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RECRUITING FOR THE NAVAL AND MILITARY MEDICAL SERVICES.

MEN UNDER 41.

THE second Military Service Act came into force in Great Britain on Saturday last, June 24th, and all medical men under 41, in common with those of all other callings, are subject to its compulsory provisions and are liable to be called up by the recruiting authority. If a medical man has enrolled the certificate of enrolment will be accepted by the recruiting authority, who will refrain from further action. The enrolled man will be called upon to accept a commission in the Royal Army Medical Corps by the appropriate Central Professional Committee if and when the needs of the army render it necessary. If a medical man under 41 on June 24th has not enrolled, he is, under Section 1 of the Act, deemed to have been duly enlisted in His Majesty's regular forces for general service with the colours, or in the reserve for the period of the war, and to have been forthwith transferred to the reserve. He may be called upon at any time by the recruiting authorities. He has the right to appeal for exemption to the local tribunal, but that tribunal, under Section 7 of the Act, must refer the case to the appropriate Professional Committee, and is bound by its decision.

MEN OVER 41 AND UNDER 45.

Medical men over 41 on June 24th and under 45 are eligible to apply for commissions in the Royal Army Medical Corps for general service with the army at home or abroad. If enrolled they will be notified by the Central Medical War Committee (429, Strand, W.C.) or the Scottish Medical Service Emergency Committee (Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh), when their services are required, unless they intimate to one of the committees, or to the Secretary of the War Office (Whitehall, London, S.W.) direct, that they are prepared to accept a commission at once.

MEDICAL MEN FROM 45 TO 55.

In order to meet the needs of the home defence armies and to liberate younger medical officers already holding commissions in the R.A.M.C. but employed at home, medical men between the ages of 45 and 55 are invited to volunteer for commissions in the Royal Army Medical Corps for military service in the United Kingdom. They will only be employed in the United Kingdom, but must undertake to serve with any military unit in any part of the United Kingdom. It will, of course, be understood that the commissions are for whole-time, and that a

medical man accepting such commission becomes an officer of the R.A.M.C., liable to all duties which fall to such officer, with the reservation that he will not be required to serve abroad.

IRELAND.

The Military Service Acts do not apply to Ireland, but members of the profession in Ireland under 45 are invited to volunteer for commissions in the R.A.M.C. for general service at home or abroad. Members of the profession in Ireland between 45 and 55 may also volunteer for whole-time commissions in the R.A.M.C. for service with the home armies in the United Kingdom. Communications may be addressed in the first place to the Secretaries of the Irish Medical War Committee, 16, South Frederick Street, Dublin, or application may be made to the Secretary of the War Office, Whitehall, S.W., direct.

MARYLEBONE MEDICAL WAR COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the registered medical practitioners of the borough of St. Marylebone was held by kind permission of the Royal Society of Medicine in the Barnes Hall on June 26th, when forty-eight were present and Mr. CHARLES RYALL, Chairman of the Provisional Committee, presided. He explained that, owing to the statutory position of the Central Committee, it was advisable to elect a new local committee, with a large representation of general practitioners and without the members of the Central Committees, which had special relations with so many doctors in the borough.

Dr. McCREA moved that the committee number twenty-five. Dr. CAMAC WILKINSON moved, as an amendment, that it number fifteen, with power to co-opt up to twenty. The amendment was carried, and as the substantive motion.

Candidates were nominated to the number of nineteen. On a motion by Messrs. WILKINSON and LANG, it was agreed that the eight general practitioners nominated should be elected—namely, Messrs. E. A. Boyd, Hartz-horne, W. H. Neale, Irwin Palmer, J. Pollard, Tait Robinson, D. Roxburgh, R. H. Wilbe. On a motion by Sir RONALD ROSS and Dr. GOSSAGE, it was agreed that four consultants on the old committee be elected—namely, Messrs. McAdam Eccles, Bishop Harman, R. Lake, W. G. Spencer. On a motion by Drs. WILKINSON and WILBE, it was agreed that Sir Ronald Ross, Dr. G. Blacker, and Dr. Seymour Taylor be elected.

On a motion by Drs. GOSSAGE and ROXBURGH, the committee was authorized to fill any vacancies occurring at any time subject to the approval of the Central Medical War Committee.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

NEW SOUTH WALES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the New South Wales Branch of the British Medical Association was held on March 31st, when Dr. GEORGE ARMSTRONG, the retiring President, occupied the chair, and delivered his address. The annual report of the Council showed that the membership of the Branch stood at 974, a gain of 6 members during the year. There were 10 deaths, 10 resignations, 28 had removed out of the area of the Branch, 4 were expelled, and 44 surrendered their membership by non-payment of their subscriptions.

Contract Practice.

In connexion with friendly society lodge practice it was stated that the second year's experience of the approved common form of agreement for use between medical officers and friendly society lodges has still further emphasized the advantage both to the lodges and their medical officers of uniformity throughout the State in the terms and conditions of this form of contract practice. A very large number of the lodges which had preferred to make arrangements with practitioners who were not members of the Association have during the past year invited members of the Association to give them their services. Two amendments in the working of this contract were approved by the annual meeting as follows:

1. In the event of a member having removed to a distance of more than two miles from the medical officer's residence, and having become entitled under the provisions of Clause 21 hereof to the medical benefit of a lodge of the same or another order or society which meets in another place, the medical officer, on being duly notified in writing to that effect by the secretary, shall forthwith remove such member's name from the list of members to be attended by him, and payment in respect of such member shall be made to the medical officer only up to the end of the month in which such notification has been given.

2. That the Council of the Branch be empowered to use its discretion in regard to the exemption of particular lodges or particular members from the operation of the common form of agreement between medical officer and friendly society lodge, and in regard to sanctioning modifications of the agreement to suit particular places and particular circumstances, provided that no such discretion be exercised without the concurrence of the local association concerned.

Recent Legislation.

Attention was directed to two Acts of Parliament directly affecting the medical profession, passed during the year:

1. *The Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1915, No. 7.*—This Act makes pulmonary tuberculosis a notifiable disease, and requires the medical attendant to examine the sputum and to notify the Board of Health in the event of his having reasonable ground for believing that the sputum contains tubercle bacilli.

2. *The Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Act, 1915.*—This Act excludes from registration practitioners qualified in countries which do not grant the right to practise therein in virtue of registration as a legally qualified medical practitioner in New South Wales. The effect of this provision is to bar all qualifications except those of the United Kingdom and Australia, and possibly New Zealand, although holders of such qualifications may be registered upon their passing the examination prescribed by the University of Sydney.

Specialist Sections.

Regulations governing sections for special branches of medical knowledge were passed at a general meeting of the Branch during the year, so that it is now possible for groups of members specially interested in particular branches of medicine or surgery to be organized as sections under the rules of the Association.

Professional Secrecy.

The council also passed the following resolution:

That the council is of opinion that a medical practitioner should not under any circumstances disclose (except under compulsion of law), without the patient's consent, information which he has obtained from that patient in the exercise of his professional duties.

The council also directed that a memorandum should be sent to the members conveying this resolution, together with a statement:

That the council is advised that the State has no right to claim that an obligation rests upon a medical practitioner to disclose (except under compulsion of law) information which he has obtained in the exercise of his professional duties.

