

group clinical trial because they would cover the whole country for that disease, and the record envelopes would not be burnt. With the full facts plotted the campaign of attack could be mounted on a broad front.

How could this be done? Simply, I venture to suggest, by abolishing free choice of doctor, allotting each doctor a section of the population, providing the area covered by five doctors with a team of clerical and nursing auxiliaries, and by drawing up special records relating to the disease under survey. Data could be kept to a pattern and the work encouraged by fortnightly conferences with a doctor responsible for four such areas of five doctors and the facts elicited would be useful and statistically comparable. It is necessary only to realize and to admit that the doctor in the home is the most reliable source of information on disease and the one who sees the greatest number of any kind of illness, at any stage, in any year, in his area, even if the hospital sees a larger number of severe cases from a wider area.

A salaried service it might be, but the doctor would keep his independence, and, realizing his share in the common aim, would have a frame inside which to paint his portion of the community picture, feeling assured that within a set time the entire canvas would be covered and a creditable result achieved. It could put new life and interest into family medicine. What is really killing the general practitioner's interest in the N.H.S. is the realization that his work is a dead end, that nobody wants the end-product of his skills for any useful purpose. If the nation means seriously to encourage health standards the whole medical profession and its counterparts in Government would have to move together with a series of clear and specific objectives aimed at making the N.H.S. really effective and less expensive.—I am, etc.,

Crocketford, Dumfries. LEILA SUTHERLAND.

SIR.—May I, as one who has consistently advocated a salaried service since the early thirties, in spite of oceans of abuse, be allowed to sing my hallelujah? A resolution advocating its sober consideration has at last appeared in the agenda of the A.R.M. The case for a salaried service, which is luring thousands of new adherents from year to year, is bound to triumph in the end. It seems rather a pity that it should have taken 20 years of misery, frustration, and degradation before its realization should have been accepted.—I am, etc.,

Middleton, Lancs.

B. HIRSH.

Association Notices

ADJUSTMENT OF AREAS OF EAST SOMERSET AND WEST SOMERSET DIVISIONS

Notice is hereby given by the Council to all concerned of a proposal to transfer the municipal borough of Glastonbury and the civil parishes of Sharpham and Walton in the rural district of Shepton Mallet from the area of the East Somerset Division to the area of the West Somerset Division.

Any member affected by this proposal and objecting thereto is requested to write to the Secretary of the Association by September 7, 1963.

D. P. STEVENSON,
Secretary

Diary of Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER

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| 11 Wed. | Investigating Subcommittee (G.M.S. Committee), |
| | 10.30 a.m. |
| 12 Thurs. | Planning Subcommittee (G.M.S. Committee), |
| | 10.30 a.m. |
| 19 Thurs. | G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m. |

Her Majesty's Forces

Major-General W. J. Officer, C.B., C.B.E., Q.H.S., late R.A.M.C., has relinquished his appointment as Director of Medical Services, Far East Land Forces.

Major-General W. A. Robinson, O.B.E., Q.H.S., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Director of Medical Services, Far East Land Forces.

Major-General F. McLean Richardson, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., has been appointed Honorary Colonel, 51(H) Div./Dist., R.A.M.C., T.A., in an existing vacancy.

Brigadier W. B. F. Brennan, Q.H.P., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Deputy Director of Medical Services, Southern Command, and has been granted the temporary rank of Major-General.

Surgeon Captain T. B. Snell, V.R.D., R.N.R., has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen, in succession to Surgeon Captain R. W. Carslaw, V.R.D., R.N.R.

A *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* has announced the following awards:

Army Emergency Reserve Decoration.—Major K. W. N. Palmer, T.D.

Second Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Major (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel) W. S. C. Copeman, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., retired.

First Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Major (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel) W. S. C. Copeman, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., retired.

Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. McConnell and Major (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel) W. S. C. Copeman, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., retired.

