

professional abilities. Dr. Tudor Pembleton is to be congratulated if he is a diligent and successful full-list practitioner, but his "Damn you, Jack" inference is to be condemned as a most unprofessional, selfish attitude.

Dr. Tudor Pembleton is to be reminded that those who do not do a full day's work are sometimes influenced by factors outside their control. Nevertheless, a full day's practice expenses are incurred.

In conclusion, I would point out one fallacy in Dr. Tudor Pembleton's specious argument of the moral survival of the fittest—that is, it is often the apparently "successful" practitioner who is the mediocre.—I am, etc.,

London, E.17.

B. S. BENDETH.

## Association Notices

### G.M.S. COMMITTEE

#### ASSISTANTS AND YOUNG PRACTITIONERS SUBCOMMITTEE

Elections will be held in August to appoint representatives of assistants and unestablished principals to the Assistants and Young Practitioners Subcommittee of the General Medical Services Committee for the session 1957-8. The newly appointed Subcommittee will come into office on September 1, 1957.

For the purposes of election England and Wales are divided into five regions: (1) South-west and Wales, (2) South-east, (3) North-west and Midlands, (4) North-east, and (5) London and Home Counties. The General Medical Services Subcommittee (Scotland) appoints two representatives for that country as a whole.

Each region is based upon a regional office of the Association and elects two direct representatives to the Subcommittee—one assistant and one unestablished principal. The G.M.S. Committee appoints six of its members to serve on the Subcommittee. One assistant and one unestablished principal from the Subcommittee are co-opted to the G.M.S. Committee.

The electorate and membership of the Subcommittee, apart from the representatives of the G.M.S. Committee, are restricted to the following classes of practitioner:

(i) Assistants in general practice.

(ii) Practitioners engaged predominantly in general practice as principals (including those in partnership) whose total gross professional income does not exceed £1,500 per annum.

#### Assistants

The electoral roll for assistants is compiled from the Association's records, and each eligible assistant should by now have received a letter from the secretary of the Committee advising him that unless he signifies to the contrary his name will be automatically included in the new roll. Any assistant who does not receive such a letter but believes himself to be eligible for inclusion in the roll should communicate with the Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than Wednesday, July 3.

#### Unestablished Principals

Applications are invited from principals whose total gross professional income does not exceed £1,500 and whose names are not already included in the electoral roll. Such applications should be made not later than Wednesday, July 3, on the form set out below.

#### Nominations

Electoral rolls will, as indicated above, be closed on July 3. On July 10 a copy of the revised roll for his area will be sent to each eligible assistant or unestablished principal, asking for the submission of nominations not later than July 31. If there is a contest in any particular area, voting papers will then be issued.

*For the use of unestablished principals only*

#### GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE ASSISTANTS AND YOUNG PRACTITIONERS SUBCOMMITTEE UNESTABLISHED PRINCIPALS

I .....  
(Block letters, please)

of .....  
hereby apply for inclusion in the electoral roll of unestablished principals.

I declare that I am engaged predominantly in general practice as a principal with a total gross professional income not exceeding £1,500 per annum,

and I undertake to inform the secretary of the Committee at B.M.A. House of any change in my status which affects my eligibility for membership of the electorate.

Signed .....

Date .....

TO BE RETURNED NOT LATER THAN FIRST POST ON  
JULY 3, 1957.

#### Diary of Central Meetings

##### JUNE

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| 24 | Mon.   | Registrars Group Executive, 2 p.m.  |
| 26 | Wed.   | Council, 2 p.m.   |
| 25 | Tues.  | Psychological Medicine Group Committee, 2 p.m.  |
| 26 | Wed.   | Medical Staffing Subcommittee (Central Consultants and Specialists Committee), 10 a.m.      |
| 26 | Wed.   | Medical Education Committee, 2 p.m.   |
| 27 | Thurs. | Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 2 p.m.   |
| 27 | Thurs. | Journal Committee, 2 p.m.   |
| 28 | Fri.   | Assistants and Young Practitioners Subcommittee, General Medical Services Committee, 2 p.m. |

##### JULY

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| 10 | Wed.   | Annual Representative Meeting (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 10 a.m.                              |
| 11 | Thurs. | Annual Representative Meeting (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 9.30 a.m.                            |
| 12 | Fri.   | Annual Representative Meeting (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 9.30 a.m.                            |
| 13 | Sat.   | Council (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 9 a.m.   |
| 13 | Sat.   | Annual Representative Meeting (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 10 a.m.                              |
| 15 | Mon.   | Annual Representative Meeting (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 10 a.m.                              |
| 15 | Mon.   | Annual General Meeting (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 12.30 p.m.                                  |
| 15 | Mon.   | Council (at Newcastle upon Tyne), at conclusion of A.R.M.                                    |
| 15 | Mon.   | Adjourned Annual General Meeting and President's Address (at Newcastle upon Tyne), 8.15 p.m. |

#### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

BARNET DIVISION.—At Old Fold Manor Golf Club, Hadley Green, Barnet, Thursday, June 27, 8 p.m., annual meeting.

BOURNMOUTH DIVISION.—At Board Room, Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe, on Friday, June 28, 8.15 p.m., meeting. Address by Dr. P. K. Robinson: "Complications of Cervical Spondylosis."

BRISTOL DIVISION.—At Bristol General Hospital, Wednesday, June 26, 8.30 p.m., clinical meeting.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—At Old Fold Manor Golf Club, Hadley Green, Barnet, Thursday, June 27, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting, followed by films.

READING DIVISION.—At Phyllis Court, Henley-on-Thames, Friday, June 28, 7.30 for 8 p.m., summer dance.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—At Casino Hotel, Tagg's Island, Hampton Court, Wednesday, June 26, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, cocktail party. Members, their wives, and friends are invited.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—At Lecture Room, B.M.A. Welsh House, 195, Newport Road, Cardiff, Thursday, June 27, 3 p.m., 87th annual meeting. Presidential Address by Dr. M. G. Williams: "Incidents in General Practice."

SUSSEX BRANCH.—At Warne's Hotel, Worthing, Wednesday, June 26, 1 for 1.30 p.m., luncheon, followed by annual meeting.

**Correction.**—In the Annual Meeting programme (*Supplement*, June 8, p. 311) the price of tickets for the Welsh Dinner is given as 25s. This should be 27s. 6d.