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are attending the B.M.A. Meeting. Early booking is particularly important as the Meeting takes place at the end of Easter week. The prices stated below are subject to variation without notice, and applicants should therefore verify the tariffs when making their reservations.

Car Parking and Transport

The following special parking arrangements, which have been made in collaboration with the Northampton Borough Police, apply to members attending the Clinical Meeting:

College of Technology.—(1) *Members' Car Park*: The main park for members will be situated on the west side of the College of Technology, St. George's Avenue, Northampton. *Cars may not be parked in St. George's Avenue itself.* (2) The small car park for officials and visiting speakers will be situated on the east side of the College of Technology and special labels will be provided for this park.

Clinical Demonstrations.—*Northampton General Hospital*: A limited number of cars may be parked at (1) the General Hospital entering from Cheyne Walk; (2) the offices of Northampton Rural District Council entering from Cheyne Walk or Spencer Parade; and (3) in Cliftonville Road on the south side of Billing Road. *St. Crispin Hospital*: There is ample space for parking in the grounds of St. Crispin Hospital.

Evening Reception at Guildhall, Friday, 3 April.—(1) Public Car Park at bottom of Guildhall Road. (2) County Hall Car Park in Angel Street (off Guildhall Road).

An A.A. map, together with windscreen sticker, will be sent to all those who register in advance for the Meeting. Members are asked to display the stickers in order to facilitate car-parking.

Special Transport

Clinical Demonstrations.—Special transport will be provided from the College of Technology to and from St. Crispin Hospital for the clinical demonstrations.

Registration

The Registration Bureau will be open in the foyer of the College of Technology from 4 to 6 p.m. and from 8.15 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, 2 April; from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, 3 April; and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, 4 April. (Tel.: Northampton 31077.)

To assist the organizers of the Meeting to make adequate arrangements, members who propose to attend are asked to inform the Executive Officer, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, as soon as possible.

Ladies

Ladies accompanying members will be welcome at the social functions. A ladies' programme has been arranged by the local ladies' committee, details of which are given below.

Detailed Daily Programme

Thursday, 2 April

6 to 7 p.m. (Assembly Hall, Girls' School).—*Colour Television*: Programme of demonstrations from the Northampton General Hospital for nurses, medical auxiliaries, and interested members, presented by members of the staff of the Northampton General Hospital. "Respiratory Problems in Ear, Nose, and Throat Practice," Mr. CHARLES GLEDHILL, Mr. JOHN PAGE, Dr. F. F. WADDY, Dr. I. H. GOSSET, Miss M. HIBBERT, Miss A. LINDSAY, Miss P. M. SCADDING, and other members of the staff of the ear, nose and throat department of Northampton General Hospital. The programme will cover the causes and treatment of respiratory obstruction, with special reference to the management of tracheostomy with different methods of controlled respiration.

8.30 to 10.30 p.m.—*Reception* in the Northampton College of Technology by the Northamptonshire Branch. (Afternoon dress.)

Friday, 3 April

All scientific sessions will take place in the Northampton College of Technology *except* (1) the symposium on "Fashion, Feet, and Fitness" and the colour television programme, which will be held in the Assembly Hall of the Northampton Grammar School for Girls (adjoining the College of Technology), and (2) the clinical demonstrations, which will take place in the Northampton General Hospital and St. Crispin (Psychiatric) Hospital.

9.15 to 10.40 a.m. (Students' Common Room).—*Panel Discussion*. "Hypnosis." Chairman: Dr. R. B. COLES (Northampton). Panel: Dr. D. STAFFORD CLARK (London), Dr. L. GOLDIE (London). Official Reporter: Dr. F. PRESCOTT.

9.15 to 10.40 a.m. (Staff Room).—*Panel Discussion*. "Diagnosis of Acute Chest Pain." Chairman: Dr. D. H. G. MACQUAIDE (Northampton). Panel: Mr. R. H. F. BRAIN (London), Dr. WALLACE BRIGDEN (London), Dr. P. G. DALGLEISH (Northampton), Dr. NEVILLE OSWALD (London). Official Reporter: Dr. A. J. SMITH.

9.20 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Room B2).—*Medical Films*. 9.30 a.m., Multiple Injuries. 9.40 a.m., Thymectomy for a Case of Myasthenia Gravis. 10 a.m., The Pacemaker. 10.20 a.m., Long-term Care After Partial Gastrectomy. 10.45 a.m., Back to Claremont. 11 a.m., The Con Apparatus. 11.20 a.m., Profound Hypothermia. 11.55 a.m., Anatomy of the Cell. 12.15 p.m., Emergency Resuscitation: part III, Closed Chest Cardiac Massage. 12.40 p.m., Is this the Job for Me? Making Boots and Shoes. 1.15 p.m., The Pacemaker. 1.35 p.m., Thymectomy for a Case of Myasthenia Gravis.

10.40 to 11 a.m. (Refectory).—Coffee.

11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Assembly Hall).—*Symposium*: "Diabetic Complications." Chairman: Dr. J. R. TASKER (Northampton). Speakers: Mr. R. C. F. CATTERALL (London), Mr. STEPHEN J. H. MILLER (London), Dr. JOHN M. STOWERS (Aberdeen). Official Reporter: Dr. A. PATON.

12.30 to 2 p.m. (Refectory).—Lunch.

2 to 4 p.m. (Girls' School).—*Symposium*: "Fashion, Feet, and Fitness" (open also to doctors' wives and invited members of the public by ticket). Chairman: Mr. T. T. STAMM (London). Speakers: (1) The Chairman, "The Functions and Needs of the Foot"; (2) Mr. W. N. TERRY (Northampton), Curator of the Northampton Museums and Art Gallery, "Historical Footwear"; (3) Mr. D. GRIMWADE (Kettering), Director, Shoe and Allied Trades Research Association, "Shoe Research"; (4) Dr. CATHARINE HOLLMAN (London), Assistant Medical Officer, Middlesex County Council, and organizer of a foot health scheme for schoolchildren, "Frustrated Feet"; (5) Mr. S. CROOKENDEN (Kendal), Director of firms concerned with the manufacture and retail distribution of shoes, "Making and Marketing"; (6) Mr. C. J. S. BONINGTON (Broughton-in-Furness), a leading mountaineer who made the first ascent of Annapura II and of Nuptse, both of more than 25,000 feet, and who has climbed the North Wall of the Eiger, "Footwear in High Places." Discussion to be opened by Mr. J. H. THORNTON, Head of Boot and Shoe Department, Northampton College of Technology, and Chairman of the British Boot and Shoe Institution.

4 to 4.30 p.m. (Refectory).—Tea.

4.30 to 6 p.m. (Assembly Hall).—*Symposium*. "After the Hospital, Who Cares?" Chairman: Dr. J. J. A. REID (Northampton). Speakers: Professor E. MAURICE BACKETT (Aberdeen), Professor RICHARD SCOTT (Edinburgh), Mrs. A. BYRNE (Ashford), Dr. P. H. ROGERS (Northampton). Official Reporter: Dr. A. PATON.

4.40 to 6 p.m. (Room B2).—*Films of General Interest* (open also to doctors' wives). 4.40 p.m., Fifty-two Small Bones. 5.10 p.m., The Out-stretched Hand. 5.35 p.m., Emergency Resuscitation: part I, Breathing for Others.

6.30 to 8 p.m. (Guildhall).—*Reception and Buffet Supper* given by the County Borough Council and the County Council of Northamptonshire. (Afternoon dress.)

8.30 p.m.—*Visit to the Repertory Theatre* by invitation of the County Borough Council and the County Council of Northamptonshire. "And So To Bed" by J. B. Fagan.

Saturday, 4 April

9.15 to 10.45 a.m. (Assembly Hall).—*Symposium*. "Hypertension." Chairman: Dr. THOMAS PARTINGTON (Kettering). Speakers: Professor W. S. PEART (London), Professor Sir GEORGE PICKERING (Oxford), Professor CLIFFORD WILSON (London). Official Reporter: Dr. A. J. SMITH.

10.45 to 11 a.m. (Refectory).—Coffee.

11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. (Girls' School).—*Colour Television*: Programme of demonstrations and surgical operation from the Northampton General Hospital, presented by members of the staff of the Northampton General Hospital. (1) *Operation*: Caesarean Section, Mr. ROBERT WATSON, Mr. GEORGE BROWN, Miss S. LEHANE, Dr. ABIGAIL T. DALGLEISH. Moderator: Dr. R. B. COLES. (2) *Demonstration*: Children with Multiple Handicaps, Dr. ROBERT WIGGLESWORTH. Moderator: Dr. DEREK BULL. (3) *Demonstration*: A Micro-method of Estimating the Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate, Dr.

JEFFREY PHILLIPS. (4) *Demonstration*: Varicose Veins and Ulcers, Mr. A. R. BANHAM, Mr. D. G. LAMBLEY, Dr. K. H. SMITH, Dr. T. K. DAVIDSON, Dr. F. F. WADDY. Moderator: Dr. I. S. HODGSON-JONES.

12.30 to 1 p.m. (Refectory).—Lunch.

12.40 to 2 p.m. (Room B2).—*Medical Films*. Films previously shown on Friday, 3 April, will be shown again if requested.

Requests should be made to the Registration Bureau in the Foyer of the College of Technology by 11 a.m. on Saturday, 4 April.

2 to 3.45 p.m. (St. Crispin (Psychiatric) Hospital).—*Clinical Demonstrations*. The hospital community comprising patients and staff is a developing human organization with a common purpose, that of resocializing patients. B.M.A. visitors are invited to meet the people concerned at St. Crispin Hospital and this would include visits to a ward, the Occupational Therapy Department, the Industrial Group Therapy Department, and the Physiotherapy Department. This will be followed by a panel discussion with the topic, "The Developing Hospital Community," when questions, comments, and participation is invited. Official Reporter: Dr. F. PRESCOTT. Time-table: 1 p.m., *Coach* departs from Northampton College of Technology. 1.15 p.m., Lunch as guests of the St. Crispin Hospital Management Committee. 2 p.m., Tour of Departments. 2.45 p.m., Panel discussion. 3.45 p.m., *Coach* departs for Northampton General Hospital, via the College of Technology. *Tickets for the demonstration available at the Registration Bureau.*

2.30 to 5.30 p.m. (Northampton General Hospital). *Clinical Demonstrations*.—*Surgery*—Director, Mr. R. O. LEE: (1) Experience of Direct Arterial Surgery in the Treatment of Lower Limb Ischaemia since 1957; (2) Cases of Unusual Interest: (a) Problems Involving Urinary Diversion, (b) Necrotizing Enteritis, (c) Grafting Procedures for Ischaemic Ulcer. *Medicine*—Director, Dr. T. PARTINGTON: (1) The Story of Gout, (2) The Hand as a Clinical Guide, (3) Some Interesting Patients. *Dermatology*—Director, Dr. R. B. COLES: Collagen Disorders. *Orthopaedics*—Director, Mr. W. R. D. MITCHELL: Cervical Spondylosis Treated by Anterior Fusion. *E.N.T.*—Director, Mr. CHARLES GLEDHILL: (1) Surgery of Deafness, (2) E.N.T. Plastic Procedures. *Physiotherapy*—Director, Dr. M. Q. BIRKBECK: Electromyography. *Radio-diagnosis*—Director, Dr. G. HOLLINGSWORTH: Film Demonstration. *Radio-therapy*—Director, Dr. B. JOLLES: (1) (a) Some Modern Techniques and Clinical Results in Various Types of Cancer, (b) Reticulosis—Diagnostic and Treatment Schemes; (2) Radiobiological and Cancer Research Work in Progress, Films. (3) Physics Demonstration. Official Reporter: Dr. A. J. SMITH. (Tea will be provided at the hospital.)

6.30 for 7 p.m. (St. Andrew's Hospital).—*Informal Party* given by the Northamptonshire Branch. (Afternoon dress.)

Sunday, 5 April

Golf.—Facilities for golf will be available for members at the Northamptonshire County Golf Course, Church Brampton. Inquiries to Mr. A. R. Banham, F.R.C.S., 11 Billing

Road, Northampton (Tel.: Northampton 35898).

Sailing.—Facilities for sailing will be available for members. Inquiries to Mr. R. C. Jack, F.R.C.S., 8 Spencer Parade, Northampton (Tel.: Northampton 32012).

Ladies' Programme

Registration

Ladies accompanying members to the Annual Clinical Meeting are asked to inform the Executive Officer, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1, as soon as possible.

The ladies of the Northamptonshire Branch are reminded that they are welcome to take part in the programme and *should register* if they wish to do so.

A Registration and Information Bureau for ladies will be situated as follows. Thursday, 2 April, 4 to 6 p.m. and 8.15 to 9 p.m., in Foyer of the College of Technology (Tel.: Northampton 31077); Friday, 3 April, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 4 April, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Grand Hotel, Northampton (Tel.: Northampton 34416).

Ladies' Club

A Ladies' Club will be open on Friday and Saturday, 3 and 4 April at the Grand Hotel, Northampton, where a changing-room and other amenities will be provided.

Events

Friday, 3 April

10.30 a.m. to 12 noon.—Coffee Morning at Nurses' Home, Northampton General Hospital.

2 to 4 p.m.—*Symposium*: "Fashion, Feet, and Fitness" at the Northampton Grammar School for Girls (see Detailed Programme).

3 to 5 p.m.—Visit to Avon Cosmetics (limited to 40). Tea by invitation. (Party assemblies at Grand Hotel.)

4.30 to 6 p.m.—Films of general interest at Northampton College of Technology (see Detailed Programme).

