

or just over 50% direct representation, and these were turned down by the R.B. In addition, the overall size of Council, already increased at Harrogate from 66 to 72, is further inflated, and a rider is added to the effect that a member may now serve for more than six years by the same method of election.

The only constructive steps so far resulting from four months of deliberation, therefore, are the addition of two direct representatives (37 to 39), and the loss of one overseas member (7 to 6).

Consoled, as we may be, by the precedent created by the tortoise, we must nevertheless realize that, unlike Council, this efficiently constructed animal did get somewhere in the end, and even in sixteen months his progress would have been obvious. We are justified in assuming that neither the Organization Committee nor the Council itself is able to amend its constitution to conform to the will of the majority of the profession.

The answer, therefore, seems to be that if a Special Representative Meeting be called as a result of Winchester's latest memorandum it should, if necessary, form a committee of members *not* sitting on Council. This will be able to view the situation in its true perspective and carry out the instructions of the Representative Body adequately and with speed.—I am, etc.,

Winchester.

RONALD GIBSON.

## Association Notices

### TUBERCULOSIS AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST GROUP

As a result of the postal ballot held recently among members of the Tuberculosis and Diseases of the Chest Group the following members have been elected on the Group Committee: *London*.—C. K. Cullen, H. Ramsay. *Provinces*.—P. W. Edwards, J. E. Geddes, F. Ridehalgh, W. H. Tattersall, H. G. Trayer. *Wales*.—T. W. Davies. *Scotland*.—R. Y. Keers. *N. Ireland*.—J. Norris Whyte.

Members of the Association are reminded of the existence of this Group, which is composed of practitioners who in their work are primarily concerned with tuberculosis and diseases of the chest. Forms of application for membership may be obtained from the Secretary, at B.M.A. House.

### ADJUSTMENT OF AREAS OF THE SUTTON COLDFIELD AND WALSALL AND LICHFIELD DIVISIONS

Notice is hereby given by the Council of the following proposal:

That the Municipal Borough of Lichfield and the Civil Parish of Shenstone be transferred from the Walsall and Lichfield Division of the Staffordshire Branch to the Sutton Coldfield Division of the Midland Branch.

Any member or body affected by this proposal objecting thereto should write to the Secretary of the Association by December 31, 1949, stating the objection and the grounds therefor.

CHARLES HILL.  
Secretary.

December 3, 1949.

### Diary of Central Meetings

#### DECEMBER

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| 2 Fri.  | British Medical Guild Executive, 12 noon.   |
| 6 Tues. | Proprietary Medicines Committee ( <i>Provisional</i> ), 11 a.m.                     |
| 6 Tues. | Committee on Patenting in the Medical Field, 2 p.m.                                 |
| 6 Tues. | Orthopaedic Group Committee, 2 p.m.   |
| 7 Wed.  | Subcommittee <i>re</i> Medical Services Committee Procedure, 10.30 a.m.             |
| 7 Wed.  | Committee <i>re</i> Prescription of Tuberculosis, 2 p.m.                            |
| 7 Wed.  | Rural Practitioners' Subcommittee of the General Medical Services Committee, 2 p.m. |
| 7 Wed.  | War Memorial Committee, 2.30 p.m.   |
| 9 Fri.  | Medical War Relief Fund Committee, 2 p.m.   |
| 9 Fri.  | Ophthalmic Group Committee, 2 p.m.  |

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| 12 Mon.   | Psychological Medicine Group Committee, 2 p.m.   |
| 13 Tues.  | Central Ethical Committee, 2 p.m.                |
| 14 Wed.   | Drafting Subcommittee, 10.30 a.m.                |
| 14 Wed.   | Public Relations Committee, 2 p.m.               |
| 15 Thurs. | Publishing Subcommittee, 11 a.m.                 |
| 15 Thurs. | Charities Committee, 2 p.m.                      |
| 15 Thurs. | Journal Committee, 2 p.m.                        |
| 15 Thurs. | Radiologists Group Committee, 2 p.m.             |
| 16 Fri.   | Public Health Committee, 2 p.m.                  |
| 19 Mon.   | Armed Forces Committee, 2 p.m.                   |
| 21 Wed.   | Protection of Practices Subcommittee, 11.15 a.m. |
| 22 Thurs. | Assistants Subcommittee, 11 a.m.                 |
| 22 Thurs. | Occupational Health Committee, 2 p.m.            |

### Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

**CHELSEA AND FULHAM DIVISION.**—At Hammersmith Hospital, Ducane Road, London, W., Friday, December 9, 8.30 p.m., general meeting. Gynaecological and Obstetrics, questions and answers, etc. Medical friends are invited regardless of their Division.

**CITY DIVISION.**—At St. Leonard's Hospital, Nuttall Street, London, N., Tuesday, December 6, 8.30 p.m., election of officers, etc., for 1949-50; Dr. Philip Hamill, "The National Formulary and the Medical Practitioner."

**COVENTRY DIVISION.**—At Abbey Hotel, Kenilworth, Thursday, December 8, 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., B.M.A. dinner-dance.

**DARTFORD DIVISION.**—At Stone House, Stone, Dartford, Friday, December 9, 8.15 p.m., colour film: "Angina Pectoris." A discussion will follow, to be opened by Drs. G. B. Stratton and N. D. McCreath.

**DORSET DIVISION.**—Wednesday, December 7, 8.30 p.m., discussion on "The Rhesus Factor and Its Significance in Practice," to be opened by Dr. T. V. Cooper and Mr. D. R. Beaton.

**DUMBARTONSHIRE DIVISION.**—At Buchanan Arms, Drymen, Wednesday, December 7, 6.30 for 7 p.m., dinner-dance.

**EAST HERTS DIVISION.**—At Lister Hospital, Hitchin, Thursday, December 8, 8.45 p.m., Dr. Wilfred Stokes, "Treatment of Anuria"; Miss M. Moore White, "Some Points of Interest in the Treatment of Gynaecological Features in General Practice"; Dr. D. L. Gullick, "A Case of Carcinoma of the Bronchus"; Mr. A. G. Young, "Some Observations on the Problem of Duodenal Ulcer." Members of the South Bedfordshire Division are invited to attend the meeting.

**GUILDFORD DIVISION.**—At Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, Thursday, December 8, 7.30 p.m., clinical meeting.

**HALIFAX DIVISION.**—At Old Cock Hotel, Halifax, Friday, December 9, 8.30 p.m., informal supper and smoker.

**MANCHESTER DIVISION.**—At Midland Hotel, Manchester, Wednesday, December 7, 7.30 p.m., dinner, followed by medical ball held under the auspices of the Manchester Local Medical Committee and the Manchester Division. Dancing until 1 a.m. Tickets £1 5s. each.

**MID-ESSEX DIVISION.**—At Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, Wednesday, December 7, 7.30 for 8 p.m., dinner. Guest and speaker, Dr. E. R. Cullinan.

**MID-HERTS DIVISION.**—At Red Lion Hotel, St. Albans, Friday, December 9, 8.45 p.m., Dr. A. V. Kelynack (Assistant Secretary, B.M.A.): "The Present Position."

**MONMOUTHSHIRE DIVISION.**—At St. Mellons County Club, Monday, December 5, 8 p.m., annual dance and cabaret.

**NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.**—At the Red Lion Hotel, Atherstone, Tuesday, December 6, 8.45 p.m., Professor K. D. Wilkinson: "The Use and Abuse of New Therapeutic Remedies."

**REIGATE DIVISION.**—At Redhill County Hospital, Earlswood Common, Redhill, Tuesday, December 6, 8.30 p.m., Film: "Angina Pectoris."

**ROCHESTER, CHATHAM, AND GILLINGHAM DIVISION.**—At St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, Thursday, December 8, 8.30 p.m., lecture by Mr. L. Z. Cosin: "Continued Care of the Elderly." All medical practitioners in the area are invited.

**SCARBOROUGH DIVISION.**—At Cambridge Hotel, Scarborough, Friday, December 9, 7.30 for 8.15 p.m., annual dinner. Guests, both ladies and gentlemen, are welcome.

**SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.**—At Jersey Rooms, Red Lion Hotel, Hounslow, Thursday, December 8, 8.30 p.m., Dr. M. M. Deane: "The Treatment of Peptic Ulcer."

**WEST HERTS DIVISION.**—At Leavesden Hospital, Abbots Langley, Sunday, December 11, 10.30 a.m., clinical meeting.

**Correction.**—Our report of the meeting of the Council of the Faculty of Ophthalmologists (*Supplement*, November 19, p. 221) incorrectly indicated that many members considered Mr. E. G. Mackie's memorandum needed "considerable modification." It was the Terms and Conditions of Service of Hospital Medical Staff that was considered to need considerable modification.