

doctors should be on a two-year contract in the first instance, and then renewable at seven-yearly intervals.

Mr. ROWLANDS thought that the doctors who warranted permanent tenure of office were those who had reached the medical assistant grade. Some of the clinical assistants were doing a short-term job for educational purposes. A number were earning high locum fees by filling casualty appointments and that type of post, which did not warrant permanent tenure of office.

Dr. H. L. LEAMING thought the Committee should be clear what was meant by a clinical assistant. He believed it was either a general practitioner who did two to three hospital sessions a week or a doctor who liked to help in hospitals and took the place of a house-officer on a part-time basis. In neither instance was security of tenure of more than six months necessary.

The CHAIRMAN said that general practitioners who wanted permanent posts would be likely in future to get part-time medical assistant posts.

Dr. A. N. MATHIAS (Chairman of the Representative Body) said that there were certain hospital jobs that had been graded for the last 18 years as clinical assistant posts.

Dr. BLACKBURNE said that if general practitioners gave up some of their practice commitments they wanted a more permanent contract. On the other hand, there were general practitioners who resented the fact that these posts were apparently held for any length of time by one doctor, and who wished them to be readvertised at frequent intervals. It was not always possible to make general practitioners medical assistants,

since they might not have had the necessary training.

Mr. P. C. STEPTOE proposed, and Dr. J. W. WEDGWOOD seconded, a motion that the resolution should not be supported, and Dr. A. SKENE thought it would be wiser to note it. Dr. LEAMING said that the resolution could not be supported in its present form without further information.

The CHAIRMAN asked the Committee whether it would agree to a motion that, without further information, the Committee could not support a blanket increase in security of tenure for all general-practitioner clinical assistants.

The motion was carried.

Multiple Radiological Examinations

The C.C. and S. Committee decided to support the following resolution of the Radiologists Group Committee, and to refer it to the Negotiating Subcommittee:

That the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee be informed that the Radiologists Group Committee considers that under the National Health Service (Pay-bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1953, the total of the charges levied by hospital authorities to Section 5 outpatients for multiple radiological examinations undertaken at the same visit are excessive. Multiple examinations undertaken at the same visit are by their very nature lower in cost to the hospital authority than if each examination were undertaken separately. The Radiologists Group Committee requests that the Ministry of Health be approached with a view to agreeing a formula for the compounding of charges for such multiple radiological examinations.

H.M. Forces

Major-General P. R. Wheatley, D.S.O., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, in succession to Major-General R. A. Stephen, C.B., C.B.E., retired.

Appointments.—Wing Commander D. G. Jones (ear, nose, and throat duties, R.A.F. Hospital, Ely); Wing Commander J. D. Crowl-Smith (senior medical officer, R.A.F. Wittering); Wing Commander H. D. Jones (anaesthetic duties, R.A.F. Hospital, Wegberg, Germany); Wing Commander J. P. McRory (deputy principal medical officer, Headquarters, Near East Air Force); Wing Commander L. K. Garsun (senior medical officer, R.A.F. Changi, Singapore).

ROYAL NAVY

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander M. G. D. Davys, V.R.D., has been placed on the Retired List.

Surgeon Lieutenant H. G. K. Douglas to be Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander.

ARMY

Brigadier R. M. Johnstone, M.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C., to be Major-General.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant-Colonel J. B. J. Mulvey has retired on retired pay.

Major E. R. Briant to be Lieutenant-Colonel. Majors R. J. Givans and J. Monro have resigned their commissions.

TERRITORIAL AND ARMY VOLUNTEER RESERVE

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Brigadier Sir John Bruce, Kt., C.B.E., T.D., has been appointed Honorary Colonel 205 (Scottish) General Hospital, R.A.M.C. (Volunteers) T. and A.V.R., in a new appointment.

Major G. Hall-Davies, Reserve of Officers, to be Major.

Association Notices

Diary of Central Meetings

JULY

- 19 Wed. Joint Formulary Committee, 10.30 a.m.
20 Thurs. Planning Unit, 5.30 p.m.
24 Mon. North-west Metropolitan Regional Consultants and Specialists Committee, 5 p.m.
25 Tues. Joint Consultants Committee, 10 a.m.
25 Tues. Vocational Training Advisory Committee (G.M.S.C.), 2 p.m.
27 Thurs. General Medical Services Committee, 10.30 a.m.

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Fri. Planning Unit, 4.30 p.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked ● are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

EASTBOURNE DIVISION.—At Beachy Head Hotel, Tuesday, 18 July, 7 p.m., dinner; 8 p.m., general meeting to receive report of representative to Annual Representative Meeting.●

KETTERING DIVISION.—At Hunting Lodge, Cottingham, Friday, 21 July, 8.15 p.m., buffet supper and cocktail party. Guests are invited.●

NORFOLK BRANCH.—At City Hall, Norwich, Thursday, 20 July, 4 p.m., annual general meeting followed by tea and tour of the City Hall. Ladies are invited.●

NOTTINGHAM DIVISION.—At 64 St. James's Street, Nottingham, Tuesday, 18 July, 8.30 p.m., ordinary meeting.

ROCHDALE DIVISION.—At Crimble Hotel, Monday, 17 July, 8.45 p.m., annual general meeting.

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL CONSULTANTS AND SPECIALISTS COMMITTEE.—At Bell Hotel, Thetford, Monday 17 July, 8.30 p.m., meeting.
CONSULTANTS AND SPECIALISTS COMMITTEE: BIRMINGHAM REGION.—At Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Tuesday, 18 July, 5.15 p.m., meeting.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

MORPETH AND BLYTH DIVISIONS.—Films presented by the Medical Insurance Agency were shown to members of the Morpeth and Blyth Divisions at a combined meeting on 28 June at Stanington, Northumberland. The programme consisted of travel documentaries on the Rhine and on Australia, and an informative film on insurance.

Branch and Division Officers Elected

PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. P. D. James. Vice-chairman, Mr. C. M. M. Murray. Honorary Secretary, Dr. J. A. Clark. Assistant Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. C. L. C. Arnold.

PRESTON DIVISION.—Chairman, Mr. R. S. Garden. Chairman-elect and Vice-chairman, Dr. J. G. Lord. Joint Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers, Dr. D. T. Irwin, Dr. W. M. Thomas.

READING DIVISION.—Chairman, Mr. C. Grimshaw. Vice-chairman, Dr. G. E. Mitchelmore. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. T. J. Nokes. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. O. Caiger Smith.

REIGATE DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. T. H. Bingham. Chairman-elect and Vice-chairman, Dr. L. S. P. Divers. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. K. R. Hughes. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. R. G. Hornung.

ST. LUCIA BRANCH.—President, Dr. R. E. M. Lees. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. B. K. Sil.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, LICHFIELD, AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—Chairman, Mr. F. R. Hurford. Chairman-elect, Dr. A. R. Elsom. Vice-chairman, Dr. G. Hoyle. Honorary Secretary, Dr. E. C. Raybould. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. A. Parkes.

WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRAC, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. A. Reeves. Vice-chairman, Dr. J. McRobert. Honorary Secretary, Dr. H. Watson. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. L. J. Burns.

Correction

In the report of the meeting of the General Medical Services Committee (Supplement, 8 July) Dr. C. J. Wells was wrongly reported (p. 20) as speaking on the subject of information to hospitals.