Treatment of School Children.

In connexion with the proposal of the Department of Public Instruction to provide the State public schools with medical attendance at the hands of whole-time and part-time salaried medical officers, the following additional resolutions were passed:

That the association is opposed to State interference with the recognized system of medical practice and treatment as being against the best interests of the community.

That any appointments of medical officers prejudicial to the recognized system be declared inimical to the interests of the profession.

That the association approves of the medical inspection, but not treatment, of school children by Government Departmental officers.

Finance.

The Honorary Treasurer, Dr. W. H. CRAGO, presented the financial statement, and gave some details in reference to the British Medical Association building. During the year the 4½ per cent. mortgage of £15,750 had been reduced by £1,000. The net profit for the year amounted to £392, which, together with the balance brought forward from the previous year, gave a total of £1,723. The assets amounted to close on £31,000, after various sums for depreciation of lift and furniture had been written off. In the revenue account it was shown that rates and taxes and wages were increasing, and that further increases in wages would have to be met in the current year.

Election of Officers.

The result of the election for office-bearers and members of Council was as follows:

President: Dr. Sinclair Gillies.

Vice-President: Dr. Gordon Craig.

Members of Council: Drs. G. H. Abbott, G. Armstrong, Fourness Barrington, E. H. Binney, C. B. Blackburn, A. J. Brady, W. H. Crago, A. Davidson, J. A. Dick, Sydney Jamieson, T. W. Lipscomb, W. F. Litchfield, A. A. Palmer, F. A. Pockley, F. P. Sandes, R. Scot Skirving, D. Thomas, R. H. Todd.

Dr. Clarence Read was appointed Representative of the Branch on the Representative Body of the British Medical Association.

KENT BRANCH.

The third annual meeting of the Kent Branch was held at Maidstone on June 7th, when the chair was taken by Dr. CLAUDE WILSON, President.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Council, the officers of the past year were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Annual Report and Financial Statement.—The annual report and the financial statement were taken as read and adopted.

The auditors were thanked for their services and re-elected.

Agreements with Insurance Committees.—A discussion was opened by Dr. PARR-DUDLEY as to the policy to be adopted by the Association with regard to the new agreements with Insurance Committees. Dr. COKE outlined the work which was being done by the Kent Local Medical and Panel Committees and the definite policy likely to be suggested. It was considered that the Association was the most suitable body to deal with the Commissioners, but local action should be carried on by the Local Medical and Panel Committees instructing the panel practitioners what course to take.

The members were entertained to tea by Dr. Douglas (Maidstone), vice-president.

FIFE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Branch was held in the Station Hotel, Kirkealdy, on June 9th, when Dr. MACDONALD (Cupar) was in the chair.

Election of Officers.—Dr. DOUGLAS (Cupar) having resigned, the office-bearers for the ensuing year are as follows:

President: Dr. Balfour Graham.

Vice-President: Dr. Macdonald.

The present Branch Council being continued in office.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.

The forty-sixth annual meeting of the Branch was held at King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, on June 8th, when Colonel W. D. STEEL, M.D., was in the chair.

Treatment of Dependants.—On the recommendation of the Council the following resolution, proposed by the

PRESIDENT and seconded by Dr. W. B. CRAWFORD TREASURE, was passed unanimously:

That this meeting of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch considers that the time has now come when gratuitous treatment of the dependants of soldiers and sailors should forthwith cease, and that the Central Council support such steps as may be necessary to rescind any resolution that may have been originally passed to carry out such gratuitous treatment.

Annual Report and Financial Statement.—The annual report of the Branch Council showed a membership of 29 for 1915. The financial statement for the year showed a balance in hand of £65 11s. 4d.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected:

President-elect: Dr. W. E. Thomas.

Honorary Treasurer: Dr. C. Biddle.

Honorary Secretaries.—Major W. J. Greer, F.R.C.S., and Dr. L. Freeman Marks.

Representative of the Branch on the Board of Governors of University College of Wales, Aberystwyth: D. R. Price, M.D.

Induction of President.—Colonel STEEL inducted Dr. W. B. Crawford Treasure in the chair as President for the ensuing year.

Vote of Thanks.—On the motion of Dr. BIDDLE a vote of thanks to Colonel Steel for his valuable services as President during the past year was passed with acclamation.

Presidential Address.—Dr. W. B. CRAWFORD TREASURE delivered his presidential address on some notes on venereal diseases, with special reference to the report of the Royal Commission.

Annual Dinner.—The annual dinner was subsequently held at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff.

MALTA AND MEDITERRANEAN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Branch was held at Valetta on May 27th.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers and members of council for the current year:

President: Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel L. Manché, M.D.

Vice-President: Professor S. Cassar, M.D.

Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. A. V. Bernard.

Members of Council: Dr. E. H. Ferro, Dr. P. P. Debono, Surgeon-Major R. Randon, Professor T. Zammit, C.M.G., M.D.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Division was held at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, on June 1st, when Dr. FLEMMING was in the chair.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. Bird.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. W. T. Briscoe, senior.

Secretary: Dr. Bond.

Representatives on Branch Council: Drs. Rumboll, Adye, and Tubb-Thomas.

Executive Committee.—Drs. Locket, Ferguson, and Adye.

Vote of Thanks.—The thanks of the meeting were expressed to Dr. Flemming for his services as Chairman during the past year. Dr. Bird then took the chair.

Financial Statement.—The SECRETARY read the financial statement, which was approved.

Payments under the Insurance Acts.—A communication from the Medical Secretary on the proposed emergency settlement of panel practitioners' accounts for 1915 was received and approved, and on the motion of Dr. FLEMMING the following resolutions were adopted, and directed to be sent to the Medical Secretary:

1. That the remuneration of National Insurance practitioners should be calculated on the basis of the numbers of insured persons on their lists on the last day of the previous year.
2. That the Council be requested to consider the institution of a pension scheme for National Insurance practitioners.

Annual Report of Central Council.—The annual report of Council was received and approved.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH: SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Division was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton, on June 8th, when Dr. J. A. CODD was in the chair.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. E. H. Coleman.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. J. A. Codd.

Honorary Secretary: Dr. H. C. Mactier.

Representative for Representative Meeting: Dr. H. C. Mactier.

Representatives on Branch Council: Dr. Ridley Bailey, Mr. W. F. Cholmeley, and Dr. J. A. Codd.

Executive Committee: Dr. F. A. Cooke, Dr. T. C. Craig, Dr. E. Deanesly, Dr. T. H. Galbraith, Dr. W. L'E. Mathews, and Dr. J. A. Wolverson. Dr. Malet, President-elect of Staffs Branch, is a member *ex officio*.

The annual finance report of the Division was presented by the HONORARY SECRETARY, who reported a balance in hand from 1915 of £5 10s. 5d.

Expenses of Representative.—The CHAIRMAN reported that the fund for paying the Representative's expenses had covered the cost of the last two Representative meetings, leaving a balance of 4s. only.

Annual Representative Meeting.—The annual report of Council was then considered, and the Representative instructed to support the recommendations of Council, and also the motion of North Staffordshire to increase the number of the Central Medical War Committee by the inclusion of four general practitioners. The Representative was instructed to oppose the resolution of Reigate as to supplying the SUPPLEMENT to members only.