Saturday, 4 April

11 a.m. to 12 noon.—Concert by local artists (Peter Davis, clarinet; Donetta Wallace, piano; Gladys Lee Smith, soprano) and exhibition in Art Gallery, Guildhall Road. Coffee will be served before the concert.

Ladies' Golf.—Ladies may play golf at the Northamptonshire County Golf Club at Church Brampton on Friday morning or after noon, 3 April.

Special Visits.—Special visits to local places of interest will be arranged by the Ladies' Committee, if desired.

Stiletto Heels.—When attending functions at the College of Technology, ladies are asked to wear protective covering over stiletto heels.

Special Exhibition at Northampton Museum

The Central Museum in Guildhall Road, Northampton, has one of the finest collections of historic footwear in the world. The Museum authorities are about to embark on a major development which they hope will be the foundation of the National Shoe Museum.

The Curator, Mr. W. N. Terry, has arranged a special exhibition to coincide with the B.M.A. Meeting and it is hoped that many members and ladies will visit the Museum during their stay in Northampton. The opening times are: Thursday, 2 April, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 3 April, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 4 April, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Museum is closed on Sunday.

General Medical Council

Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee of the G.M.C. met on 25 and 26 February to deal with disciplinary cases. The President of the Council, Lord COHEN OF BIRKENHEAD, was in the chair.

Restoration

The Committee, after considering an application by Mr. N. LEIGH TAYLOR, of Messrs. Hempsons, solicitors, decided to restore to the *Register* the name of GRACE ALISON McCORMACK.

Influence of Drink

OLAF PIILBERG, registered as of the Royal Infirmary, Worcester, Med. Dip., University of Tartu (Estonia), appeared before the Committee on the charge that (1) on 11 September 1959 at the Worcester City Magistrates' Court he was convicted of driving a motor-

car when under the influence of drink, and (2) that on 2 October 1963 at the same court he was convicted of a similar offence.

Mr. G. HOWE, instructed by Messrs. Le Brasseur and Oakley, Solicitors to the Medical Protection Society, said on Dr. Piilberg's behalf that after qualification he had been conscripted successively into the Finnish, the Russian, and the German armies. He had lost contact with all his family and friends. He eventually arrived, by way of refugee camps and prisoner-of-war camps, in this country and was admitted to the *Medical Register* in 1950. For the last 10 years he had given model service as resident anaesthetist at the Royal Infirmary in Worcester. The two lapses had been separated by a period of four years. On neither occasion was there any risk of his being called upon to attend to patients.

Mr. Howe read a number of testimonials on behalf of his client, and submitted that it was a case in which a lenient view could be taken.

After a consideration *in camera* the CHAIRMAN stated that in the opinion of the Committee the convictions proved against Dr. Piilberg indicated habits which were not only discreditable to him and to his profession but could be a source of danger to his patients. In order, however, to give him an opportunity of overcoming his tendency to abuse of alcohol the Committee had decided to postpone judgment until November 1964.

Erasure

JACK ESSEX, registered as of 80 Dalgarno Gardens, London W.10, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glasg., appeared on the charge that on 3 May 1963, at the Central Criminal Court, he was convicted of unlawfully using an instrument with intent to procure a miscarriage, and sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Mr. G. J. K. WIDGERY, Solicitor to the Council, said that at the time of his conviction Dr. Essex had a small N.H.S. practice. On 25 May 1959 he had been adjudicated bankrupt. So far as he was aware Dr. Essex was still an undischarged bankrupt.

Mr. J. LYONS, of Messrs. Tarlo Lyons and Co., solicitors, appearing for Dr. Essex, called three of his former patients, each of whom said that he had always been efficient, considerate, and conscientious in his treatment, and that they had never had any cause for complaint.

Mr. Lyons referred to a remark by the judge at the Central Criminal Court in passing sentence to the effect that he accepted that this was the first and only occasion upon which Dr. Essex had committed an offence of this nature, and that he had hitherto had an excellent record. Mr. Lyons pointed out that the whole of his client's assets, home, and furniture were being sold up and that his creditors would, he understood, be paid in full. He knew no other occupation except medicine, and this was the only profession to which he could hope to turn his hand on release from prison.

After a consideration *in camera* the CHAIRMAN announced that by reason of the conviction which had been proved against Dr. Essex the Committee had directed the Registrar to remove his name from the *Register*.

Dr. Essex has 28 days in which to appeal.

Case of Bigamy

PETER AIREY ELLIS, registered as of Bellman Ground, Storrs Park, Windermere, M.B., Ch.B.(Manchester), M.R.C.P.Ed., appeared before the Committee on the charge that on 24 April 1963 at Newcastle upon Tyne Assizes he was convicted of bigamy and sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

Mr. WIDGERY, Solicitor to the Council, said that Dr. Ellis was married in 1952 and had three children. In 1959 he obtained an appointment as a pathologist at Newcastle General Hospital. He came to know a nurse at the hospital, to whom he represented himself to be a bachelor, and an association developed between them over the next three to four years, it being understood by the nurse that she and Dr. Ellis would be married in due course. Dr. Ellis's wife knew nothing of this association and on 23 February last year Dr. Ellis left home in the morning,

telling his wife that he had to be away for a day or two. Later that same day he went through a form of marriage with the nurse at a church in Newcastle. In the evening Dr. Ellis's wife saw in the evening paper an account of a local wedding, and was astonished to see from the photographs that the bridegroom was her husband. She ascertained that the couple had gone for their "honeymoon" to a hotel in Yorkshire. A telephone call was put through to the hotel, and shortly afterwards the couple returned to their respective homes. It was only then that the nurse found out that Dr. Ellis was a married man.

Mr. G. HOWE, instructed by Messrs. Le Brasseur and Oakley, Solicitors to the Medical Protection Society, who appeared for Dr. Ellis, said that Dr. Ellis had been rightly described by the judge who tried his case as intelligent, well-trained, able, and responsible. He had been due to take up a consultant post in Scotland. Yet in some way the relationship with the nurse had developed into what the doctor described as an obsessional attraction which seemed to dominate almost everything else in his life. He became reduced to a point where he had virtually lost his mental balance and his moral sense of direction.

Mr. Howe submitted that there was no reason to think that as a medical practitioner Dr. Ellis could not continue to give, in whatever status he was able to secure employment, good and reliable service. He urged that the Committee might feel able to allow the doctor to resume his profession, and suggested that, under the surveillance of the Council and his professional colleagues, he would have an opportunity over a period to find his personal bearings again.

After a consideration *in camera* the CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee took a grave view of the conviction recorded against Dr. Ellis in the circumstances which had been described. The Committee was, however, prepared to take into consideration the representations which had been made on his behalf and the testimony submitted. The Committee had determined to postpone its judgment until its meeting in May 1965.

Drunkenness

WILLIAM FRANK CRUICKSHANK, registered as of c/o Milne, Broxy Cottage, Westmuir, Brechin, Angus, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., appeared before the Committee on the following charges: (1) that on 21 December 1962 at the Marylebone Magistrates' Court he was convicted of being drunk in a public place, and (2) that on 1 May 1963 at Brentwood Magistrates' Court he was convicted of being in charge of a motor-car when under the influence of drink.

Dr. Cruickshank, who was not represented, admitted the convictions. He stated that he had sought treatment for his addiction to alcohol. He asked for the clemency of the Committee and to be allowed to continue his career as a ship-surgeon, as he was very happy in the work and felt that he was being of some service.

After a consideration *in camera* the CHAIRMAN announced that in the light of Dr. Cruickshank's previous record the Committee regarded with the gravest concern the offences of which he had been convicted. It had, how-

ever, decided to postpone judgment until its meeting in May 1965.

Further Postponement

The Committee gave further consideration to the case of MAUREEN CECILIA ELIZABETH GORE-GRIMES, registered as of 6 Cavendish Row, Parnell Square, Dublin, M.B., B.Ch., University of Dublin, in which judgment had been postponed in November 1962 and November 1963. She had been convicted in June and July 1962 of being in charge of a motor-car when under the influence of drink.

The defendant, who was not present, was represented by Mr. N. LEIGH TAYLOR, of Messrs. Hempsons, Solicitors to the Medical Defence Union.

Mr. WIDGERY, Solicitor to the Council, stated that the defendant was still in hospital.

After a consideration *in camera* the CHAIRMAN announced that the Committee had decided to postpone judgment for a further period until its meeting in November 1964.

Adjourned Inquiry

The Committee inquired into the following charge against ALEXANDER CAMERON EWING, registered as of 47 Burnbank Terrace, Glasgow, M.B., Ch.B.Glasg., F.R.F.P.S. Glasg.: (1) that he was on 10 October 1960, at the Dunfermline Sheriff Court, convicted of driving a motor-car when under the influence of drink; (2) that he was on 31 August 1963, at the Falkirk Sheriff Court, convicted of a similar offence.

Dr. Ewing, who was not present, was represented by Mr. G. HOWE, instructed by Messrs. Le Brasseur and Oakley, Solicitors to the Medical Protection Society, who, in view of the fact that the inquiry had already been adjourned from November 1963 owing to Dr. Ewing's state of health, thought that it would be right to proceed in his absence.

Mr. Howe said that his client, who qualified almost 40 years ago, served with distinction during the war and had looked after a substantial practice well for many years, but was now, for a variety of reasons, reduced to a very pathetic figure. His wife had been acutely ill and he had taken refuge in drink. He had been under treatment for some time and had resigned from the National Health Service. He urged that Dr. Ewing be given one more opportunity to redeem himself.

After a consideration *in camera* the CHAIRMAN announced that in the opinion of the Committee the convictions which had been proved against Dr. Ewing indicated habits which not only brought disrepute on himself and on the profession of which he was a member but could be a source of danger to his patients. In order, however, to give him an opportunity of overcoming his addiction to alcohol the Committee had decided to postpone judgment in the case until its meeting in May 1965.

Improper Prescribing

The last case to be considered by the Committee concerned the following charge against Dr. MURDO MALCOLM MACGREGOR, registered as of 226 Wilton Street, Glasgow:

"That, being registered under the Medical Acts,

"(1) you issued to a patient, Mrs. Mary Browne, of 18 Fordyce Street, Glasgow W.1, in her own name and that of Mrs. Ann Browne, of 15 Fordyce Street, Glasgow W.1, prescriptions for drugs, namely methedrine and dexedrine, other than were properly required for the purpose of medical treatment, and without adequate examination or inquiry into the history or circumstances of the said Mrs. Mary Browne, and without any examination whatsoever of the said Mrs. Ann Browne; and in particular during the period from November 1961 to January 1963 you issued as aforesaid prescriptions directing the supply of a total of 2,600 tablets of these drugs to the said Mrs. Mary Browne;

"(2) in contravention of the relevant Regulations of the National Health Service you issued the aforesaid prescriptions on the official form of the National Health Service (E.C.10), although you were not responsible

under the National Health Service for the treatment of either of the aforesaid persons;

"(3) you thereby enabled the aforesaid Mrs. Mary Browne to obtain, at the expense of public funds, facilities to which she was not entitled; and that in relation to the facts alleged you have been guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect."

Mr. N. LEIGH TAYLOR, of Messrs. Hemps-sons, Solicitors to the Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland, on behalf of the practitioner, admitted the facts alleged in the charge. The evidence showed that although both patients were on Dr. Macgregor's N.H.S. list at one time neither had been on his list from 1954 onwards. The doctor said he thought that both patients were still on his list, and Mrs. Mary Browne herself thought that she was. Mr. Leigh Taylor submitted that while it was true as a literal statement of fact that the doctor was in breach of the relevant regulations of the N.H.S. it was quite plain that it was due to a mistake and a mis-

understanding. Mr. Taylor invited the Committee to take the view that his client had acted wrongly in circumstances which were perhaps understandable, but not with any motive that was not quite innocent.

After consideration *in camera* the CHAIRMAN said that the Committee regarded with grave concern the facts in the charge, which were proved to their satisfaction. In more than one respect Dr. Macgregor's conduct appeared to have been culpably careless. The facts proved were that he had issued prescriptions for large quantities of drugs to a patient without adequate examination or inquiry into her history and current circumstances, and that some of those prescriptions were in the name of another person who was not effectively under his treatment. The Committee trusted, however, that the warning which Dr. Macgregor had received from these proceedings would be sufficient and it had decided to record a finding that he was not guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.

Psychological Medicine Group

The conference of the Psychological Medicine Group of the B.M.A. was held on 26 February. Dr. J. R. REES was elected chairman for the morning session.

The CHAIRMAN referred with regret to the death since the last conference of Dr. T. P. REES, a member of the Group Committee for 15 years and its chairman from 1952 until the time of his death in June 1963.

Report of Group Committee

Dr. DORIS ODLUM, chairman of the Group Committee, presented its report. One of the most interesting events during the year, she said, had been the appointment by the Home Secretary of the Working Party on the Prison Medical Service to review its functions and organization and its relations with the N.H.S. and to consider how the resources of the general medical services, and in particular the psychiatric services, could be used to ensure the full development of the medical services in establishments for which the Prison Commissioners were responsible. A special committee of the B.M.A., with the late Dr. T. P. Rees as chairman, was set up to prepare evidence to the Working Party, whose report had not yet been made public. It had become evident that a recasting of the whole service was essential in the interests of the medical officers and of those under their care.

Persons on Remand

The Committee, Dr. Odlum continued, had considered the question of people who were remanded to prison purely for a psychiatric examination. Quite often those remands were made before the case had been tried, and the Joint Committee of the B.M.A. and the Magistrates Association was disturbed about it. It thought that the courts should have money to pay for a medical opinion if they felt an opinion was needed.

