

**"DOCTOR" SIGNS ON CARS**

During the early days of the war practitioners were encouraged to display "Doctor" signs on their cars, and such signs were distributed to practitioners through Local Medical War Committees for the purpose. This practice, although considered by some to be a form of indirect advertising, was advocated to meet the peculiar needs of the war. It was designed to ensure, at a time when the doctor's services might be urgently needed, that his car should be readily recognized, and to facilitate the easy movement of doctors engaged on their professional duties at a time when air-raids, petrol rationing, and the very real threats of invasion led to many restrictions on the free movement of members of the public.

"Doctor" signs have served their purpose. The situation they were designed to meet has changed, and there is no longer any reason why a practitioner should suffer any restriction on his movements. Therefore the Council of the Association has decided that the attention of the profession should be drawn to the fact that in its opinion the exhibition of "Doctor" signs on cars is no longer necessary or desirable.

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

JANUARY

9. Thurs. Publishing Subcommittee, 11 a.m.  
Journal Committee, 2 p.m.  
28. Tues. Special Representative Meeting, 10 a.m.  
29. Wed. Council, 10 a.m.

**Branch and Division Meetings to be Held**

**BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.**—At Boscombe Hospital, Sunday, Jan. 12, 3 p.m. Agenda: (1) Discussion on result of the Plebiscite. (2) Instruction of Representatives to Special Representative Meeting on Jan. 28. All medical practitioners in the area of the Division are invited.

**RICHMOND DIVISION.**—At Royal Hospital, Richmond, Friday, Jan. 10, 9 p.m. Mr. A. Dickson Wright: Hypertension in Relation to Surgical Practice.

**Meetings of Branches and Divisions****CARDIFF DIVISION**

On Nov. 27 Mr. C. Naunton Morgan, F.R.C.S., lectured at Cardiff on "Minor Diseases of the Rectum and Anal Canal." He mentioned the work of John Arderne in the 14th-15th centuries, whose teaching was subsequently forgotten or ignored to the detriment of the treatment of such an outstanding personage as Henry V. Fistula became fashionable in France during the 17th century following a successful operation on Louis XIV.

Mr. Naunton Morgan stressed the importance of the exact anatomy of the anal canal in relation to surgical treatment of fistulae and haemorrhoids, and particularly that of the ano-rectal ring as being the upper limit at which simple surgical laying open of fistulae could be safely undertaken, and also that this ring was the optimum site for the first injection of haemorrhoids. A painful thrombosed external haemorrhoid was easily removed with relief to the patient. Internal haemorrhoids were not painful unless complicated by thrombosis or infection, and there must be no active surgical interference under such circumstances.

**COVENTRY DIVISION**

An ordinary general meeting of the Division was held at the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital on Dec. 10. Dr. E. C. K. Kenderdine took the chair. Owing to unusually heavy fog in the area only fourteen members were present. They were handsomely rewarded for their attendance by an address, "The G.M.C.: Hitherto and Henceforth," delivered by Dr. R. Forbes, secretary of the Medical Defence Union. Dr. Forbes gave a historical sketch of the origin and early history of the G.M.C., and described its duties and the procedure adopted in disciplinary cases. He put forward some proposals for future legislation—e.g., that the Penal Committee and Disciplinary Body should be separate bodies, that the Disciplinary Body should have not more than twelve members, that all evidence should be on oath, that witnesses should be subject to subpoena, that complaints should be by affidavit, that no Government department should lay a complaint against a doctor except by statutory order, that damages and costs be made against an unsuccessful complainant, that there should be the right of appeal, and that there should be grades of punishment.

An enthusiastic vote of thanks on the motion of Dr. Rudland, seconded by Mr. Berrill, was accorded to Dr. Forbes.

**PORTSMOUTH DIVISION**

A general meeting of the Portsmouth Division was held on Dec. 5 at Southsea, with Mr. E. Cowper Tamplin, M.C., F.R.C.S., in the chair. Seventy-one members attended. Mr. A. Dickson Wright, F.R.C.S., gave an interesting address on "Phlebitis, Thrombosis, and Embolism."

**DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS, 58 Queen Anne Street, W.—Fri., 5 p.m. Dr. F. J. Folley: Lactation.

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE**

Section of History of Medicine.—Wed., 2.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. A. P. Cawadias: Clinical Science in the Light of History.

