

## COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICE

The following appointments have been announced: T. F. Anderson, M.D., D.T.M.&H., Director of Medical Services, Kenya; E. W. R. Hackett, M.B., Ear, Nose, and Throat Specialist, Nigeria; A. H. Hall, M.D., F.R.C.S., Surgeon Specialist, Nigeria; C. H. Howat, M.B., F.R.C.S., D.T.M.&H., Surgeon Specialist, Tanganyika; E. A. Renner, M.B., D.T.M., Deputy Director of Medical Services, Sierra Leone; C. Wilson, M.B., Headquarters Deputy Director of Medical Services, Nigeria; A. Alakija, L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., Medical Officer, Nigeria; K. G. Gadd, M.B., Pathologist, Northern Rhodesia; D. M. Mackay, M.B., Medical Officer, Northern Rhodesia; D. B. Scott, M.B., Medical Officer, Gold Coast; T. S. Khosowski, M.B., Medical Officer, Gambia; S. H. Kryszek, M.B., Medical Officer, Nyasaland; P. H. O'Malley, M.D., D.O.M.S., Ophthalmic Specialist, Tanganyika; L. Achmatowicz, M.D., Medical Officer, Grade 2 (Temporary), Fiji.

## Association Notices

## SPA PRACTITIONERS GROUP

The Committee of the Spa Practitioners Group wishes to remind all members of the Association who practise in spas that there is a Spa Practitioners Group of the Association. This Group is open to members who regularly prescribe the mineral waters of the spas at which they reside, or who are on the staff of a hospital where the use of the local mineral waters is part of the routine treatment.

Applications, which require to be approved by the Group Committee, should be made on a form obtainable from the Secretary at B.M.A. House, to whom any inquiries may be addressed.

## PRIZES FOR NURSES

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider the award in 1950 of prizes of the value of 20 guineas for the best essay, and 10 guineas for the second-best essay, submitted in open competition by nurses in each of the following categories: (i) Student nurses. (ii) State-registered nurses working in a hospital. (iii) State-registered nurses not working in a hospital—i.e., district nurses, private nurses, etc. (iv) State-enrolled assistant nurses.

The subjects of the essays for 1950 are: *Category (i)*.—"The Value of the Preliminary Training School: What Improvements do you suggest?" *Category (ii)*.—"Discuss the Organization of the Nursing Service in a 200-bed Hospital." *Category (iii)*.—"Discuss the Relationship Between Nurse and General Practitioner in Maternity Work in the Patient's Home." *Category (iv)*.—"The Difficulties of the Assistant Nurse in her Daily Work."

The purpose of these prizes is the promotion of systematic observation among nurses. In awarding the prizes *due regard will be given to evidence of personal observation*. No essay that has previously appeared in the medical press or elsewhere will be considered eligible for a prize. Nurses who are undergoing a course of training at a hospital are eligible to compete under category (i); nurses registered by the General Nursing Council are eligible to compete under categories (ii), (iii), or (iv), whichever is appropriate.

If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of a candidate or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council of the British Medical Association shall be final. Should the Council decide that no essay entered is of sufficient merit, no award shall be made.

Each essay must be typewritten or legibly written in the English language, must be unsigned, and have attached to it a note containing the name and address of the candidate and the category into which he or she falls. Essays, which, it is suggested, should consist of from 2,000 to 5,000 words, must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary of the British Medical Association not later than March 31, 1950. Preliminary notice of entry for this competition is required, and a special form for this purpose is obtainable from the Secretary, British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

## Diary of Central Meetings

## FEBRUARY

- 21 Tues. Building Committee, 2 p.m.
- 22 Wed. Committee on the Association of the G.P. with Hospital Work, 2 p.m.
- 24 Fri. Consulting Pathologists Group Committee, 2 p.m.

## MARCH

- 1 Wed. Private Practice Committee, 2 p.m.
- 2 Thurs. International Relations Committee, 2 p.m.
- 2 Thurs. Otolaryngologists Group Committee, 2 p.m.
- 8 Wed. Film Committee, 2 p.m.
- 8 Wed. Occupational Health Committee, 2 p.m.
- 9 Thurs. General Medical Services Committee, 11 a.m.
- 10 Fri. Joint Committee of the B.M.A. and the N.V.M.A., 10 a.m.
- 16 Thurs. Planning Subcommittee, 10.30 a.m.
- 16 Thurs. S.R.M. Agenda Committee, 11.15 a.m.
- 24 Fri. Committee on Psychiatry and the Law, 2 p.m.
- 27 Mon. Psychological Medicine Group Committee, 2 p.m.

## Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

**CHELSEA AND FULHAM DIVISION.**—At Fulham Town Hall, Walham Green, London, S.W., Friday, February 17, 8.45 p.m., general meeting to consider (a) Constitution of B.M.A. Council; (b) Proposals of the Winchester Division; (c) Instructions to Representatives at Special Representative Meeting on March 29; (d) Discussion on formation of local committee of British Medical Guild.

**HEREFORD DIVISION.**—At The Eye Hospital, Eign Street, Hereford, Tuesday, February 21, 3.45 p.m., talk by Dr. W. Weiner (Director, Regional Blood Transfusion Service): "Rhesus Factor." The meeting is open to all medical practitioners in the county.

**MANCHESTER DIVISION.**—At B.M.A. Regional Office, 33, Cross Street, Manchester, Friday, February 17, 4 p.m., consideration of (a) Constitution of B.M.A. Council; (b) Proposals of the Winchester Division; (c) Instructions to Representatives at Special Representative Meeting on March 29; and (d) Local Organization of British Medical Guild.

**OLDHAM DIVISION.**—At Oldham Hotel, Rhodes Bank, Monday, February 20, 9 p.m., Professor W. I. C. Morris: "Some Complications of Labour and Their Treatment."

**SALISBURY DIVISION.**—At Cathedral Hotel, Salisbury, Wednesday, February 22, 8.15 p.m., scientific meeting. Lecture by Mr. D. E. Macrae: "Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis."

**SOUTH-WEST WALES DIVISION.**—At Mental Hospital, Carmarthen, Sunday, February 26, 2.30 p.m., Film: "Angina Pectoris." Members are invited to bring their wives.

**SWANSEA DIVISION.**—At Osborne Hotel, Langland, Thursday, February 23, Address by Sir William Heneage Ogilvie, K.B.E.

**TOWER HAMLETS DIVISION.**—At St. Andrew's Hospital, Devons Road, Bow, E., Friday, February 24, 3 p.m., clinical meeting.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS DIVISION.**—At Christ Church Hall, Monday, February 20, 8.30 p.m., Special Meeting for Clergy and Doctors.

**WEST SUSSEX DIVISION.**—At Warne's Hotel, Worthing, Wednesday, March 8, 7.30 p.m., Dinner. Address by Mr. L. C. Oliver: "Surgical Treatment of Parkinson's Disease" (with colour film).

## Meetings of Branches and Divisions

## BIRKENHEAD AND WIRRAL DIVISION

A meeting of the Division was held at Moreton on December 10. The Attorney-General, Sir Frank Soskice, gave an interesting address on "Can the Nation Which Has Social Security Survive Economically?" He outlined the financial state of the country immediately after the last war, and made a strong plea for a planned economy as a means of rehabilitating the national assets. A vote of thanks proposed by the secretary and seconded by Dr. H. L. Garson was carried unanimously.

## SOUTHAMPTON DIVISION

A B.M.A. Lecture was delivered by Dr. W. R. Bett (Research Librarian, N.A.P.T.) on "The Pathology of Genius," on January 18. Dr. Bett described the pathological state of the mind of many famous men in the fields of poetry, literature, and politics from ancient times to the eighteenth century. He mentioned many famous men who suffered from tuberculosis and epilepsy, and reminded his audience that there were equally famous men who were perfectly sane and under no physical handicap.

The lecture stimulated a considerable discussion. Dr. Bett was thanked by the chairman, Dr. R. M. Warren.

**Correction.**—It was incorrectly stated in the *Supplement* of February 4 (p. 46) that chest physicians are entitled under paragraph 14 of the terms of service to charge fees for examinations and reports on employees or prospective employees on appointment where these are required by an employer (including Government Departments and local authorities), whether such examinations are undertaken at hospitals, chest clinics, or mass radiography units. The x-ray examination of any person resorting to or referred to a mass radiography unit, and the provision of a report, if required, of the result of such examination, are within the scope of the hospital and specialist services provided under Section 3 of the Act. Therefore, where the prospective employee is referred to a mass radiography unit, the examination and report are free of charge.