Another important matter was the commitment of unrepresented offenders. An article in the medico-legal columns of the *B.M.J.* (16 February 1963, p. 480) had drawn attention to a situation created by the Mental Health Act, 1959, whereby an offender could be committed to a mental hospital by order of the court, yet if the offender were not represented, and his mental state was abnormal, it was questionable whether he was competent to understand the proceedings or to plead guilty. Although justice was in fact probably done, it was obviously not seen to be done in such cases.

The Joint Committee of the B.M.A. and the Magistrates Association had been asked to look into the matter.

Clinical Psychologists

Dr. Odlum said that the Committee had considered the "burning question" of the shortage of clinical psychologists. It was felt that the clinical psychologists were not adequately paid and did not have satisfactory conditions of service. Rates of pay varied between the different employing authorities. The Committee had asked the Central Consultants and Specialists Committee to point out to the Ministry that the salaries of clinical psychologists in the N.H.S. were lagging behind those in other fields, to the detriment of recruitment.

Discussion

Dr. J. F. F. EDWARDS said that out of 30 patients admitted to hospital under Section 60 of the Mental Health Act, 1959, four had been legally represented in court and eight had not. Dr. D. H. CLARK said that it might get over the difficulty if the psychiatrist in the case recommended that the accused person should have legal representation if there were any doubt about his normality.

Professor T. FERGUSON RODGER said it

would work well if the doctor recommended it, but supposing he did not recommend it? The odium of not recommending legal representation might then lie with him. It would be better for it to be a part of the procedure that an accused person should be automatically represented.

Dr. A. WALK said that those who were on regional panels which were consulted by local authorities were worried about the qualifications of doctors giving evidence on which courts made orders under Section 60 of the Mental Health Act. From time to time applications for recognition were received from doctors who were not psychiatrically qualified. It would seem that in some cases the intention of the Act—that is, that one of the two doctors giving evidence should be a psychiatrist—was being frustrated.

Dr. EDWARDS said that the Committee might consider whether advice could not be tendered to regional panels that recommended recognition which would lead to more consistency in selection.

In-patient Accommodation

Dr. F. W. BROWN welcomed the Ministry of Health Circular (HM(64)4) dealing with in-patient accommodation for mentally ill and seriously maladjusted children and adolescents. It was, he said, an important paper. It emphasized the need for in-patient accommodation for children, which had been felt for a very long time. One of the important points made was that in-patient accommodation should be provided for children in any new hospitals that were being planned, and even in existing hospitals. It was also suggested that there should be special accommodation for adolescent psychiatric cases as well. The number of places suggested was 20–25 per million population for children and 20–25 per million population for adolescents. That was, of course, in addition to child psychiatric out-patient departments.

There was at present a severe shortage of in-patient accommodation for children in all areas, but very acute situations occurred from

time to time in children for which something had to be done urgently. Accommodation was so scarce that the child or adolescent had quite often to be accommodated in a quite unsuitable place. Nor was it satisfactory to place a severely disturbed child needing observation under controlled conditions in a paediatric ward with children suffering from other conditions.

The Group agreed that the matter be referred to the Group Committee for action.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session of the Conference was devoted to a discussion on the psychiatric examination of persons referred by the courts,

with particular regard to the administrative difficulties and to the problems being considered by the Working Party on the Prison Service.

Lady ADRIAN was in the chair, and the speakers were Dr. E. Beresford Davies, Dr. T. C. N. Gibbens, and Dr. N. B. McDiarmid.

A report of this discussion will appear later.

Special Representative Meeting Supplementary Report by Council

In the statement which appeared in the *Supplement* to the *British Medical Journal* of 22 February 1964 (p. 52) the Council reported certain events subsequent to the publication of the Memorandum of Evidence on General Practitioner Remuneration, which had been prepared for consideration by Divisions and Branches with a view to its submission to the Special Representative Meeting.

This Council statement referred to an invitation from the Minister of Health (addressed to the Chairman of Council and the Chairman of the G.M.S. Committee) to the profession to join in the setting up of a Joint Working Party with the following terms of reference:

"Having regard to the importance of securing the best possible standards of general medical practice, to consider the report and recommendations of the Annis Gillie Committee and any other matters relevant to the work of the General Practitioner in the National Health Service, apart from the quantum of remuneration."

The Council welcomed the Minister's invitation, and decided that the professional side of the Working Party should consist of twelve members appointed as follows: Three members elected by the Representative Body at its special meeting on 25 March, of whom one should be elected by Scottish representatives only; three members appointed by the

Council; three members elected by the Special Conference of Local Medical Committees on 12 March, of whom one should be elected by Scottish representatives only; three members appointed by the General Medical Services Committee; and an observer from Northern Ireland.

The terms of reference of the Special Representative Meeting have been amended so as to permit the Representative Body to appoint three members of the Working Party at that meeting (see *Supplement*, 29 February, p. 66).

In the meantime the following members have been appointed to the Working Party: by the Council of the Association—Dr. Ronald Gibson, Dr. A. B. Davies, Dr. Ivor Jones; by the General Medical Services Committee—Dr. Bruce Cardew, Dr. R. B. L. Ridge, Dr. M. A. Wilson.

J. R. NICHOLSON-LAILEY,
Chairman of Council.

Ophthalmic Group Committee

A meeting of the Ophthalmic Group Committee was held on 14 February, with Mr. O. GAYER MORGAN in the chair.

Practice Expenses

The CHAIRMAN recalled that in January 1961 a subcommittee of representatives of the Group Committee and the Ministry was appointed to prepare a report on possible methods of determining the expenses of ophthalmic medical practitioners, and to prepare a sampling list which could be used as the basis of an inquiry.

In 1963 the subcommittee had recommended that the inquiry should be undertaken on a basis similar to that used for the calculation of general practitioners' expenses, with suitable adjustments. The subcommittee's report was discussed between representatives of the Group Committee and the Ministry of Health in May 1963. They agreed that two main categories of doctors should be considered: (a) those who saw N.H.S. patients in their own private consulting-rooms and did not work in medical eye centres, and (b) those who saw N.H.S. patients in medical eye centres and private patients in their own consulting-rooms. They might or might not also see a few N.H.S. patients in their private consulting-rooms.

At that meeting the Group Committee's

representatives had reluctantly agreed to the general-practitioner expenses method, subject to considerable modifications being applied to category (a), but they expressed an opinion that a more accurate figure could be obtained by using accountants' figures.

After much correspondence with the Ministry a further meeting with officials was held on 13 December 1963, when it was agreed that the subcommittee should be asked to consider (1) that categories (a) and (b) should be treated in the same way; (2) that the inquiry form should be limited to three questions—namely, "What were your total practice expenses for the last complete year agreed between accountant and Inland Revenue? How many S.O.S. patients did you see during the year 1962 or 1963? How many private patients did you see during the same year?"