Local Medical War Committee.—The Honorary Secretary was instructed to reply to the questions on the present constitution of the Local Medical War Committee, pointing out that the non-members were very few in number, and all but four were over military age. It was resolved to continue the Executive Committee of the Division as the Local War Committee.

Vote of Thanks.—Dr. COLEMAN then took the chair, and proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Codd for his able and efficient conduct of business during his year of office. This was carried by acclamation. Dr. CODD returned thanks.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WEST- MORLAND BRANCH: FURNESS DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Division was held at the Masonic Hall on June 9th, when Dr. DANIEL was in the chair.

The annual report stated that owing to the war no general meetings were held during the year. One member had resigned and one had joined the Association, which had sustained a sad loss by the death of Dr. Carmichael, an old and valued member.

The present officials were re-elected for another year, and the Kendal Division was asked to reappoint the Representative. The ethical rules approved by the Annual Representative Meeting were adopted without modification.

Reduction of Notification Fees.—A discussion took place upon the reduction of the notification fees. The general feeling of the meeting was against the reduction, and it was considered that the Government had acted in a particularly mean manner in reducing the fees at the present time, when many men were away on active service and others at home were doing work gratuitously for the State. The following resolution was adopted unanimously:

That this meeting deplores the weakness of the Central Association in dealing with the Government in connexion with the reduction of notification fees, especially in the suggestion that notification of measles might be undertaken for a fee of 1s. It fears that this attitude, if persisted in, will lead to resignations especially amongst the members on war service who look to the Association to protect their interests.

Notification of Births.—It was resolved:

That this Division adopt the resolution passed at the last Representative Meeting declining to notify births without a fee.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: BLACKBURN DIVISION.

At the annual meeting of the Blackburn Division on May 31st the following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. Greeves.

Vice-Chairman: Dr. Craig (Church).

Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. Shearer.

Representative for Representative Meeting: Dr. Tough (W.R.).
Representatives to Branch Council: Dr. Tough (W.R.), Dr. Prebble.
Executive Committee: Dr. Barr, Dr. Beaton, Dr. Lees, Dr. Keighley.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CAMBERWELL DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Camberwell Division was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall on June 2nd. Dr. W. T. Partridge presided, and the annual report was read and adopted.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected:

Chairman: Dr. W. T. Partridge.
Vice-Chairman: Dr. H. G. Clitherow.
Representative at Representative Meetings: Dr. F. C. Langford.
Representative on Branch Council: Dr. J. T. Clark.
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. A. F. Heald.
Executive Committee: Drs. G. B. Batten, H. G. Cowie, J. Heard, J. H. Clatworthy, C. Cooper Cripps, W. Cooper Keates, W. G. Stone.

Matters referred to Divisions.—The Representative was instructed to support the motions as set forth in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT of May 6th, 1916.

Reduction of Notification Fees.—The following resolutions were carried:

- That the Camberwell Division expresses its emphatic disapproval of the action of the deputation from the head office of the Association to the Local Government Board in offering to accept a less fee than 2s. 6d. for the notification of any infectious disease.
- That the Representative be instructed to press for the restoration of the fee of 2s. 6d. for the notification of infectious diseases.

SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of the South Middlesex Division was held at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on June 7th.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected for 1916-17:

Chairman: Dr. W. H. Haslett (re-elected).
Vice-Chairman: Dr. C. C. Scott.
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. H. M. Cooper.
Representative: Dr. R. L. Langdon-Down.
Deputy Representative: Dr. W. H. Haslett.
Representative on Branch Council: Dr. P. W. L. Camps.
Executive Committee: Dr. E. Burstall, Dr. L. Christian, Dr. M. Coalbank, Dr. F. Dendle, Dr. H. A. Gunther, Dr. P. Langdon-Down, Dr. F. E. Marshall, Dr. G. A. Mavor, Dr. H. H. Murphy, Dr. P. W. Camps, Dr. J. Valérie.

Future Meetings.—In view of the many calls on the time of practitioners due to the war, it was resolved that no regular programme should be drawn up for 1916-17. Due notice will be given in the event of emergency or medico-political meetings being necessary.

SUSSEX BRANCH: EASTBOURNE DIVISION.

At the annual general meeting of this Division, held at Eastbourne on June 1st, the following officers, representatives and elected members of the Executive were elected for 1916-17:

Chairman: Dr. R. Howie.
Vice-Chairman: Dr. A. C. Gurney.
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Dr. Wm. Muir Smith, J.P.
Representatives on Branch Council: Drs. T. Burfield and M. Milner Moore.
Representative for Representative Meetings: Dr. J. H. Ewart.
Deputy Representative for Representative Meetings: Dr. M. Milner Moore.
Elected on Executive Committee: Drs. A. Deane, A. Harper, T. MacQueen, W. J. C. Merry, A. P. Sherwood.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: GLASGOW CENTRAL DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held in the Faculty Hall on June 5th, when Mr. J. GRANT ANDREW was in the chair.

Report and Financial Statement.—The honorary secretary's report and financial statement were submitted and approved.

Election of Officers.—The office-bearers were re-elected.
Annual Representative Meeting.—The matters referred to in the agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting were considered for the guidance of Dr. Adams, who was reappointed to represent the Division.

Association Notices.

BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

The Half-yearly Indexes for 1916.

THE usual half-yearly indexes to the JOURNAL, to the EPITOME, and to the SUPPLEMENT have been prepared and will be printed. They will, however, not be issued with all copies of the JOURNAL. Any member or subscriber who desires to have one or all three of the indexes can obtain a copy of what he wants, post free, by sending a post-card notifying his desire to the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, W.C. Such copies will be dispatched shortly after the middle of July.

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, 1916.

DATE OF MEETING.

THE Annual Representative Meeting of the Association, 1916, will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Friday, July 28th, 1916; at 10 a.m., and following day(s) as may be required.

RETURNS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Honorary Secretaries of Divisions who have not yet forwarded to the head office the names and addresses, and dates of election, of the Representatives appointed by their Constituencies for 1916-17, are asked to forward me these particulars by the earliest possible date. Under the By-laws, Representatives must be elected not more than nine months nor less than four weeks before the Annual Representative Meeting, and their names must be notified to the head office by *at latest July 7th*. A Representative can, if necessary, be elected and instructed by one and the same meeting of the Constituency.

AGENDA: FURTHER NOTICES OF MOTION BY DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES.

The provisional Agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting, including the Annual Report of Council, was published in the SUPPLEMENT of May 6th, and certain Notices of Motion by Divisions in the SUPPLEMENT of June 3rd. The Supplementary Report of the Council will appear in the SUPPLEMENT of July 8th. There will be included in the final Agenda of the Meeting, as to be issued to the members of the Representative Body on or about July 21st, not only such Notices of Motion as have appeared in the SUPPLEMENTS of May 6th, June 3rd, and July 8th, but also all Notices of Motion received up to Friday, July 14th, found by the Agenda Committee to be in order.

By order,

ALFRED COX,

June 28th, 1916.

Medical Secretary.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given by the Council that the Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 29th, 1916, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dated this 24th day of June, 1916.

