

of preregistration posts. It was held that they should be held within the curtilage of the medical school, and it was to be hoped that they would be planned so that no time would be wasted between appointments. By curtilage he meant something a little wider than the actual building, so that preregistration posts could exist in peripheral hospitals but within the field of activities of the medical school.

There had been some difference of opinion, said Dr. Maggs, on who should set the standards of training, and he thought that that should be the function of the Royal Colleges. A doctor on qualification should have a reasonable chance of finding a post within his capacity in which he could function effectively. To achieve that there would have to be an efficient personal advisory service. Dr. Maggs said he was also concerned about the suggestion that some hospitals might be graded according to the training facilities they offered. Training posts should exist only in hospitals where full training facilities were available.

Mr. SHIPMAN said he thought it was wrong that a doctor should "qualify" and then have to do another three years training and pass another examination before he could be on the vocational register. To ask a man to qualify twice was ridiculous. "If you do not think a man is ready to practise don't qualify him," he said.

The CHAIRMAN said that no decision had yet been made on a further examination. The next stage would be recommendations from the Royal Colleges when they had seen what the General Medical Council had in mind.

Dr. CAMERON said that vocational training in general practice was a new concept, and it must come about in phases. In his opinion, the preregistration period plus a further three years, two of them spent in general practice, seemed a reasonable time. In the European Community each country was now in the process of agreeing to standards of vocational training which would apply over the whole community.

The Committee agreed by a large majority that there should be a period of vocational training after prime qualification. No decision was reached on what the period should be.

The recommendations of the joint subcommittee were adopted.

Overseas Doctors

The Committee considered a draft Department of Health hospital circular on making the attachment scheme for overseas doctors compulsory. The Secretary of State had announced in July (*B.M.J.*, 2 August, p. 307) that he had decided to make assessment under the scheme compulsory before a doctor could

enter hospital employment, subject to exemptions for certain groups of doctors for whom the requirement would be inappropriate.

After some discussion, in which doubts were expressed about the practicability of the scheme, the Committee accepted the principle of compulsory attachment for overseas medical graduates, but found the draft memorandum unacceptable.

H.M. Forces

Major-General D. G. Levis, O.B.E., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen, in an existing vacancy.

Major-General J. M. Matheson, O.B.E., T.D., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, in an existing vacancy.

Brigadier A. F. H. Keatinge, M.C., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen, in an existing vacancy.

ROYAL NAVY ROYAL NAVAL RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander R. P. Phillips, V.R.D., has been placed on the Retired List.

ARMY

Major-General (Acting Lieutenant-General) Sir Norman G. G. Talbot, K.B.E., T.D., Q.H.S., late R.A.M.C., to be Lieutenant-General.

Brigadier J. M. Matheson, O.B.E., T.D., late R.A.M.C., to be Major-General.

Association Notices

Diary of Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER

- 22 Mon. Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (at 7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh), 10.45 a.m.
- 23 Tues. Staff Side, Committee C, Medical Whitley Council, 9.30 a.m., Full Committee C (at 41 Belgrave Square, London S.W.1), 11.15 a.m.
- 23 Tues. Scientific Programmes Panel (Board of Science and Education), 10.30 a.m.
- 24 Wed. Private Practice Committee, 10.30 a.m.
- 25 Thurs. Dispensing Working Group (G.M.S.), 10.30 a.m.
- 25 Thurs. General Purposes Committee, 10.30 a.m.
- 25 Thurs. Organization Committee, 12 noon.
- 25 Thurs. Executives of Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services and Hospital Junior Staff Group Council, 2 p.m.
- 26 Fri. Prizes, Research Awards, Fellowships Panel (Board of Science and Education), 11 a.m.
- 29 Mon. Board of Science and Education (at King's College Hospital Medical School, Denmark Hill, London S.E.5), 11 a.m.
- 30 Tues. Vocational Training Working Group (G.M.S.), 2 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 1 Wed. Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 a.m.
- 2 Thurs. Joint Formulary Committee, 10.30 a.m.
- 2 Thurs. Working Party on Pay Beds (J.C.C.), 2 p.m.
- 7 Tues. Nuffield Library Panel (Board of Science and Education), 2 p.m.
- 8 Wed. Council, 10 a.m.
- 9 Thurs. Hospital Junior Staffs Group Council, 10.30 a.m.
- 9 Thurs. Joint Committee of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association and the B.M.A. Psychological Group Committee, 11.30 a.m.
- 9 Thurs. Psychological Medicine Group Committee, 2 p.m.
- 9 Thurs. Vocational Training and Continuing Education Subcommittee (G.M.S.), 2 p.m.
- 14 Tues. Medical Education Panel (Board of Science and Education), 11 a.m.
- 14 Tues. Metropolitan Counties Branch Council, 2.30 p.m.
- 15 Wed. Journal Committee, 2 p.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