It was thought that if that information were obtained from a sample of ophthalmic medical practitioners an accurate figure for expenses could be calculated. A request had then been made to the Ministry to convene a meeting of the subcommittee in order to examine the proposals, but no such meeting had been called.

Mr. R. W. STEPHENSON said that a letter dated 11 October from the Ministry to executive councils had been brought to his notice stating that the B.M.A. and the Ministry had agreed to undertake this investigation and that ophthalmic medical practitioners shown on

the form enclosed with the letter "are those on your council's list who have been chosen to take part in the inquiry." It seemed to indicate, concluded Mr. Stephenson, that the Ministry had already picked this sample without any reference to the Group Committee at all.

Mr. M. J. GILKES said he had an ominous feeling that there would be a purely arbitrary decision. Mr. NIGEL CRIDLAND suggested writing to the Ministry pointing out that, in view of all the delays which had taken place in deciding on a technique for the inquiry, the Group Committee was requesting an extension from March of this year until March of next year.

The Committee agreed to this proposal.

Reports to Ophthalmic Opticians

The Committee noted the Central Ethical Committee's comments on the practice of forwarding clinical reports to ophthalmic opticians. The Central Ethical Committee had passed the following resolution:

"That the Ophthalmic Group Committee be informed that the Central Ethical Committee is not prepared to acknowledge that an optician who originally referred the case to the general practitioner is entitled, as a right, to receive a report upon the patient if the general practitioner refers the patient to hospital, but there would be no objection to such a report being sent if the patient gives his consent to such a step."

Payment for Special Nursing

Special nursing or other special service for a patient in a hospital pay-bed ("Section 5 accommodation") should be provided without additional payment when the patient's medical condition demands it.

Paragraph 19 of the explanatory circular R.H.B.(53)26 that accompanied the National Health Service (Pay-bed Accommodation in Hospitals, etc.) Regulations, 1953 stated:

"The standard daily charge covers all services normally provided as part of the hospital service to patients in Section 5 accommodation. Where, however, the patient requires additional personal amenities outside the normal hospital service and not required for medical reasons, such as the use of a telephone at the bedside, he must pay for them separately, even though the board or com-

mittee may, as a matter of convenience, have arranged for them to be supplied.

"Similarly, if the patient desires to have a special nurse where such nursing is not medically needed the committee or board may, if the practitioner in charge of the case does not object, agree to the patient engaging a special nurse and may permit the nurse to work at the hospital. Payments to the nurse will, however, be made directly on behalf of the patient and the charges under the regulations will not be affected. Where the patient's medical condition demands special nursing or other special service it should be provided without additional payment."

It seems that the proviso in the last sentence of paragraph 19 of the circular is sometimes forgotten.

B.M.A. Nuffield Library

The library service is available to all members of the Association resident in Great Britain and Northern Ireland (and by special arrangement to members of the Irish Medical Association). Further information about the library service will be forwarded on application to the librarian at B.M.A. House.

The following books have been added to the library:

- American Hospital Association: Control of Infections in Hospitals. 1962.
Asenjo, A.: Neurosurgical Techniques. 1963.
Belcher, J. R.: and Sturridge, M. F.: Thoracic Surgical Management, 3rd edition. 1962.
British Columbia, Metropolitan Hospital Planning Council: A Study of Paediatric Bed Use in the Province of British Columbia. 1961.
Brook, R.: Wake Up, Nurse! 1963.
Butler, N. R., and Bonham, D. G.: Perinatal Mortality. 1963.
Byam, W.: The Road to Harley Street. 1963.
Claye, A., and Bourne, A. (editors): British Obstetric and Gynaecological Practice: Gynaecology, Obstetrics, 3rd edition. 1963.
Crossen's Synopsis of Gynecology, 6th edition. By D. W. Beacham and W. D. Beacham. 1963.
Doby, T.: Discoverers of Blood Circulation. 1963.
Furst, A.: Chemistry of Chelation in Cancer. 1963.
Grady, H. G., and Smith, D. E. (editors): The Ovary. 1963.
Greenblatt, R. B. (editor): The Hirsute Female. 1963.
Greisheimer, E. M.: Physiology and Anatomy. 8th edition. 1963.
Havener, W. H.: Synopsis of Ophthalmology. 2nd edition. 1963.
Heath, R. G. (editor): Serological Fractions in Schizophrenia. 1963.
Holmstedt, B., and Liljestrand, G. (editors): Readings in Pharmacology. 1963.
Keith, H. M.: Convulsive Disorders in Children. 1963.
King, J. S., and Boyce, W. H.: High Molecular Weight Substances in Human Urine. 1963.
Lachnit, V.: Die Fettleibigkeit. 1963.
Langley, H. V.: Essential Treatments in Manipulative Therapy. 1963.
Lawn, B.: The Salernitan Questions. 1963.
Leonhard, K.: Individualtherapie der Neurosen. 1963.
Mackenzie, M.: Psychological Depression. 1963.

- McKie, E.: Venture in Faith. 1963.
McManus, J. F. A.: The Fundamental Ideas of Medicine. 1963.
Malan, D. H.: Study of Brief Psychotherapy. 1963.
Mann, F.: The Treatment of Disease by Acupuncture. 1963.
Mitchell-Heggs, F. S., and Drew, H. G. R.: The Instruments of Surgery. 1963.
Pampiglione, G.: Development of Cerebral Function in the Dog. 1963.
Platt, B. S., Eddy, T. P., and Pellett, P. L.: Food in Hospitals. 1963.
Prior, J. A., and Silberstein, J. S.: Physical Diagnosis. 2nd edition. 1963.
Proceedings of the Scientific Meeting on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Radioactive Poisoning, jointly organized by the World Health Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency and held at Vienna 15-18 October 1962. 1963.
Sauerbruch, F., and Wenke, H.: Pain, Its Meaning and Significance. 1963.
Schaffner, F., and Popper, H. (editors): Clinico-Pathological Conferences of the Mount Sinai Hospital. 1963.
Schmidt-Matthiesen, H.: Das normale menschliche Endometrium. 1963.
Shands, A. R., Raney, R. B., and Brashear, H. R.: Handbook of Orthopaedic Surgery. 6th edition. 1963.
Schneewind, J. H. (editor): Emergency Service Manual. 1963.
Sissons, H. A. (editor): Bone Metabolism. 1963.
Smith, G. W.: Care of the Patient with a Stroke. 1963.
Spiegel, E. A., and Wycis, H. T. (editors): First International Symposium on Stereencephalotomy, Philadelphia 1961. 1963.
Staton, T. F.: Dynamics of Adolescent Adjustment. 1963.
Strohl, A.: Précis de Physique Médicale. 6th edition. 1963.
Swain, L. T.: Arthritis, Medicine and the Spiritual Laws. 1963.
Tredgold's Textbook of Mental Deficiency (Subnormality). 10th edition. By R. F. Tredgold and K. Soddy. 1963.
Tropical Health Hints. 1962.
University of Edinburgh. Board of Medical Studies: Notes on Clinical Side-Room Methods. 1963.
Zutt, J.: Auf dem Wege zu einer anthropologischen Psychiatrie. 1963.