By order,

GUY ELLISTON,

Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

429, Strand, London, W.C.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—Dr. H. W. Pooler, Honorary Secretary (98, Sampson Road, Birmingham), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Division will be held on Wednesday, July 19th, at 3.30 p.m., at the Medical Institute, and that the nominations for offices must reach him not later than Monday, July 3rd.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—Mr. Percy A. Ross (Kensington, Boscombe Spa Road) gives notice that the summer meeting of the Branch will be held at Weymouth on Wednesday, July 19th, at 3 p.m.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—Dr. Adam Fulton, Acting Honorary Secretary, gives notice that the annual meeting of the Midland Branch will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Derby, on July 6th, at 3 p.m. Business: Annual reports; election of officers; adoption of revised organization rules; discussion on The Dangers of Official Medicine, to be opened by the President, Dr. Cassidi.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—Mr. James Green, Honorary Secretary (Brandon House, Mile End, Portsmouth), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, on Wednesday, July 12th,

at 2.30 p.m., Dr. C. F. Routh (Southsea) in the chair. Agenda: Return of election of officers of the Branch for 1916-17; annual report of Council; balance sheet of Branch; balance sheet of Belgian Doctors' and Pharmacists' Fund; general business. At the conclusion of the business Dr. Routh will vacate the chair in favour of Dr. Bodington (Winchester). On account of the war there will be no luncheon or other social function, except that tea will be served at the end of the meeting by the kindness of Dr. Bodington. The golf competition for the Child challenge cup will take place at the Royal Winchester Golf Links at 3.30. Tea will be served at the golf-house. Members who intend to be present at the meeting will oblige by notifying the Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BUCKINGHAMSHIRE DIVISION.—Dr. A. E. Larking, Honorary Secretary (Buckingham), gives notice that the annual general meeting of the Buckinghamshire Division will be held at the Crown Hotel, Aylesbury, on Friday, June 30th, at 4 p.m. Members wishing to bring subjects forward will please inform the Secretary at once.

SUSSEX BRANCH.—Dr. A. M. Daldy, Honorary Secretary (14, Palmeira Avenue, Hove), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Sussex Branch will be held at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, July 5th, at 2.30 p.m.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—Dr. S. C. Legge gives notice that the annual meeting of the Worcester Division will be held at 2 p.m., and the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch at the Salter's Hall, Droitwich, on Friday, June 30th, at 3 p.m., when the President, Dr. Wilkinson, will deliver an address on The Brine Baths of Droitwich.

INSURANCE.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

LIVERPOOL.

At a meeting of the Panel Committee on May 16th it was decided to ask the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association to approach the Commissioners with a view to fixing a reasonable time limit beyond which Pharmaceutical Committees shall not be able to make representations under Article 40 in relation to prescriptions for 1915.

Letters were read from the Insurance Committee stating (1) that the use of the term "Rep. mist." will only be allowed in those cases in which a locumtenent is acting on behalf of a doctor in a case of emergency temporarily and conditional upon several rules being observed; and (2) that to ensure an early distribution of the surplus funds due to practitioners for 1914 it was proposed to circularize all practitioners on the panel, asking that each practitioner will authorize the Committee to deduct any surcharges which may be sustained as a result of investigation of the prescriptions for 1914 by the Panel Committee from the moneys which may be due or hereafter become due to such practitioner.

COUNTY PALATINE OF CHESTER.

At a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committee on June 4th it was decided not to accept the proposed scheme for an emergency settlement for 1915. It was resolved to send a letter to the Finance Committee of the Insurance Committee strongly objecting against (a) the delay in the payment of the balances for 1914, and (b) the deduction from the payments to doctors who dispense for their insured patients not only of the ordinary reduction of the medical fund payments, but also of a further 25 per cent. of that amount.

It was decided to obtain a legal opinion with reference to a case in which the Insurance Commissioners had decided to withhold £15 of the Exchequer grant, which would otherwise have been payable to the Insurance Committee on account of a certain practitioner's breach of his agreement. The case had come before the Medical Service Subcommittee, which had recommended "that the attention of the respondent be called to the findings and to the necessity of his more strictly adhering to the Medical Certification Rules and to the terms of his agreement," and this recommendation had been adopted by the Insurance Committee.

A list of ten stock mixtures was selected from Form 158/I.C.

YORK.

At a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committee on May 31st it was agreed to recommend to the practitioners on the panel that in future the minimum fee for all extra certificates should be one shilling, with the exception

that the declaring-off certificates need not be charged for. It was agreed to accept the proposed scheme for an emergency settlement for 1915. A list of ten stock mixtures to be prescribed either by name or number was agreed to. It was decided not to agree to the discontinuance of the use of the term "Rep. mist."

KINGSTON-UPON-HULL.

At a meeting of the Panel Committee on June 2nd it was agreed that cases requiring rest for efficient treatment in diseases due to "own misconduct" should not be debarred from sickness benefit. It was agreed to record on the minutes, and to transmit to the British Medical Association, the heartiest appreciation of, and thanks for, the many valuable services rendered by the Insurance Acts Committee to Panel and Local Medical Committees and to panel practitioners generally.

DURHAM COUNTY.

At a meeting of the Panel Committee on June 8th the proposed emergency settlement of panel practitioners' accounts for 1915 was agreed to. It was decided that when an insured person is suffering from any disease due to his own misconduct, he should not be debarred from sickness benefit if, in the opinion of his medical attendant, he cannot be efficiently treated without enforced rest.

It was agreed that the present representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees on the Insurance Acts Committee should retain office for 1916-17.

The scheme for the payment of mileage for medical practitioners in respect of the year ended December 31st, 1915, was approved and forwarded to the Insurance Committee. The Chairman and Secretary were authorized to pay the travelling expenses of members of the Committee to June 30th, 1916, and to make quarterly payments to the deputies of practitioners who make arrangements under the county scheme.

WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

At a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committees on April 14th it was decided to communicate with the Chancellor of the Exchequer with reference to the proposed increase of taxation for motor cars. It was agreed to support the suggestion of the British Medical Association that 10 per cent. added profit be allowed to the chemists in respect of emergency dressings, and that prescriptions be written as before for a stock of dressings for use for insured persons.

MANCHESTER.

At a meeting of the Panel Committee on June 1st it was resolved that those cases in which doctors had exceeded the general average cost of prescribing for all four quarters of 1915 be referred back to the subcommittee for reconsideration, with power to surcharge. It was decided to object to the "stamped contribution card" being accepted as evidence of the applicant being an insured person when applying for treatment. The proposed emergency scheme for 1915 was agreed to.

ROCHDALE.

At a meeting of the Medical and Panel Committees on June 1st it was resolved to agree to the emergency settlement for 1915. It was agreed that the present representatives of the Local Medical and Panel Committees on the Insurance Acts Committee should retain office for 1916-17, and it was decided to invite a member of the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association to address a meeting of the Committees.

DERBYSHIRE.

At a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committees on May 31st it was decided to select ten stock mixtures from the list issued by the Commissioners. The proposed emergency settlement for 1915 was accepted. It was decided to protest again against the unfair deduction of 33½ per cent. from the net lists of practitioners, and to draw the attention of the Insurance Committee to the fact that the men enlisted are already removed from the lists before the 33½ per cent. deduction is made. A capitation fee of 2s. 6d. per hundred patients within the mile area was agreed to for emergency dressings and urgent medicines only.

