

representative meeting of the South African Medical Association. It would be remembered that during the past year that body had become an affiliated Association, and was no longer a Branch of the B.M.A. He felt that it would be a wise gesture to accept the invitation and to be present at the first meeting of the South African Medical Association. (Applause.)

The CHAIRMAN expressed the good wishes of the meeting to Sir Hugh Lett on his journey and also the greetings of the Representative Meeting in London to their colleagues meeting in South Africa.

Dr. J. B. WRATHALL ROWE (Council) presented the report under "Overseas Branches." Dr. P. J. COWIN (Uganda) asked that the question of the salaries and conditions of medical officers in Uganda and in East Africa might be taken up with the Colonial Office. Dr. ROWE said that this matter had already been considered by the Dominions Committee, and Dr. J. L. Gilks, its chairman, was visiting East Africa in September by invitation in connexion with the celebrations in honour of Sir Albert Cook and had been asked to make a special note of these matters and report to the committee on his return.

The final passage of the report presented was on "Medical Benevolence," which was introduced by Dr. JANET K. AITKEN (Council), and approved.

### ELECTIONS

During the course of the meeting the following election results were announced:

Chairman: Dr. J. B. Miller (no contest).

Deputy Chairman: Dr. E. A. Gregg (no contest).

Twelve members of Council elected by grouped representatives: (Group 1) Dr. J. A. L. Vaughan Jones, (Group 2) Mr. R. L. Newell, (Group 3) Mr. A. Staveley Gough, (Group 4) Dr. S. Wand, (Group 5) Dr. H. R. Frederick, (Group 6) Mr. A. Dickson Wright, (Group 7) Dr. R. W. Cockshut, (Group 8) Dr. R. G. Gordon, (Group 9) Dr. T. W. Morgan, (Group 10) Mr. I. Simson Hall, (Group 11) Dr. W. Jope, (Group 12) Dr. J. M. Hunter.

[Contests in Groups 3, 6, 8, and 9]

Eight members of Council elected by Representative Body: Mr. A. Lawrence Abel, Dr. J. C. Arthur, Dr. A. Beauchamp, Dr. O. C. Carter, Dr. W. E. Dornan, Dr. R. Forbes, Dr. P. J. Gibbons, Dr. A. Smith Pool.

### VOTE OF THANKS

Dr. J. EWART PURVES (Bromley) moved a resolution on behalf of his Division congratulating the Council on so extensive a report as had been presented, representing so much constructive work. He said that this motion was meant to convey not only thanks for what had been done during an exceptionally heavy year but good wishes to the Council in the epoch-making year that lay ahead.

The motion was enthusiastically carried.

The CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL said that it was very welcome to receive such appreciation. It would be no exaggeration to say that the past year had been the heaviest that the Council had ever known, and the amount of work accomplished was shown in the reports which the meeting had considered over the last three days. It had accomplished a number of valuable things, quite apart from the work in connexion with the National Health Service.

Dr. W. WOOLLEY (Bristol) moved a vote of thanks to the Chairman, Dr. J. B. Miller, for his admirable conduct of the chair. He said that his humour had enabled the meeting to turn many an awkward corner.

The vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation, and Dr. MILLER in acknowledgment said how greatly he had appreciated the support given to him, especially by the Deputy Chairman, Dr. Gregg, who had taken the chair during some parts of the meeting, and by the Secretary and staff.

The meeting ended at 4.30 p.m., and was followed by a meeting of Council.

### Regional Hospital Boards: Correction

In the Supplement of July 5 (p. 2) in the list of names of members of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board "Dr. J. D. Ailverston" should read "Dr. J. D. Silverston."

## BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### 115th Annual General Meeting

The 115th Annual General Meeting of the Association was held in the Great Hall, British Medical Association House, W.C.1, on Wednesday, July 23, 1947, with the President of the Association, Sir Hugh Lett, Bart., in the chair.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, 1946 (*B.M.J. Supplement*, August 3, 1946), were approved and signed as correct.

It was reported that the Representative Meeting on July 22, 1947, elected Sir Hugh Lett, Bart., K.C.V.O., C.B.E., D.C.L., F.R.C.S., as President of the Association for the year 1947-8. (Applause.)

### Presentation of Gold Medal to Lady Le Fleming

The President said that six years ago the Association awarded its Gold Medal to Sir Kaye Le Fleming. His many years of devoted service had been deeply appreciated: the ability and wisdom and the sincerity he always showed won him the gratitude and affection of the Association. His name would always appear in the records as one of the outstanding men of the Association. Owing to war conditions it had not been possible to present him with the medal, and it was deeply regretted that Sir Kaye Le Fleming died before it could be presented to him. The courtesy of Lady Le Fleming in attending the meeting was deeply appreciated and it was with great pleasure that he presented to Lady Le Fleming the Gold Medal awarded to her husband for his great and valuable services to the Association. (Applause.)

### Sir Charles Hastings Clinical Prize

The President, in presenting this prize to Dr. Frances C. Naish, M.B., B.Ch., of York, for her clinical study entitled "Breast Feeding—A Guide to the Natural Feeding of Infants," said that it was an important feature of the Association that it should encourage research by general practitioners because they had a very wide and great experience. Their whole life was spent in observation and to a certain extent in research because they were constantly trying to find new methods of treatment. It was also desirable that general practitioners should be encouraged to develop this research in their ordinary practices. He congratulated Dr. Naish on winning the prize and hoped it would stimulate her to still further efforts.

The Prize was also awarded to Henry Wilkin Robertson, M.A., M.D., of Christchurch, New Zealand, for his clinical study entitled "The Response of Lassitude, Coldness, and Loss of Hair, following Pregnancy, to Treatment with Thyroid Extract in Christchurch, N.Z."

### Katherine Bishop Harman Prize

The President then presented the Katherine Bishop Harman Prize to Ernest Rohan Williams, M.D., F.R.C.P., for his clinical study entitled "The Contribution of Radiology to the Diagnosis and Management of Obstetric Disproportion." He said that it was of particular value that Dr. Rohan Williams should have concentrated on this work in connexion with pregnancy. It was a relatively new aid in obstetric work and there was much room still for its development.

### Presidential Address

Sir Hugh Lett delivered his address as printed in the *B.M.J.*, July 26, 1947, p. 121.

### President-Elect

The President announced that the Representative Body had elected Sir Lionel Whitby, C.V.O., M.C., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge, as President of the Association, 1948-9. He drew attention to Sir Lionel Whitby's invaluable work on the sulphonamides and his superintendence of the Blood Transfusions Unit at Bristol during the war, and by these two activities alone he must have saved the lives of many thousands of people. He congratulated Sir Lionel on his election and most warmly congratulated the Association on its success in obtaining him as President.

Sir Lionel Whitby, in response, said that the University and town of Cambridge were already preparing to welcome mem-