Future of Small Hospitals

Mr. Anthony Barber, Minister of Health, met a number of Members of Parliament from both sides of the House on 27 February to consider the future of small hospitals. Mr. Barber, who pointed out that there was considerable misunderstanding about what was intended, made the following points:

(1) He promised that in every case the primary consideration governing the future of a small hospital would be the interests of the patient. Certainly no hospital—large or small—would be closed unless there was alternative provision ready for use.

(2) There was no question of the Hospital Plan representing final decisions on the individual hospitals named in it. On the contrary, many such decisions could be taken sensibly only in the light of conditions prevailing many years from now. Furthermore, such decisions could not, and would not, be taken until there had been extensive local consultation concerning the needs of the area at the time when a decision fell to be taken.

Opportunities for G.P.s

(3) Mr. Barber recognized the vital importance of providing adequate opportunities for the general practitioner, and this was why, in any particular case where the future of a small hospital was under consideration, he would seek the views of the representatives of general practitioners in the area.

(4) He said that it was quite wrong to think that the way in which the Hospital Plan was to be implemented would provide fewer opportunities for the general practitioner. One of the things that had worried him since he became Minister was the criticism that in some areas general practitioners felt cut off from hospital work. Such a state of affairs was bad for the family doctor and bad for the hospital. His object was to provide more opportunities—for example, access to improved diagnostic facilities, x-ray, and pathological services. Again, he wanted to ensure that there were additional and more varied opportunities for the general practitioner on the staff of the general hospital. Access to hospital facilities was among the matters likely to be examined by the recently appointed working party on the problems of the family doctor.

(5) Even where the welfare of the patient indicated that a particular small hospital was no longer required for its present purposes, Mr. Barber said that it might well be retained for a different function—e.g., as a maternity unit, a long-stay geriatric unit, or to deal with out-patients or medical emergencies.

(6) Mr. Barber repeated his assurance that no hospital would be closed without his personal consideration and approval.

Hospitality

A German doctor, living near Cologne, would like his 16-year-old daughter to visit this country on an exchange basis during her summer holiday.

A German doctor, living near Stuttgart, would like an English girl to stay with his family on an *au pair* basis for about six months in order to help look after his three young children.

A German doctor living in Suchteln would like his 16-year-old son to spend the month of August with a British family and in exchange would welcome a British boy to visit Germany at Easter or in September.

Would anyone who is interested please get in touch with Dr. R. A. Pallister, Medical Director, International Medical Advisory Bureau, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

Association Notices

Diary of Central Meetings

MARCH

- 10 Tues. Special Committee on Perinatal Mortality Survey, 11 a.m.
 10 Tues. Staff Side, Committee C, Medical Whitley Council, 2 p.m.
 11 Wed. Standing Subcommittee (Central Ethical Committee), 2 p.m.
 12 Thurs. Special Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees (at Church House, Westminster, S.W.), 11 a.m.
 12 Thurs. Nursing Subcommittee (C.C. and S. Committee), 2.30 p.m.
 18 Wed. Central Consultants and Specialists Executive, 10 a.m.
 18 Wed. Alcohol and Road Accidents Committee, 2 p.m.
 19 Thurs. G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m.
 25 Wed. Special Representative Meeting (at Church House, Westminster, London S.W.), 10.30 a.m.
 26 Thurs. Central Ethical Committee, 11 a.m.

APRIL

- 1 Wed. Planning Subcommittee (G.M.S. Committee), 10.30 a.m.
 1 Wed. Hospital Junior Staffs Group Executive, 2 p.m.
 3 Fri. Committee on Medical Science, Education, and Research (at Staff Room, College of Technology, Northampton), 11 a.m.
 6 Mon. Joint Committee of B.M.A. and Royal College of Nursing, 2.30 p.m.
 9 Thurs. Central Consultants and Specialists Committee, 10.30 a.m.
 16 Thurs. G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m.
 16 Thurs. Joint Formulary Committee, 10.30 a.m.

MAY

- 8 Fri. Joint Committee of B.M.A. and Magistrates' Association, 11 a.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Honorary Secretaries of Branches and Divisions are asked to send notices of meetings to the Editor at least 14 days before they are to be held

ARMAGH AND WEST DOWN DIVISION.—(1) At Armagh City Hospital, Tuesday, 10 March, 8.30 p.m., Mr. H. C. Dales: "Selection of Cases for Vascular Surgery." (2) At Lurgan Hospital, Sunday, 15 March, 10 a.m., clinical meeting.

BLACKPOOL AND FYLDE DIVISION.—At Norbreck Hydro, Wednesday, 11 March, jointly with Blackpool and Fylde District Law Society, 7.30 p.m., dinner; 8.45 p.m., Dr. D. Stafford-Clark: "True Deliverance—Medicine and the Law."

BRADFORD DIVISION.—At Medical Societies' Room, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, 11 March, 8.15 p.m., symposium: "Suicidal Tendencies."

BRIGHTON AND MID-SUSSEX DIVISION.—At Dudley Hotel, Hove, Tuesday, 10 March, 8.30 p.m., medical films.

CHESTERFIELD DIVISION.—At Walton Hospital, Friday, 13 March, 8.15 p.m., Dr. K. E. McIver: "Struggle Against Insanity." Guests are invited. (Preceded by cheese and wine.)

CROYDON DIVISION.—At Elgin Court Hotel, Tuesday, 10 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. S. Staffurth: "Radioactive Iodine in the Investigation and Treatment of Thyroid Disease."

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DIVISION.—At Main Lecture Theatre, Crichton Hall, Sunday, 15 March, 2.30 p.m., annual general meeting. Mr. J. H. Court, Dr. A. Todrick, Dr. A. C. Tait, and Dr. J. A. Clark will open discussion on B.M.A. Subject of the Year: "Anxiety."

EAST HERTS DIVISION.—At Lecture Theatre, Nurses' Residence, Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Howlands, Welwyn Garden City, Thursday, 12 March, 8.15 for 8.30 p.m., Mr. D. Bedford, Mr. P. Watson, Dr. P. Mills, Dr. R. Elliott: clinical meeting.

EAST KENT DIVISION.—At Roman Galley, Herne Bay, Thursday, 12 March, 8.30 p.m., discussion to be opened by Dr. M. Curwen, Dr. D. G. Horan, Dr. R. Unwin: "Whither General Practice?"

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—At Parliament Room, Cathedral Close, Gloucester, Thursday, 12 March, 6.30 p.m., Mr. J. D. Clevely: "Wines of Southern Burgundy." Wine-tasting will follow.

GOOLE AND SELBY DIVISION.—At Snaith Hall Hotel, Snaith, Thursday, 12 March, 7.30 p.m., Mr. G. Wilson: "Vascular Surgery."

