

H.M. Forces Appointments

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The following appointments have been announced: J. B. Mackie, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.T.M., and P. B. Wilkinson, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., Senior Specialists, Hong Kong; K. J. Gilchrist, F.R.C.S., Surgeon Specialist, Fiji; P. G. Griffiths, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Physician Specialist, Malaya; C. E. W. Hoar, M.B., B.S., D.C.P., Pathologist, Uganda; R. K. Richardson, M.R.C.P., Senior Physician, British Guiana; R. E. Alvares, M.B., B.S., Pathologist, Hong Kong; D. O. Ndukwe, L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Nigeria; Miss M. C. Ahearne, M.B., Medical Officer, Nigeria; A. F. Bryson, F.R.C.S., Senior Specialist (Orthopaedic), Nigeria; C. T. Coghlan, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officer (Anaesthetist), Kenya; T. M. Kraszewski, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Sarawak; J. Twomey, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officer, Somaliland Protectorate; J. S. Joly, F.R.C.S., Surgeon Specialist, Trinidad; E. W. Lore-Hing, L.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and H. W. M. Collymore, M.B., B.S., Medical Officers (Grade C), Trinidad; J. M. Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., R. Keeley, M.B., B.Ch., B. S. Khaira, M.B., K. Slawinski, M.D., and D. Barman, M.B., B.S., Medical Officers, Malaya.

GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Annual Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees on June 12 the following were elected members of the General Medical Services Committee:

Dr. J. C. Arthur (Gateshead).
Dr. A. Beauchamp (Solihull).
Dr. I. G. Innes (Hull).
Dr. J. A. Pridham (Weymouth).
Dr. F. M. Rose (Preston).
Dr. W. Woolley (Bristol).

Association Notices

Diary of Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER

26 Fri. Public Health Committee, 2 p.m.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH

At the annual meeting of the South-western Branch, held at Torquay on June 7, Dr. Angus Macrae, Secretary of the British Medical Association, spoke about the Danckwerts Award and the Working Party report. He said there had been some misleading publicity about the award, which people believed to be a generous rise in pay. This was untrue, for the award was really a belated recognition of something due to the general practitioners since the National Health Service began—a case of putting right in 1952 something which went wrong in 1948. After explaining the proposals for the distribution of the money, which had to be approved by the profession and by Parliament, Dr. Macrae said that if all that was heard about general practice to-day was true the mere provision of more money would not be enough to make practice what it should be. There had been many complaints in recent years of the alleged loss of status of the general practitioner. If it was true that the family doctor had fallen in his own estimation and in the estimation of his professional colleagues and the public, then he thought that the restoration of the family doctor to his proper place in the scheme of things was by far the most important and most urgent problem facing the British Medical Association to-day. Two years ago, Dr. Macrae continued, the Council of the B.M.A. had set up a general practice review committee to make a systematic examination of general practice as it existed to-day and to try to obtain a more objective picture of it than was possible from casual expressions of opinion by individuals. The report of the committee had been completed, but the Council had not yet had an opportunity to consider it. Until a diagnosis had been made the appropriate remedies could not be decided upon. Now that the discussions about money were out of the way he thought all practitioners would wish the B.M.A. to embark on a programme of really constructive work in the interests of the profession, work which would be designed to secure that the good doctor would be able to do a good job, free from the anxieties and the sense of frustration which seemed to have upset so many in recent years.

The Charles Oliver Hawthorne Clinical Prize for 1952, consisting of a certificate and a cheque for 40 guineas, was presented by the retiring president of the Branch, Dr. W. L. Stewart, to Dr. R. M. J. Harper, of Barnstaple, for his essay on "Allergy and Other Stress-conditioned Illness: A Suggested Association with Obsolete Autonomic Defence Reflexes." The incoming president, Mr. B. Venn Dunn, who had previously entertained

the members at luncheon, then delivered his presidential address entitled "A Plea for Individualism in Medicine." A dinner-dance was held in the evening, and on the following day a visit was made to Hawkmoor Chest Hospital, Bovey Tracey, at the invitation of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Midgley.

STIRLING BRANCH

The annual meeting was held on May 7, and the following officers were elected:

President: F. W. S. Chandler, Falkirk.
Vice-president: A. C. Blair, Kilsyth.
President-elect: D. C. MacLachlan, Denny.
Hon. Secretary: J. E. Morrison, Stirling.
Representative to A.R.M.: J. E. Morrison, Stirling.
Representative to Scottish Committee: R. B. Bell, Alloa.
Branch Council: T. Kay MacLachlan, Stirling; D. A. Naismith, Grangemouth; Jessie M. Pope, Stirling; P. D. McLellan, Alloa; and W. S. Burnet, Stirling (Public Health Member).

Since the annual meeting of 1951 there have been two general and three clinical meetings held during the year. The average attendance was 29. One of these meetings was specially called to consider complaints by certain members about their treatment during an investigation into medical man-power. At the other general meeting, the First Interim Report on Reform of the National Health Service was considered and our Representative to the Special Representative Meeting on that subject was briefed.

KATHERINE BISHOP HARMAN PRIZE

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider an award of the Katherine Bishop Harman Prize in the year 1953. The value of the prize is £75. The purpose of the prize, founded in 1926, is the encouragement of study and research directed to the diminution and avoidance of the risks to health and life that are apt to arise in pregnancy and child-bearing. It will be awarded for the best essay submitted in open competition, competitors being left free to select the work they wish to present, provided this falls within the scope of the prize. Any registered medical practitioner in the British Empire is eligible to compete.

Should the Council of the Association decide that no essay submitted is of sufficient merit the prize will not be awarded in 1953 but will be offered again in the year next following this decision, and in this event the money value of the prize on the occasion in question shall be such proportion of the accumulated income as the Council shall determine. The decision of the Council will be final.

Each essay must be typewritten or printed in the English language, 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. Essays must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary, British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, *not later than December 31, 1952.* Inquiries relative to the prize should be addressed to the Secretary.

Corrections

The film "A Case of Scurvy" presented to the B.M.A. Film Library (*Supplement*, July 19, p. 76) was made by Dr. G. Riddell Royston. The notice of the film on "The Life Cycle of the Malaria Parasite" was incorrectly printed. It should have read: "Presented by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Colour, sound, 828 ft., 23 minutes. 1951."

In the report of the Special Conference of Local Medical Committees in the *Supplement* of July 5, Dr. A. D. Manning should have been reported as the third speaker under the heading "Rural Doctors" at p. 4, not Dr. C. W. Walker.

In the report of the proceedings of Council on Monday, July 7 (*Supplement*, July 19, p. 60), Dr. J. A. Moody was wrongly given as one of the Association's representatives on the council of the Society of Medical Officers of Health. It should have been Dr. J. Woolley (Bristol).

TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP

The following is a list of local authorities which are understood to require employees to be members of a trade union or other organization:

Metropolitan Borough Councils.—Fulham, Southwark.
Non-County Borough Councils.—Crewe.
Urban District Councils.—Houghton-le-Spring.