ROYAL NAVY

Surgeon Commanders R. T. May, R. P. Phillips, O.B.E., P. W. Edmondson, and F. B. B. Weston to be Surgeon Captains.

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commanders R. S. Forrester, J. D. Stewart, J. G. H. Sheppard, G.M., K. P. O'Byrne, H. J. A. Hahn, and J. F. Ryan to be Surgeon Commanders.

ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commanders F. S. Preston, W. A. Copland, and A. J. R. Hudson to be Surgeon Commanders.

ARMY

Lieutenant-Colonels J. B. Plews, R. M. Henderson, and A. M. Buchanan, from R.A.M.C., to be Colonels.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Sanders has retired on retired pay.

Majors S. C. Blake, D. F. Conway, P. B. Lees, D. Russell, and T. S. Hart to be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major D. J. Grimsdell has relinquished his commission.

Captain D. I. Macnair to be Major.

R. J. Wawman to be Major.

Short Service Commissions.—Captains K. A. Boulton, M. J. Allan, W. R. Hesson, P. F. Brasher, J. I. King, W. A. Dalgleish, W. Wagstaff, and B. R. Lewis to be Majors.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major-Generals A. E. Campbell, C.B., and J. Huston, C.B., having attained the age limit, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

Major D. Phillips-Miles has relinquished his commission.

Short Service Commissions.—Majors J. I. King and R. F. Knight, from Active List, to be Majors.

Class III.—Major P. J. R. Walters, from Active List, to be Major.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captain (Acting Major) R. S. Kocen to be Major.

HER MAJESTY'S OVERSEAS CIVIL SERVICE

The following appointments have been announced: J. T. Anderson, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Health Adviser, Aden; J. A. P. Cameron, M.B., Ch.B., M.Ch.Orth., F.R.C.S. Ed., Surgeon, Antigua; P. B. Carslake, M.B., B.Chir., Medical Officer, Kenya; Miss I. E. Dobie, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.C.H., Medical Officer, Aden; J. A. W. Harris, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Uganda; J. J. G. Kneafsey, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., Medical Officer, Tanganyika; K. C. Li, M.D., and Miss J. MacDonald, M.D., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Medical Officers, Hong Kong; D. S. Nowlan, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., A. Pau, M.B., and Mrs. J. Pau, M.B., Medical Officers, Jamaica; J. P. O'Connor, L.R.C.P.&S.I. & L.M., Medical Officer, Swaziland; G. I. Shaw, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.&H., Locum Tenens, Medical Superintendent, Antigua; Chin Yun Yui, M.B., Medical Officer, St. Lucia.

Branch and Division Officers Elected

CITY OF ABERDEEN DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. F. D. Beddard. Vice-chairman, Dr. F. Rae. Honorary Secretary, Dr. C. Murray.

CLEVELAND AND MIDDLESBROUGH DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. J. N. Stirling. Vice-chairman, Mr. G. Fordyce. Chairman-elect, Mr. G. Parker. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. H. Kay. Assistant Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. B. V. Bowles.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.—President, Dr. R. G. Anderson. President-elect, Dr. H. G. Scott-Kerr. Vice-president, Mr. W. J. Wilkin. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. R. S. B. Rogers. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. J. E. Underwood.

HARROGATE DIVISION.—Chairman, Dr. N. V. Hepple. Vice-chairman, Dr. J. V. Wilson. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. T. H. Oglesby.

KENT BRANCH.—President, Dr. D. Kennedy. President-elect, Dr. T. S. Cochran. Vice-president, Dr. G. L. Brocklehurst. Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. Elliott. Honorary Treasurer, Mr. W. E. Heath.

Correction.—Dr. R. H. Davison (West Sussex) should have been reported as saying in the A.R.M. debate on "Prescription Charges" (*Supplement*, July 27, p. 71) that he had received a letter from the Ministry of Health and not that he had "talked to the Minister of Health" on the subject.