HERTFORDSHIRE.

At a meeting of the Panel Committee on March 1st the following resolution was forwarded for consideration by the appropriate Committee of the British Medical Association:

That this Committee is of opinion that in the administration of the scheme for supplying gratuitous medical attendance to the dependants of soldiers and sailors serving with the colours there has been great laxity in deciding as to the fact of the dependants being really necessitous, and would suggest that in future the local secretaries of the Committees distributing this relief should be instructed to obtain the written consent of a medical practitioner before issuing the book.

It was decided that local formularies should cease to be recognized, and that the Insurance Committee should be asked to refuse payment to chemists for local formulae prescriptions. It was reported that the Insurance Commissioners had allowed the continued use of "Rep. mist." under the restrictions agreed upon between the Panel and Pharmaceutical Committees in March, 1915, with the additional condition that the patient does not ask for a prescription written out in full.

It was decided to apply for a deduction of half per cent. from the next quarterly payment to practitioners for the expenses of the Committee.

INSURANCE COMMITTEES.

LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE minutes of the March meeting of the Leicestershire Insurance Committee contain communications from the Insurance Commissioners announcing their decision in two cases referred to them by medical practitioners as to the range of medical services. In the first case a panel practitioner inoculated with typhoid vaccine an insured person (a lady's maid) who was on his list, and was about to travel to Egypt with her mistress. The Insurance Committee held that this service came within the terms of the practitioner's agreement, and the practitioner appealed to the Commissioners against this. No question arose as to whether the inoculation is a service which can be undertaken by a general practitioner of ordinary professional competence and skill, the practitioner basing his view that the service did not come within the terms of his agreement on the ground simply that the treatment given was "preventive." The Commissioners carefully guard themselves by saying that "they feel no doubt that some forms of preventive treatment are within the scope of the obligations which a practitioner on the panel undertakes." But in the present case, having regard to all the circumstances, the Commissioners are of opinion that the particular service rendered to the insured person was not one which the doctor was required by the terms of his agreement to perform. The Commissioners suggest that they intend, when a more substantial body of actual cases has accumulated, to set out some general classification of hypothetical cases as falling within or without the terms of the medical agreement.

In the second case the Commissioners decided against the practitioner. It was one in which the panel doctor was called to see a patient on his list who was suffering from eclampsia. A consultation was held, and the consultant recommended that the practitioner should bring on premature labour. As the patient had not reached the twenty-eighth week of pregnancy the case did not come within the definition of "confinement" made by the Commissioners, and the Insurance Committee decided that the practitioner was not entitled to any remuneration. The Local Medical Committee disagreed with this, expressing the opinion that the operation was a serious one which could not be undertaken by a general practitioner of ordinary professional competence or skill, but the practitioner concerned distinctly told the Commissioners that he disagreed with that opinion, though he held that he ought not to be required to do such an operation under his agreement. The Commissioners decided that "in the particular circumstances of the case the service was one which the practitioner was required by the terms of his agreement with the Committee to perform."

The Medical Service Committee reported that the Commissioners proposed to withhold the sums of £6 and £4 10s. in respect of the failure of two practitioners to furnish in time the proper records of treatment for the year 1914.

As the practitioners had now complied with the regulations, the Committee recommended that the Commissioners should be urged to refrain from inflicting the penalties on this occasion.

The final settlement for 1914 showed that the gross medical benefit credit for that year amounted to £32,570, out of which the practitioners' fund was credited with £24,313. To this fund was also to be added £1,879 from the sanatorium benefit fund and £73 from the drug fund, making a total of £26,266 in the practitioners' fund.

SCOTLAND.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION.

THE Scottish Commissioners have drawn up three circulars addressed respectively to panel practitioners, insurance committees, and approved societies, setting forth the duties of each with regard to medical certificates. The circular addressed particularly to panel practitioners, after drawing attention to the rules of certification which are printed on the covers of the books of certificate forms, alludes to some points which are of special importance, though apparently often neglected, such as the following:

The necessity of avoiding ante-dating or post-dating of certificates. In the case of first certificates this is of importance specially when a patient does not go to the doctor on the first day that he stops away from work. As the certificate must be dated for the day when the doctor first sees the patient, the latter may thus miss some sickness pay. Nevertheless the doctor must rigidly observe the rule, though he may add a short explanatory note at the foot of the certificate, and if the society is then satisfied that the patient was genuinely unable to work before the date when he obtained the certificate, sickness benefit may, at the option of the society, be paid for that period. Intermediate certificates are to bear the actual date of examination regardless of the pay-days of societies, and for final certificates no heed is to be paid to the pay-weeks of the patient's employment. For example, if a patient is able to resume work on a Friday, he must be signed off for that day, and not granted the Friday and Saturday simply to round off the week.

Rule 7 is to have special attention—that is, the doctor must instruct the patient, not merely verbally, but by making a note on the appropriate line of the certificate, to return for examination on the day when he may reasonably expect him to be fit to resume work. If the patient fails to come on that day, or if he resumes work before that day without a declaring-off certificate, the doctor is to refuse to give a final certificate and must leave the patient to be dealt with by his society. Doctors are also requested to notify the insurance committees, or in exceptional cases the Commissioners, of instances in which representatives of approved societies use pressure which may lead to any breach of these rules.

As a final certificate is needed in all cases where sickness benefit has been paid, and as patients often neglect to ask for one, it is suggested that the doctors should give each patient a leaflet, which can be obtained from the Commissioners, calling attention to this.

With regard to diseases which may be the result of misconduct, doctors are not to hesitate to state on the certificate the specific name of the disease—for example, alcoholic gastritis, as "misconduct is a moral, not a medical question," and the certificate is given to the patient, who may use it or not as he likes.

Incapacity due to accident should be sufficiently indicated to give the society a basis for inquiry, and such words as "perhaps due to employment" may be added where cases might come under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

It is further suggested that doctors should gladly accept any information given by societies which may bear on the case without interfering with the doctor's province—for example, information given by sick visitors, which may show that a patient is acting in such a way as to prove that he is not really unable to work. Doctors should also be willing to reply to reasonable inquiries by medical referees, while referees on their part should give timely information to the doctors as to the place and date at which it may be proposed that the referee should examine a case.

The circular to approved societies in a way amplifies that sent to the doctors by laying stress on the action that representatives of societies should take with regard to certificates. It condemns the action of certain society officials who have attempted to get the doctors to ante-date or post-date certificates for the convenience of the societies. Proof of such attempts is often very difficult to obtain, but the Commissioners strongly urge societies to discountenance all such breaches of the rules. Societies are reminded that to demand weekly certificates in cases of chronic and incurable diseases was not the spirit of the arrangement urged when the present certification system was introduced and may cause a serious and needless hardship to the doctor, and they are further told that doctors cannot be compelled to give any information

regarding cases apart from their certificates, and secretaries and other representatives of societies should avoid needless inquiries from doctors. The Commissioners have often asked why so few of the complaints made by societies have been brought before Insurance Committees, and the reply commonly given has been that the societies could not rely on the committees taking proper action. The Commissioners express surprise at this, seeing that every committee contains a majority of society representatives.

