

best," which did not do in these days. Dr. H. GORDON thought Dr. Harvey-Smith had done a great service not only to hospital junior staff but to the whole profession. The Organization Committee should also consider the position in the B.M.A. of young doctors in all branches of medicine. Was their place in the negotiating machinery satisfactory?

### Regional Organization

Dr. R. A. A. R. LAWRENCE thought that the regional organization of hospital junior staff was the most difficult part of the problem. If that could be worked out, and they had efficient and skilled men to represent them, many of the difficulties would be solved.

Dr. A. B. GILMOUR saw that there were technical difficulties in making the H.J.S. Group Committee a standing committee, but he thought that hospital junior doctors were a special group in a class of their own. He wondered whether a special formula could not be devised for giving them the status of an independent committee as an interim measure while Dr. Potter's suggestion was considered. Dr. C. C. LUTTON was against making the H.J.S. Group Committee a standing committee. The blame for the current difficulties was fairly and squarely on the shoulders of the senior men, who had not interested themselves in their junior staff.

Dr. H. C. W. BAKER also supported an alteration in the C.C. and S. Committee's name to Hospital Services Committee, and

he added that junior staff should be properly represented on it.

It was agreed to recommend to the Council that the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee should be invited to consider altering its name to "Hospital Services Committee" in view of the fact that the majority of the doctors they represented were not consultants.

It was also recommended that regional conferences should be called periodically to disseminate information and to discuss the problems of hospital junior staff.

### Association Membership

The CHAIRMAN reported that the B.M.A. membership was 68,064, as compared with 68,034 at the same time last year.

## Association Notices

### Diary of Central Meetings

#### FEBRUARY

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| 15 | Tues.  | Committee on Therapeutic Abortion, 12 noon.  |
| 16 | Wed.   | Council, 10 a.m.   |
| 17 | Thurs. | General Medical Services Committee, 10.30 a.m.   |
| 17 | Thurs. | G.M.S. Liaison Committee with the College of General Practitioners, 5.30 p.m.  |
| 18 | Fri.   | Age of Majority Evidence Committee, 10.30 a.m.   |
| 18 | Fri.   | Subcommittee on Area Health Boards (Welsh Committee) (at Welsh Regional Office, 195 Newport Road, Cardiff), 12 noon. |
| 18 | Fri.   | Committee on the Mental Health Act, 2 p.m.   |
| 22 | Tues.  | Subcommittee on Service Committees and Tribunal Regulations, 2 p.m.  |
| 23 | Wed.   | Central Ethical Committee, 11 a.m.   |
| 23 | Wed.   | Obstetrics Subcommittee (C.C. and S. Committee), 11 a.m.   |
| 25 | Fri.   | Medico-Legal Subcommittee (C.C. and S. Committee), 10 a.m.   |
| 25 | Fri.   | Public Health Committee, 10 a.m.   |
| 25 | Fri.   | Staff Side, Committee C, Medical Whitley Council, 2 p.m.   |

### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

**ABERYSTWYTH DIVISION.**—At Belle Vue Royal Hotel, Saturday, 19 February, 7 for 7.30 p.m., annual dinner dance. Guests are invited.

**ARMAGH AND WEST DOWN DIVISION.**—At Banbridge Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 8 p.m., clinical meeting.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE DIVISION.**—At Canteen, Ashton General Hospital, Wednesday, 16 February, 9 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. A. Shapiro: "Chromosomes in Relation to Human Pathology."

**BRADFORD DIVISION.**—At Medical Societies' Room, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Tuesday, 15 February, 8.15 p.m., jointly with Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society, symposium: "Some Medical Problems of Immigration."

**BRISTOL DIVISION.**—At Large Lecture Theatre, Bristol University Medical School, Friday, 18 February, 8.30 p.m., Mr. P. Rahtz: "Grave Excavations" (illustrated). (Preceded by informal supper, 7 p.m., at University Refectory.)

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.**—At Bulls Head Hotel, Aylesbury, Friday, 18 February, 8 for 8.30 p.m., jointly with B.D.A., dinner and dance.

**CITY DIVISION.**—At Committee Room D, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C., Tuesday, 15 February, 8.30 p.m., debate: "This House Believes that there is No Place whatsoever for Merit or Distinction Awards in General Practice at the Present Time." For, Dr. W. R. Davies, M.P., and Dr. D. St. J. Murphy. Against, Dr. G. I. Watson and Dr. P. Hopkins. A special meeting to elect Representatives to the Annual Representative Meeting will follow.

**DEWSBURY DIVISION.**—At the Board Room, Dewsbury General Hospital, Friday, 18 February, 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. L. H. Hawtrey May: "The Medical Care of Students on Hazardous Expeditions."

**DORSET DIVISION.**—At Casterbridge Lounge, King's Arms Hotel, Dorchester, Friday, 18 February, 8.30 p.m., Mr. R. C. Shepherd: "Reconstructive Arterial Surgery."

**ESSEX BRANCH.**—At Medical Academic Unit, Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Saturday, 19 February, 3 p.m., annual general meeting and talk by Dr. D. L. Gullick (Under Secretary, B.M.A.); 5 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. S. Bragg: "Medical Aspects of Planning." A wine and cheese party will follow.