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD DIVISION.—At New Antenatal Clinic, St. Alfege's Hospital, Tuesday 10 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. B. A. Young: clinical meeting.

GRIMSBY DIVISION.—At Yarborough Hotel, Friday, 13 March, 9 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Sir Derrick Dunlop: "Prescribing."

GUILDFORD DIVISION.—At Board Room, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Thursday, 12 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. S. P. Meadows: "Sudden Blindness in Childhood and Old Age."

HALIFAX DIVISION.—At Board Room, Royal Halifax Infirmary, Wednesday, 11 March, 8.30 p.m., Mr. Simon Chalton, Dr. J. W. Brooke-Barnett: "Medical Litigation." Non-members invited.

HASTINGS DIVISION.—At Royal East Sussex Hospital, Tuesday, 10 March, 8.15 p.m., Dr. M. B. McEvedy: "Some Aspects of Radiotherapy."

HOLLAND DIVISION.—At White Hart Hotel, Boston, Saturday, 14 March, 8 p.m., Dr. J. T. Scott: "Some Aspects of Gout" (illustrated). Buffet supper will follow.

KENSINGTON AND HAMMERSMITH DIVISION.—At St. Mary Abbots Hospital, London W., Saturday, 14 March, 8.45 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. H. Miller: "Anxiety Neurosis."

MACCLESFIELD AND EAST CHESHIRE DIVISION.—At Macclesfield Arms Hotel, Wednesday, 11 March, jointly with Macclesfield Law Society, dinner. Guest of Honour: Rear Admiral L. W. Murray, R.C.N., retired.

READING DIVISION.—At Library, Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Wednesday, 11 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. M. Kremer: "Some Aspects of Epilepsy."

SCARBOROUGH DIVISION.—At Board Room, Scarborough Hospital, Thursday, 12 March, 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Sir Derrick Dunlop: "The Use and Abuse of Drugs."

SOUTH-EAST ESSEX DIVISION.—At Southend General Hospital, Tuesday, 10 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. S. J. Beales: "Some Aspects of Pulmonary Circulation" (illustrated).

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—At Nurses' Recreation Room, Whipps Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 11 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. E. Lipman Cohen: "Acne."

STIRLING BRANCH.—At Falkirk Royal Infirmary, Thursday, 12 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. M. Crawford: "Maternal Mortality. The Changing Face of Obstetrics."

STOCKPORT DIVISION.—At Guildhall, Thursday, 12 March, 7.30 for 8 p.m., annual dinner.

SUSSEX BRANCH.—At Dudley Hotel, Hove, Sunday, 15 March, 12.30 for 1 p.m., annual Spring Luncheon; 2.30 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. J. S. Fulton: "The Next Twenty Years in Higher Education."

TUNBRIDGE WELLS DIVISION.—At Kent and Sussex Hospital, Tuesday, 10 March, 8.30 p.m., Dr. C. M. Seward: "The Dead Hand in Medicine."

WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRAC, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—At Wentbridge House Hotel, Wentbridge, Wednesday, 11 March, 8 p.m., film: "Not in the Papers."

WARRINGTON DIVISION.—At Cotton's, Knutsford, Thursday, 12 March, 7.30 for 8 p.m., dinner-dance.

WEST DERBYSHIRE DIVISION.—At Physiotherapy Department, Whitworth Hospital, Darley Dale, Wednesday, 11 March, 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. C. F. Cregan: "Orthopaedic Disorders of the Feet."

WEST HERTS DIVISION.—At Ovaltine, King's Langley, Tuesday, 10 March, joint meeting with the Pharmaceutical Society. Mr. Lewis Priest: "Absorption of Drugs by the Skin."

WINCHESTER DIVISION.—At Wessex Hotel, Saturday, 14 March, 7.30 p.m., medico-legal dinner. Address by Judge A. M. Lee, Q.C.

The following meetings have been arranged to consider the Memorandum of Evidence to the Review Body, and to instruct Representatives to the Special Representative Meeting:

BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.—At Board Room, Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe, Friday, 13 March, 8.15 p.m.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—At Red Lion Hotel, Hounslow, Monday, 9 March, 8.30 p.m.

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—At Whipps Cross Hospital, Wednesday, 11 March, 8.30 p.m.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

SOUTH BEDFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—A special meeting of the Division was held on 5 February in the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Luton. Mr. L. W. PLEWS was in the chair and 49 members were present. The two following resolutions were passed: (1) That the South Bedfordshire Division does not support the Memorandum of Evidence (Document S.C.7) 1964, proposed by Council because it fails to provide the strongest case for an increase in general-practitioner remuneration. (2) The B.M.A. Council be censured severely for failing to implement resolution 32 of the A.R.M., 1963. That the Representative Body instructs the Council to ensure that the joint discussions between the General Medical Services and Joint Consultants Committees proceed with the greatest possible speed so that the question of the differential between the remuneration of general practitioners and consultants be placed before the Review Body for its consideration.

Branch and Division Officers Elected

BERMUDA BRANCH.—President, Dr. T. S. Outerbridge. Honorary Secretary, Dr. W. R. Cooke.

BRISTOL DIVISION.—Chairman, Mr. H. D. Fairman. Chairman-elect, Dr. B. E. McConnell. Joint Honorary Secretaries, Dr. A. S. Anderson, Dr. H. Temple Phillips. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. W. Woolley.

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTS BRANCH.—President, Dr. J. I. Williams. Vice-presidents, Dr. G. L. McCulloch, Dr. G. A. Hart. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. T. B. Anderson. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. R. V. Grange.

EAST AND MIDLOTHIAN DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. J. W. Martin. Vice-chairman, Dr. W. H. Blackett. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. C. C. Lutton.

GIBALTAR BRANCH.—President, Mr. R. Scott Stevenson. Vice-president, Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander R. V. Williams.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE BRANCH.—President, Mr. T. H. Dockwell. President-elect, Dr. J. W. Notley. Vice-president, Dr. D. H. G. MacQuaide. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. J. E. Phillips.

NOTTINGHAM DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. I. L. Loch. Chairman-elect, Dr. W. K. S. Moore. Vice-chairman, Dr. A. C. Blandy. Honorary Secretary, Dr. E. R. Mitchell. Assistant Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, Dr. D. F. F. Stephens.

RENFREWSHIRE DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. K. Campbell. Chairman-elect, Dr. J. Pearson. Vice-chairman, Mr. A. Lyall. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. J. Gibson. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. G. M. Crawford.

WARRINGTON DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. P. G. Darby. Chairman-elect, Dr. E. H. Moore. Vice-chairman, Dr. E. Goold. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. D. Rothwell. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. P. Barber.

WINCHESTER DIVISION.—Chairman, Mr. Cuthbert Roberts. Vice-chairman, Dr. B. W. Hunt. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. D. Burrell. Deputy Honorary Secretary, Dr. C. S. Shaw.