The circular to Insurance Committees lays stress on the importance of committees taking firm action in all cases in which there is breach of the certification rules, and no such cases should be left to be dealt with by the committee clerk without proper report to the committee. As the parliamentary grant of 2s. 6d. per insured person for medical benefit depends on the proper carrying out of the rules, the Commissioners request that all certification complaints received by committees should be intimated to the Commission, which has power to make deductions from the grant corresponding in amount to the nature of the offence, and committees have then power to recover from the practitioner any expense or loss which they or the insured person may suffer in consequence of the practitioner's breach of his agreement. In flagrant cases committees are reminded that a mere deduction of grant may not be sufficient, and representations may be made to the Commission as to the fitness of the practitioner to remain on the panel. Accompanying the circulars committees receive forms on which they are requested to give particulars as to irregular certification and the action taken by the committees during the year ending June, 1916.

MEDICAL BENEFIT AFTER CONFINEMENT.

At a meeting of the Salford Insurance Committee a question of importance to panel practitioners came up in the minutes of the Medical Benefit Subcommittee, with regard to the meaning to be attached to the words "medical benefit shall not include any right to medical treatment or attendance in respect of a confinement," which occur in S. 8 of the Insurance Act, 1911, and are in substance repeated in the agreement signed by panel practitioners. The question originally arose in the case of a woman who was an insured person and had been attended at her confinement by a midwife and subsequently developed phlegmasia alba dolens arising directly out of the confinement. A panel practitioner was then called in and he asked the Insurance Committee whether he was entitled to charge the patient ordinary private fees. The point came before the Medical Benefit Subcommittee, which decided to refer the question to the Commissioners together with a further case in which an insured person had expressed a desire to be vaccinated by his panel doctor in preference to the public vaccinator. The reply of the Commissioners was that—

The question whether any treatment rendered to an insured person by a doctor on the panel after her confinement is or is not "treatment in respect of a confinement" within the meaning of Cl. 2 (1) of the agreement between the Insurance Committee and the doctor is not a question merely of time but one which requires to be considered in the light of all the relevant circumstances of the case. The decision of cases of this nature rests in the first instance with the Committee, but Cl. 14 of the agreement enables a doctor to refer the matter to the Commissioners if he is dissatisfied with the ruling of the Committee. In the absence of a formal reference it is not open to the Commissioners to express an opinion on the facts of any individual case. The remarks made above apply also to any question as to whether vaccination is included in the term "medical attendance and treatment."

On receipt of this letter the Medical Benefit Subcommittee decided to ask the Local Medical Committee for its observations on the question, and the following letter was received later from the Secretary of the Local Medical Committee:

The Salford Local Medical Committee are of opinion that the legal interpretation of the words "in respect of a confinement" in the agreement between the Salford Insurance Committee and the practitioners on the Salford list disqualifies from medical benefit all cases of disease or disablement which are directly or indirectly due to a confinement, and this without any time limit, for the following reasons, namely: (a) In the *New Oxford Dictionary* the words "to have respect to" are defined as "to have relation to" or "connexion with." (b) The words are used in S. 8 (6) of the original Act of 1911, and are there by direct implication defined as "connected directly or indirectly with" a confinement.

The committee are further of the opinion that this interpretation, if generally acted on, would be a hardship to the majority of insured mothers, and not in accordance with the established custom of the medical profession.

The committee therefore suggest that, pending amendment of the Act or a decision of the law courts, the words should be construed as withdrawing from medical benefit cases of disease or disablement arising directly or indirectly out of a confinement for a period of one calendar month, any dispute arising as to individual cases to be referred to the Medical and Insurance Committees for settlement. Such an arrangement between the two committees would, in the opinion of the Medical Committee, be generally acquiesced in and would prevent hardship to insured persons and injustice to practitioners.

That in the opinion of the Salford Local Medical Committee vaccination or revaccination does not come within the scope of medical benefit.

After consideration of this letter, the Medical Benefit Subcommittee resolved that it be received, and the thanks of the committee given to the Medical Committee for their consideration and expression of opinion. This was confirmed by the Insurance Committee, and it was evidently considered that the suggestion of the Medical Committee was a very fair one, as exactly corresponding with the provisions of the Act with regard to sickness benefit of women during the month after confinement. The practitioner concerned was quite satisfied with this arrangement, and has no intention of appealing against it to the Commissioners.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

The following appointments are notified by the Admiralty: Deputy Surgeon-General G. Broatch, M.D., to Haslar Hospital, vice Mansfield. Temporary Surgeons C. G. Ainsworth to the *Victory*, additional, for Haslar Hospital; J. F. M. Payne to the *Vivid*, additional, for Plymouth Hospital; R. K. Ford to the *Pembroke*, additional, for Chatham Hospital; W. J. Jago to the *Minerva*; C. R. T. Thomson, M.B., to the *Wildfire*, additional; J. Souter, M.B., to the *Topaze*, vice Rushworth; A. N. Rushworth to the *Pembroke*, additional.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Probationers E. A. Sparks to the *Lightfoot*; D. C. Clark to the *Lysander*; G. H. Fitzgerald to the *Goshawk*. To be Surgeon Probationers: P. McMurray, A. H. Shelswell, J. R. Hughes, J. S. Lewis, E. Pigott, S. H. Waddy.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Major R. A. Farrar, M.D., relinquishes his commission. Temporary Captains relinquish their temporary commissions: G. Blacker, M.D., F.R.C.S., N. K. Wilson, M.B., D. O'C. Finigan.

The surname of temporary Captain John R. Dickson, M.B., is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of May 24th.

The surname of temporary Captain Israel Ailaun is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of June 6th.

The surname of temporary honorary Captain H. Bowring is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of June 9th.