**GLASGOW DIVISION.**—At Grand Hotel, Saturday, 19 February, 3.30 p.m., films: (1) "Glaucoma—Diagnosis and Treatment"; (2) "The English Disease." Discussion will follow.

**GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD DIVISION.**—At St. Alfege's Hospital, Wednesday, 16 February, 8.30 for 9 p.m., Dr. G. K. Shaw: "Alcoholism."

**GRIMSBY DIVISION.**—At Royal Hotel, Thursday, 17 February, 8 for 8.30 p.m., films: (1) "Essentials of a Neurological Examination"; (2) "Triumph of Childbirth." Followed by buffet supper.

**GUILDFORD DIVISION.**—At Hoë's Back Hotel, Friday, 18 February, 7.30 for 8 p.m., annual dinner. Sir Richard Nugent, M.P., will speak on a subject of general interest. Guests are invited.

**LEIGH DIVISION.**—At Waterfields Restaurant, Monday, 14 February, 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., medical dinner.

**MAIDSTONE DIVISION.**—At Willesborough Hospital, Friday, 18 February, 8 for 8.30 p.m., general meeting to discuss emergency medical service; clinical meeting. Dr. M. H. K. Haggie: "Neonatal Emergencies."

**NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.**—At Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, Thursday, 17 February, 8.30 p.m., jointly with North of England Medico-Legal Society, symposium by Professor D. W. Elliott, Dr. R. Crton: "Sexual Deviations."

**NORTH-EAST ULSTER DIVISION.**—At Imperial Hotel, Garvagh, Tuesday, 15 February, 8 p.m., (1) Mr. C. G. Irwin: "Obstetric Service in a Rural Area"; (2) film by Dr. J. Hanna: "Vaginal Hysterectomy."

**NORTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.**—At Committee Room, North Middlesex Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 8.30 p.m., discussion on B.M.A. Subject of the Year: "Problems of Retirement." Speakers, Dr. H. M. Hodgkinson, Dr. J. L. Patton.

**READING DIVISION.**—At Library, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Monday, 14 February, 8.30 p.m., Dr. P. J. O'Connor: "Echoencephalography" (illustrated).

**REDBRIDGE DIVISION.**—At King George Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 8.45 p.m., jointly with Ilford Medical Society, Dr. W. W. Sargent: "Mechanism of Brainwashing and Conversion."

**REIGATE DIVISION.**—At Out-patient Hall, Redhill General Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 8.30 p.m., Dr. A. V. Livingstone: "E.C.G.s and Heart Disease."

**RICHMOND DIVISION.**—(1) At Lecture Theatre, West Middlesex Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 8.15 for 8.30 p.m., Dr. I. McLean Baird: "Diagnosis and Management of Anaemia." (2) At Reception Room, Watney's Brewery, Friday, 18 February, 8.45 p.m., Dr. H. C. Churchill Davidson: "Recent Advances in Anaesthesia."

**ROCHDALE DIVISION.**—At Crimble Hotel, Bamford, Rochdale, Monday, 14 February, 8.45 p.m., Professor Peter Bromley, M.A.: "Marriage and Divorce." Wives and guests are invited.

**ROTHERHAM DIVISION.**—At Steel, Peech, and Tozer's Dining Rooms, Thursday, 17 February, 8 for 8.30 p.m., annual dinner dance.

**SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.**—At Oak Hotel, Shelton, Shrewsbury, Wednesday, 16 February, 8.30 p.m., joint meeting with B.D.A., Dr. D. Robb and Mr. A. H. R. Rowe: "The Things They Do." Guests are invited.

**SOUTHAMPTON DIVISION.**—At Assembly Hall, Southampton General Hospital, Wednesday, 16 February, 8.15 for 8.30 p.m., Dr. Donald Hunter: "The Art of Diagnosis."

**SOUTH BENDFORDSHIRE DIVISION.**—At Recreation Room, St. Mary's Hospital, Luton, Wednesday, 16 February, 9 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. J. H. Lees Ferguson: "Common Surgical Problems in General Practice." Followed by special meeting to consider adoption of revised ethical rules.

**STIRLING BRANCH.**—At Mathieson's Rooms, Falkirk, Saturday, 19 February, social evening.

**STRATFORD DIVISION.**—At Board Room, East Ham Memorial Hospital, Tuesday, 15 February, 9.30 p.m., general meeting to consider adoption of revised ethical rules.

**WEST BROMWICH AND SMETHWICK DIVISION.**—At Sandwell Hotel, High Street, West Bromwich, Thursday, 17 February, 8 for 8.15 p.m., supper meeting, Dr. W. J. Walkden: "Coronary Arteries."

**Corrections.**—Dr. T. McL. Galloway states that he was mistaken in telling the Public Health Committee (*Supplement*, 8 January, p. 7) that the British Housewives' League was represented at a recent meeting arranged by the Central Council for Health Education to discuss the fluoridation of water supplies. Dr. Galloway thought a representative of another organization was a representative of the British Housewives' League, and he apologizes for any embarrassment he may have caused.

The Consumers' Association also states that it was not among the bodies represented at the meeting arranged by the Central Council for Health Education to discuss fluoridation of water supplies.

The number of general practitioners in England and Wales decreased by 130 between 1 July and 30 September 1965 and not between 1 October and 31 December 1965, as stated in the report of the G.M.S. Committee meeting (*Supplement*, 5 February, p. 27).