Members proposing to attend meetings marked ● are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.—At University Staff House, Wednesday, 24 September, 7.30 for 8 p.m., Burgundy supper evening.●

BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.—At East Cliff Court Hotel, Friday, 26 September, 7.30 for 8 p.m. supper meeting to receive report on Annual Representative Meeting, followed by chairman's address: "The Unmarried Mother in a Changing Society." Ladies are invited.●

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH.—Tuesday, 23 September, 7.30 p.m., jointly with Cambridge Medical Society, supper and visit to Chesterford Park Research Station.●

COVENTRY DIVISION.—At Postgraduate Centre, Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital, Tuesday, 23 September, 8 p.m., Mr. A. D. Barnes: "Present Position of Renal Transplantation."

MID-GLAMORGAN DIVISION.—At Seabank Hotel, Porthcawl, Thursday, 25 September, 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner meeting, and chairman's address by Dr. J. M. Cuthill: "The Moon, Man, and Madness." Guests are invited.●

NORTH BEDFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—(1) Wednesday, 24 September, visit to National Institute of Agriculture and Engineering, Silsoe. (Meet at Bedford Medical Institute, 2 p.m.) Ladies are invited.● (2) At Medical Institute, Thursday, 25 September, jointly with Bedford Medical Society, clinical meeting.

NORTH-EAST ULSTER DIVISION.—At Beach Hotel, Portballintrae, Sunday, 21 September, 3 p.m., annual general meeting.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH.—At 609 Ormeau Road, Belfast, Thursday, 25 September, 8.30 p.m., presidential address: "Medicine in Northern Ireland between the Wars 1919-39." Guests are invited.

ORKNEY DIVISION.—At Balfour Hospital, Kirkwall, Friday, 26 September, 3.30 for 4 p.m., B.M.A. lecture by Professor A. Mair: "Trends in Community Medicine."

TYRONE DIVISION.—At Board Room, Tyrone and Fermanagh Hospital, Omagh, Sunday, 28 September, 3 p.m., meeting of all doctors in County Tyrone to consider the Green Paper.

WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRAC, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—At Holmfild House, Wakefield, Thursday, 25 September, Dr. W. A. Weston: "Drug Addiction." (Preceded by dinner, 8 p.m.)

WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—At Putney Hospital, Tuesday, 23 September, 8 p.m., clinical meeting.

LEEDS REGIONAL HOSPITAL JUNIOR STAFFS GROUP.—At General Infirmary at Leeds, Thursday, 25 September, 8 p.m., annual general meeting.

Correction

S.H.M.O. Group Committee

The report of the first meeting of the S.H.M.O. Group Committee for this session (*Supplement*, 13 September, p. 109) contained three errors, which are regretted. The Chairman is Dr. N. Strang; information on category of employment had been received from 97% of S.H.M.O.s; and analysis had shown that 358 (63%) of S.H.M.O.s were in full-time employment.