J. W. Struthers, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., to be temporary Captain.

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: H. Catling, A. Grimths, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., A. Duncan, F. B. Chavasse, P. J. Murphy, J. Field, M.B., F. M. Walker, M.B., J. J. Middleton, M.B., F. J. Livingstone, M.B., J. N. Humphrey, M.B., G. A. Varian, M.B., H. B. Graham, M.B., A. B. Bateman, W. Ross, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., A. D. Clancy, J. T. Armstrong, J. S. Webster, M.B., A. P. Bowdler, M.B., A. W. Cochrane, M. D. MacKenzie, M.B., T. McCririck, M.D., W. F. Blewitt, J. Loudon, M.B., J. A. MacLaren, M.D., J. W. Hutton, A. R. Green, M.B., F. J. Wheeler, H. J. Mack, Adams, M.B., A. B. Brook, M.B., T. S. Rippon, N. Tattersall, M.D., R. P. Hadden, M.B., H. E. H. Tracy, M. A. Power, M.B., W. O'Brien, M.B., H. F. Willington, H. D. Welby, M.B., R. J. Allsopp, M.P., R. A. H. Atkinson, M.B., H. R. Smith, M.B., S. S. Ball, M.B., D. T. Fraser, M.B., W. R. Hodge, M.D., A. A. Moon, M.B., A. McK. Bell, M.B., F. W. Overholt, M.D., C. L. T. Arthur, M.D., W. L. Pedlow, M.D., E. Scott, M.B., L. G. Tait, M.B., G. K. Allan, M.B., J. A. Mortimer, M.D., N. A. A. Hughes, P. C. Garrett, L. W. Evans, M.B., E. N. Poirie, D. W. Torrance, M.D., R. I. Douglas, M.B., J. B. Scott, M.B., C. A. Briscoe, M.B., F. W. Campbell, A. L. Krough, M.B., H. McKenzie, M.B., M. S. Esler, F. G. Gibbs, G. S. A. Bishop, M.B., E. W. Anderson, M.B., J. O'D. Egan, F. A. Kerr, M.B., G. A. Pringle, M.D., B. Langran, E. P. Garrow, M.D., P. G. Tuohy, M.B., J. E. Rygate, F. G. Collins, A. B. Aitken, M.B., F.R.C.S., H. Saunders, B. Hogan, R. Rutherford, M.B., R. D. Bridger, T. G. Stevens, F.R.C.S., J. G. Garson, M.D., D. Tenison, D. C. Thomas, J. J. Gibb, M.B., W. Robinson, M.B., H. R. Evans, M.D., H. McM. Donaldson, M.B., A. Volla, M.D., G. Y. Richardson, M.B., F. J. Dixon, M.B., J. Wright, M.B., F. G. H. Cooke, A. Stevenson, M.D., J. A. Wilson, M.B., H. C. M. McManus, M.B., L. H. Bryson, M.D., H. H. Tanner, M.B., J. Young, M.B., D. Mackinnon, M.B., W. K. MacDonald, M.B., G. E. Davidson, M.B., J. C. Bramwell, M.B., C. W. Bond, C. S. Gideon, J. C. McWalter, M.D., O. Bruce, W. L. Hay, J. L. A. Grout, A. Trower, E. N. Russell, M.B., A. C. Sturdy, F.R.C.S., T. G. S. Hodson, M.D., A. Murdoch, W. Earaght, J. G. Scott, A. Halliday, M.B., F.R.C.S., H. M. Rainsford, J. L. Pearce, M.B., A. Cochrane, M.B., P. W. Moore, M.B., R. Lewis, H. G. Willis, M.B., T. Heywood, C. V. Cornish, F.R.C.S., G. F. Lang, M.D., J. R. Howitt, M.B., O. de Muth, M.D., H. F. H. Eberts, M.D., A. D. Sharp, M.D., H. C. Wert, M.D., F. S. Walcott, M.D., E. F. Macnaughton, M.D., I. D. Ramsay, M.D., J. Russell, M.D., W. W. Patton, M.D., W. F. MacDonald, M.D., F. J. Brodie, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., G. W. Whitman, M.D., H. S. Moore, M.D., A. R. Thomson, M.D., J. G. F. Heal, M.D., H. M. Godfrey, M.D., N. Macdonald, M.D., R. E. Johnston, M.B., J. H. Guthbert, M.B., M. Cohen, M.D., H. L. Burton, M.B., J. R. Davies, W. B. Walmley, M.B., L. N. Lee, M.D., E. Duke, M.D., H. W. Smart, A. Wylie, M.B., L. E. Napier, C. E. Harrison, J. L. B. Dixon, M.D., G. B. Hillman, E. L. Jenkins, M.B., J. W. Darling, M.B., C. H. Evers, E. D. Smith, M.B., W. Parker, M.B., J. Mills, M.B., J. E. Long, M.D., T. G. Kings, V.

Gray-Maitland, C. S. Bowker, H. H. Dummere, E. F. Clowes, A. C. Greenwood, W. M. M. Jackson, M.D., J. Thomarson, M.D., W. J. D. Smyth, H. W. Sykes, M.D., J. C. Lavertine, F.R.C.S.I., F. N. B. Smartt, M.B., F. W. Matheson, M.B.

Lieutenants of the Canadian A.M.C. to be temporary Lieutenants: H. S. McSorley, M.D., G. H. Clement, M.B., G. B. Archer, M.B., B. W. Mosher, M.D., P. Nase, M.D., G. O. Hutchinson, M.D., E. E. Bryans, M.D., T. J. Waddell, M.D., J. N. Lyons, M.D., S. Rodin, M.D., G. B. Ferguson, M.D., W. A. Murray, M.D., E. Fidler, M.B., E. L. Steele, M.D., C. S. Tennant, M.B., I. Vandandaigue, M.D.

Temporary honorary Lieutenants to be temporary Lieutenants: L. ap I. Davies, V. R. Hirsch, T. Anvyl-Davies, A. R. C. Doorley, M.B., R. M. de Mowbray, F.R.C.S., E. L. K. Sargent, M.B., G. N. Brandon, W. G. Marsden, M.B.

The name of temporary Lieutenant Arthur Sunderland is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of May 25th.

Temporary Lieutenant C. A. Purnell, M.B., relinquishes his commission on account of ill health.

The surname of Lieutenant Robert W. Tennent is as now described, and not as in the *London Gazette* of June 14th.

To be temporary Lieutenants: A. A. Halliday, M.B., A. W. McGregor, C. Harris, T. B. Shoobred, M.B., H. G. A. Haynes, J. F. Walsh, A. Wood, W. G. Johnstone, B. C. Haller, S. N. Babington, M. J. Ahern, C. J. Todd, A. Finlay, M.D., H. A. Colwell, M.B., J. C. McMillan, M.B., L. Blake, M.B., H. J. Davidson, M.B., W. H. Harvey, M.D., E. Connell, H. H. O'Heffernan, H. L. Skelton, V. L. Connolly, M.B., G. H. Alabaster, M.B., T. E. Dobbs, W. Steadman, E. V. Beaumont, H. F. Wilson, M.B., A. F. Gravelle, A. P. Gibbons, M.B., A. J. M. Crichton, M.B., A. J. Bennee, M.B., W. P. H. Lightbody, J. C. Macaulay, M.B., J. T. Lloyd, M.B., J. A. Paterson, M.B., H. D. Gasteen, E. S. Molyneux, J. B. McMorland, M.B., F. J. McCarthy, M.B., G. W. Guthrie, M.B., G. E. Chissell, C. W. Macpherson, M.B., F. R. Fraser, M.B., H. M. Gillespie, M.B., A. E. Francis, T. G. Elsworth, M.D., H. R. Hurter, M.D., J. MacInnes, M.B., R. F. Williams, M.B., J. H. Paterson, M.B., J. Barrett, S. R. Hunter, M.D., H. W. Gush, M.B., A. E. Wynne, M.D., F.R.C.S.I., C. E. Bartlett, J. L. Smith, M.B., R. J. Morgan, A. Gaston, D. C. Crole, M.B., G. de H. Dawson, J. Whiteside, M.B., J. W. Watthews, M.B., A. J. Hawes, M.B., G. H. Sinclair, M.B., B. Robertson, M.B., A. Smith, R. J. Willson, M.B., W. Sowerby, M.D., R. MacK. Morison, M.B., J. A. Gregory, J. R. M. Mackenzie, M.B., R. W. Davies, M.B., W. Fletcher, M.D., J. McD. Matheson, M.B., A. H. B. Pearce, A. Wright, M.B., E. W. Touffin, W. B. Hendry, S. H. Scott, J. McPolin, M.B., D. Walker, M.B., J. A. Noble, M.B., H. J. Bensted, J. Byrne, H. B. Jones, M.B., L. G. Scudamore, P. J. Lydon, M.B., V. E. Sorapure, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., R. M. McMinn, M.B., L. E. Price, J. P. Good, M.D., A. McD. Nevin, M.B., W. McKee, M.B., J. A. Williams, M.D., H. C. Nickson, M.B., L. M. Rosten, M.B., H. E. White, M.B., A. Dangerfield, M.B., F.R.C.S., H. W. Hues, W. Niccol, M.B., J. R. Heath, F. S. Machin, B. Wood-White, M.B., A. A. Lees, H. P. Motteram, M.D., J. H. Watson, M.B., F.R.C.S., C. G. Teal, M.B., H. H. Tipping, B. J. Courtney, M.D., D. Fisher, M.B., C. S. Glegg, M.B., R. L. S. Nuthall, H. M. Sturrock, M. Graves.

