the first instance to enter the Service is reduced, compensation will be proportionately less, so that the increased practice will receive the same compensation as if it had remained static. Further, panel fees have risen by approximately 50% and private fees by 20% to 40%.

Were the sale of practices unrestricted, the above two factors would lead to an increased capital value, which will be lost under the Act. We bought the pig in the poke. We thought that goods would become more plentiful and cheaper in the post-war years, with a substantial reduction in taxation, while the Government knew that their planned spendthrift policy must be followed by reverse conditions.—I am, etc.,

London, E.C.4.

R. A. MURPHY.

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Association Notices**SCOTTISH COMMITTEE
1947-8 SESSION**

Election of three representatives by the Group of seven Divisions comprising Orkney, Shetland, Caithness and Sutherland, Inverness, Outer Islands, Ross and Cromarty, and Argyllshire.

In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Scottish Committee nominations for these three vacancies shall be in writing and may be (a) made by a Division or (b) signed by not fewer than three members of the Group. Nomination forms have been sent to the Hon. Secretaries of the Divisions in the Group, and can also be obtained on application to the Scottish Office. If more than three members are nominated the election shall be by voting papers sent by post from the Scottish Office to each member of every Division in the Group. Nominations should be sent to me at the Scottish Office, 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, not later than August 23, 1947.

E. R. C. WALKER,
Scottish Secretary.**Sir Charles Hastings Clinical Prize**

The Sir Charles Hastings Clinical Prize, which consists of a certificate and a money award of fifty guineas, is again open for competition. The following are the regulations governing the award:

- (1) The prize is established by the Council of the British Medical Association for the promotion of systematic observation, research, and record in general practice; it includes a money award of the value of fifty guineas.
- (2) Any member of the Association who is engaged in general practice is eligible to compete for the prize.
- (3) The work submitted must include personal observations and experiences collected by the candidate in general practice, and a high order of excellence will be required. If no essay entered is of sufficient merit no award will be made. It is to be noted that candidates in their entries should confine their attention to their own observations in practice rather than to comments on previously published work on the subject, though reference to current literature should not therefore be omitted when it bears directly on their results, their interpretations, and their conclusions.
- (4) Essays, or whatever form the candidate desires his work to take, must be sent to the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than Dec. 31, 1947. The prize will be awarded at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held in 1948.
- (5) No study or essay that has been published in the medical Press or elsewhere will be considered eligible for the prize, and a contribution offered in one year cannot be accepted in any subsequent year unless it includes evidence of further work. A prize-winner in any year is not eligible for a second award of the prize.
- (6) If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of the candidate or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council on any such point shall be final.
- (7) Each essay must be typewritten or printed, must be distinguished by a motto, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope marked with the same motto and enclosing the candidate's name and address.
- (8) The writer of the essay to whom the prize is awarded may, on the initiative of the Science Committee, be requested to prepare a paper on the subject for publication in the *British Medical Journal* or for presentation to the appropriate section of the Annual Meeting of the Association.
- (9) Inquiries relative to the prize should be addressed to the Secretary.

A.R.M. Report: Corrections

In the report of the Annual Representative Meeting (*Supplement*, Aug. 2) the sub-heading "Practitioners in General Hospital Posts" (p. 39) should read "Practitioners in Junior Hospital Posts" and the word "junior" should be substituted for the word "general" in the first line of the Plymouth motion and in the third line of Mr. Mayne's supporting remarks. Sir Lionel Whitby should have been described as Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge.