

Retrospective Pay for Assistants

SIR,—In arranging for their retrospective remuneration by urging principals to pass on an appropriate proportion to them, the General Medical Services Committee has neglected the large body of assistants. The majority of assistants are taken on without a view to partnership or only with a possible view. As their chances of partnership recede into the distance, and this despite the fact that they have undertaken a large burden of the practice, they are constantly on the move from practice to practice looking for a position with better prospects. No principal is going to contact his previous assistants in order to pass on some back remuneration. The only ones with a chance of any retrospective pay are the assistants who were eventually taken on as partners; the remainder have got a raw deal.—I am, etc.,

London S.W.15.

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Association Notices**Diary of Central Meetings****OCTOBER**

- 25 Tues. Staff Side, Committee B, Medical Whitley Council, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tues. Joint Consultants Committee (to follow above).
- 25 Tues. Committee B, Medical Whitley Council, 2 p.m.
- 26 Wed. Council, 10 a.m.
- 27 Thurs. Compensation and Superannuation Committee, 2 p.m.
- 27 Thurs. Hospitals Subcommittee, General Medical Services Committee, 2 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Tues. Orthopaedic Group Committee, 2 p.m.
- 1 Tues. Alcohol and Road Accidents Committee, 2 p.m.
- 2 Wed. Medical Services Review Evidence Subcommittee, General Medical Services Committee, 10.30 a.m.
- 2 Wed. Practice Accommodation Subcommittee, General Medical Services Committee, 2 p.m.
- 3 Thurs. Joint Committee of the B.M.A. and the Magistrates' Association, 11 a.m.
- 3 Thurs. Subcommittee on the Status of Principals in Partnership, General Medical Services Committee, 2 p.m.
- 7 Mon. Armed Forces Committee, 2 p.m.
- 8 Tues. Joint Formulary Committee, 2 p.m.
- 17 Thurs. G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

ABERYSTWYTH DIVISION.—Saturday, October 29. (1) At Marine Hotel, Abergystwyth, 6 p.m., dinner. (2) At Bronpadarn, Llanbadarn, 8 p.m., Mr. Roy Thomas: "Eye Conditions in General Practice."

BARNSTAPLE DIVISION.—At North Devon Infirmary, Wednesday, October 26, 7.30 p.m., supper; 8.30 p.m., Dr. W. Rodger: "Modern Drug Therapy in Psychiatry and the Working of the New Act and Local Developments."

BRADFORD DIVISION.—At Medical Societies' Room, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, October 26, 8.15 p.m., Mr. G. A. Craig: "Winds of Change."

BRIGHTON AND MID-SUSSEX DIVISION.—At Preston Parish Church (St. John's), Sunday, October 23, 6.30 p.m., annual church service. Address by Bishop of Chichester.

CITY DIVISION.—At Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, London, E., Tuesday, October 25, 7 p.m., central group clinical meeting.

COVENTRY DIVISION.—At St. Thomas' Church, the Butts, Coventry, Sunday, October 30, 6.30 p.m., annual church service. Address by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Coventry.

DORSET DIVISION.—At Casterbridge Lounge, King's Arms Hotel, Dorchester, Friday, October 28, 8.30 p.m., general meeting. Talk by Dr. Hugh J. Glanville: "Rehabilitation of the Incapacitated and Injured." Dr. A. B. Coyer will explain the facilities available in the West Dorset area. Slides and a film will be shown.

EASTBOURNE DIVISION.—At Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne, Tuesday, October 25, 8.30 p.m., combined meeting with B.D.A. Address by Mr. T. G. Ward: "Facial Pain."

ESSEX BRANCH.—At Moby Dick Hotel, Whalebone Lane, near Romford, Saturday, October 29, 2.45 p.m., annual general meeting. Talk by Dr. David Lewis on his experiences in his single-handed voyage in the *Cardinal Vertue* in the transatlantic race. A sherry party, buffet supper, and informal dancing will follow. Guests invited.

GOOLE AND SELBY DIVISION.—At the White Elephant Hotel, Snaith, Thursday, October 27, 7.30 p.m., Mr. D. M. Keith: "Maternal Mortality."

MACCLESFIELD AND EAST CHESHIRE DIVISION.—At Bate Hall Hotel, Cheshiregate, Macclesfield, Wednesday, October 26, 8.30 p.m., talk by Mr. D. Lloyd Griffiths on his recent travel in the Far East (illustrated by slides). Wives and friends are invited.

MANSFIELD DIVISION.—At Maltby Hall, Victoria Hospital, Mansfield, Thursday, October 27, 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. Leslie Williams: "Changes in Obstetrics and Gynaecology Over the Last Forty Years." Members of Chesterfield and Nottingham Divisions are invited.

MID-CHESHIRE DIVISION.—At Lymm Hotel, Lymm, Wednesday, October 26, annual meeting. Preceded by dinner at 8 p.m.

OXFORD DIVISION.—At Rhodes House, South Parks Road, Oxford, Wednesday, October 26, 8.15 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Sir Basil Henriques: "Some Problems of the Juvenile Court."

PETERBOROUGH DIVISION.—At Great Northern Hotel, Wednesday, October 26, 8.30 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. A. A. Mason: "Position of Hypnotism in Medicine." A short film will also be shown.

ROCHDALE DIVISION.—At Wellington Hotel, Rochdale, Friday, October 28, 8 p.m., reception in residents' lounge; 8.30 p.m., dinner, followed by dance.

ST. PANCRAS DIVISION.—At Committee Room B, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C., Tuesday, October 25, 8.30 p.m., Dr. Richard de Alarcon: "Psychological Medicine in General Practice."

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—At Wanstead Hospital, Tuesday, October 25, 8.45 p.m., clinical demonstration on medical cases, with special reference to recent advances.

STOCKPORT DIVISION.—At Alma Lodge Hotel, Buxton Road, Stockport, Tuesday, October 25, 8.30 p.m., A.G.M.

SUTTON COLDFIELD DIVISION.—At Redcourt House, Tamworth Street, Lichfield, Friday, October 28, 8.45 p.m., clinical meeting.

SWINDON DIVISION.—At Goddard Arms, Swindon, Wednesday, October 26, 7.30 p.m., annual dinner and dance.

TOWER HAMLETS DIVISION.—At St. Andrew's Hospital, Devons Road, London E., Friday, October 28, 3 p.m., Dr. D. W. G. Smith: "Hypoglycaemic Agents."

TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—At the Lansdown Grove Hotel, Bath, Friday, October 28, 8 p.m., dinner dance. Friends invited.

WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—At Rembrandt Hotel, South Kensington, London S.W., Wednesday, October 26, 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., annual dinner-dance in conjunction with South-west London Medical Society.

WESTMORLAND DIVISION.—At Kendal Hotel, Friday, October 28, 8.30 p.m., supper dance in conjunction with B.D.A.

The annual general meeting of the S.H.M.O. Group (Welsh Branch) will take place at Cardiff B.M.A. Headquarters, 195 Newport Road, Cardiff, on Sunday, October 30, at 2.30 p.m.

Branch and Division Officers Elected

CROYDON DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. G. P. Baker. Vice-chairman, Dr. W. D. Glyn James. Chairman-elect, Dr. E. R. O. Spearing. Honorary Secretary, Dr. G. Hirst. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. L. Crouch. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. W. Hastings Hardy.

KENT BRANCH.—President, Dr. B. Halfpenny. Vice-president, Mr. W. E. Heath. President-elect, Dr. B. B. Hosford. Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. Elliott. Honorary Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Heath.

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND BRANCH.—President, Dr. A. MacMullan. President-elect, Dr. T. M. Gibson. Vice-president, Dr. G. Waring-Taylor. Honorary Secretary, Dr. G. L. Ward.

NORTH-WEST WALES DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. Noel Roberts. Vice-chairman, Dr. O. M. Pritchard. Honorary Secretary, Dr. W. J. Hughes.

SOUTH ESSEX DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. J. G. Fife. Vice-chairman, Dr. A. W. Hetherington. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. R. M. S. Matthews. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. J. W. Cuthbert.

SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—Chairman, Mr. Neville Taylor. Vice-chairman, Dr. St. G. B. D. Gray. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. Norman Jones.

STIRLING BRANCH.—President, Mr. R. G. Main. Vice-president, Mr. T. B. Russell. President-elect, Dr. R. T. Campbell. Honorary Secretary, Dr. J. E. Morrison.

WEST LOTHIAN DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. I. H. Thomson. Vice-chairman, Dr. G. M. Dewar. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. M. Gardiner.

ZAMBESI BRANCH.—President, Dr. F. A. Donnolly. Honorary Secretary, Dr. J. M. Allcock. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. P. R. S. Hodgson.

Correction.—In the report of the Special Representative Meeting (October 8) the word "comparative" was erroneously printed in the motion from Inverness moved by Dr. M. MACLEAN (p. 145). The word should have been "comparable."