To be temporary honorary Lieutenants: W. M. Crombie, H. H. Castle, H. J. H. Symons, G. T. Symons, W. T. Warwick, A. R. Fuller, W. Farquharson, T. Jackson.

The notifications in the *London Gazette* of May 25th regarding the undermentioned are cancelled: G. N. Brandon, A. R. C. Doorley, M.B., R. M. de Mowbray, F.R.C.S., E. L. K. Sargent, M.B., W. G. Marsden, M.B.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

Lieutenant Colonel E. H. Wright has been appointed Civil Surgeon, Coorg.

Major C. F. Marr, M.B., has been confirmed as a Medical Storekeeper to Government with effect from January 15th.

Lieutenant Colonel W. Vost, M.B., held charge of the current duties of the office of Residency Surgeon, Hyderabad, in addition to his military duties, from March 13th to 22nd.

Lieutenant Colonel H. J. Walton, M.D., F.R.C.S., has been appointed to hold charge temporarily of the current duties of the office of Residency Surgeon, Hyderabad, in addition to his military duties, with effect from March 23rd.

The following have been appointed permanently as Lieutenants, March 13th, 1916: C. H. Heppenstall, R. R. Htoon Oo Tha, W. P. Hogg, J. Dow, J. G. J. Green, A. S. Fry.

Lieutenant Colonel J. N. MacLeod, C.I.E., M.B., F.R.C.S.E., has been permitted to retire from the service, with effect from March 8th.

Major N. E. H. Scott, an Agency Surgeon of the second class, has been granted privilege leave for three months, combined with furlough for four months, with effect from March 22nd, 1916.

Major T. E. Watson has been placed on special duty under the orders of the Political Resident in the Persian Gulf, with effect from March 22nd, 1916.

Officers reappointed honorary Surgeons on His Excellency the Viceroy's personal staff, with effect from April 5th, 1916: Brevet Colonel H. F. Cleveland, Major E. A. C. Mathews, M.B., Lieutenant Colonel T. A. Granger, M.B.

Officers appointed honorary Surgeons on His Excellency the Viceroy's personal staff with effect from May 8th, 1916: Lieutenant Colonels R. Bird, M.V.O., C.I.E., M.D., F.R.C.S., E. V. Hugo, M.D., F.R.C.S., and W. Molesworth, C.I.E., M.B.

Colonel J. Smyth, M.D., has been retained in the service for one year with effect from June 7th, 1916, or for the period of the war, whichever is less, and will be borne supernumerary in his rank and grade.

Vacancies and Appointments.

NOTICES REGARDING APPOINTMENTS.—Attention is called to a Notice (see Index to Advertisements—Important Notice re Appointments) appearing in our advertisement columns, giving particulars of vacancies as to which inquiries should be made before application.

VACANCIES.

ACTON EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Dentist; £1 ls. per attendance.

BETHNAL GREEN INFIRMARY.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £280 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgeon. Salary, £200 to £300 per annum.

BOLINGBROKE HOSPITAL, Wandsworth Common, S.W.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Surgeon. Salary, £300 and £200 per annum respectively.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £180 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeons and House-Physicians. Salary, £120 per annum.

BURY INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

DUDELEY: GUEST HOSPITAL.—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

CHESHIRE COUNTY ASYLUM, Parkside.—Locumtenent Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, 6 guineas a week.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £250 per annum.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL, Chelmsford.—Temporary Assistant Tuberculosis Officer. Salary, £350 per annum.

GREAT YARMOUTH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £200 per annum.

HUDDERSFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

HULL: VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

LEAMINGTON SPA: WARNEFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.—(1) Assistant Resident Medical Officer. (2) Surgical Registrar. Honorarium, £120 and 40 guineas per annum respectively.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

MANCHESTER ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

MIDDLETON-IN-WHARFEDALE SANATORIUM, near Ilkley.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £350 per annum.

NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

OXFORD EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £150 per annum.

PORTSMOUTH PARISH.—First Assistant Medical Officer for the Workhouse Infirmary, etc. Salary, £250 per annum.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Assistant Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum, rising to £80 on appointment as Senior.

ROCHDALE INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Second House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Physician. Salary, £120 per annum.

SUNDERLAND: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Lady House-Surgeon. Salary, £150 per annum.

To ensure notice in this column—which is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found—it is necessary that advertisements should be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning. Persons interested should refer also to the Index to Advertisements which follows the Table of Contents in the JOURNAL.

APPOINTMENTS.

CARRUTHERS, N. S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Blofield Union.

WHITAKER, J. H., M.D., R.U.I., Medical Superintendent of the Eastern Fever Hospital of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 5s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

BREWERTON.—On the 25th June, at 35, Portland Court, W., the wife of Elmore Brewerton, of 84, Wimpole Street, of a daughter.

RIGGALL.—On the 25th June, at "Woodcut," Maidstone Road, Chatham, the wife of Surgeon Robert M. Riggall, Royal Navy (H.M.S. *Dwarf*), of a daughter (Mary Hermione Anne).

DEATH.

BUXTON.—On June 26th, at Fazeley, Tamworth, Thomas Buxton L.R.C.P. and L.M., M.R.C.S., in his 60th year.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
JUNE.	
30 Fri.	London: Central Medical War Committee, 2.0 p.m. Buckinghamshire Division, Annual Meeting, Aylesbury, 4 p.m. Worcestershire and Herefordshire Branch, Annual Meeting, Droitwich, 3 p.m.; Worcester Division, Annual Meeting, 2 p.m.
JULY.	
5 Wed.	London: Central Medical War Committee, 2 p.m. Sussex Branch, Annual Meeting, Eastbourne, 2.30 p.m.
6 Thur.	Midland Branch, Annual Meeting, Derby, 3 p.m.
7 Fri.	London: Executive Subcommittee of Central Medical War Committee, 2.45 p.m.
12 Wed.	Southern Branch, Annual Meeting, Winchester, 2.30 p.m.
19 Wed.	Dorset and West Hants Branch, Summer Meeting, Weymouth, 3 p.m. Central Division, Birmingham Branch, Medical Institute, 3.30 p.m.
28 Fri.	ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 10 a.m., and following days as may be required.
29 Sat.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C., 2 p.m.