Section of Physical Medicine.—Wed., 4.30 p.m. Paper by Mr. T. Holmes Sellors: The Rehabilitation of Patients Following Chest Surgery.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL.**—Honorary Orthopaedic Surgeon, A. L. Eyre-Brook, M.S., F.R.C.S. Honorary Psychiatric Physicians, R. E. Hemphill, M.D., D.P.M., R. F. Barbour, M.B. F.R.C.P., D.P.M. Joint appointments at the Royal Hospital and with the City and County of Bristol: Honorary Physicians, A. M. G. Campbell, D.M., M.R.C.P., D. H. Davies, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P. Honorary Surgeons, W. Melville Capper, F.R.C.S., J. A. Pocock, F.R.C.S. Honorary Dermatologist, C. D. Evans, M.B., B.Ch.

HART, F. DUDLEY, M.D., M.R.C.P., Assistant Physician, Westminster Hospital.

LAMB, ADRIAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.O.M.S., Honorary Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Perth Royal Infirmary.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—The following appointment in the Council's mental health services is announced: Myra Beattie, M.D., Assistant Pathologist at Epsom Pathological Laboratory, West Park Hospital, Epsom.

MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, W.—Assistant Physician for Diseases of the Nervous System, M. Kremer, M.D., F.R.C.P. Anaesthetist, B. A. Sellick, M.B., B.S. D.A. Assistant Physicians, A. Kekwick, F.R.C.P., G. D. Hadley, M.D.

NEUBERT, FRANK R., M.D., D.O., D.O.M.S., Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon, General Hospital, Guernsey, Channel Islands.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, S.E.—Honorary Obstetric Physician, R. K. Bowes, M.D., M.S. F.R.C.S. Honorary Obstetric Physician to Out-patients, R. B. K. Rickford, F.R.C.S. Director of Radiotherapy, J. A. C. Fleming, M.B., Ch.B. F.R.C.S. Ed. Director of X-ray Department (Diagnostic), J. W. McLaren, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Honorary Assistant Physician to Skin Department, J. H. Wallace, M.D. Honorary Surgeon, R. H. O. B. Robinson, F.R.C.S. Honorary Surgeons to Out-patients, T. W. Mimpriss, F.R.C.S., R. W. Nevin, F.R.C.S. Honorary Orthopaedic Surgeon, G. Perkins, F.R.C.S. Honorary Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon, R. J. Furlong, F.R.C.S. Honorary Plastic Surgeon, R. J. V. Battle, M.Chir., F.R.C.S. Honorary Assistant Dental Surgeon, J. Howell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S. Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon, G. G. Penman, M.D., F.R.C.S. Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon to Out-patients, H. Ridley, M.D., F.R.C.S. Physician to Physiotherapy Department, J. Cyrilax, M.D. Honorary Anaesthetists, G. Bourne, M.B., B.Chir., W. D. Wylie, M.B. B.Chir.

SUNDERLAND ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Surgeons, H. B. L. Levy, M.S. Durh. F.R.C.S. Ed., D. A. Sanford, F.R.C.S. Assistant Surgeons, T. G. Lowden, F.R.C.S., J. A. Weir, F.R.C.S. Ed., J. M. H. Ross, F.R.C.S. Ed. Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon, E. W. Knowles, M.Ch.Orth., F.R.C.S. Ed. Medical Officer in charge of Physical Medicine, I. Cowan, M.B., Ch.B.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**

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**BIRTHS**

CROCKETT.—On Dec. 11, 1946, at B.M.H., Poona, to Joan, wife of Capt. G. S. Crockett, a daughter.

HARKINS.—On Dec. 22, 1946, at London, to Gwenda (née Williams), wife of Dr. Denis Harkins, a son—Patrick Davidson.

MORRIS.—On Dec. 20, 1946, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, to Ethel (née Banham), wife of Dr. E. K. Morris, a daughter—Elizabeth Diane.

RICHARDS.—On Dec. 15, 1946, to Ethel (née de Gomez), wife of Dr. E. Allway Richards, Flat 89, 6, Hall Road, St. John's Wood, N.W.8, a daughter.

WOOD.—On Dec. 21, 1946, at Oxford, to Mary, wife of Derek Wood, B.M. a son.

**MARRIAGE**

SOUTHERN—RAPHAEL.—On Dec. 16, 1946, in London, E. M. Southern, F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Surg.-Lieut., R.N.V.R.), to Miss Elizabeth Raphael.

**DEATHS**

BURKITT.—On Dec. 22, 1946, in Dublin, Roland Wilks Burkitt, F.R.C.S., late of Nairobi, Kenya, aged 74 years, after a long illness.

EDGERLEY.—On Dec. 21, 1946, at Menston, near Leeds, Catherine Mabel Edgerley, L.R.C.P. and S.E., officer of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, F.R.S.L., wife of Samuel Edgerley, M.D.

MATTHEW.—On Dec. 21, 1946, Frederick Crichton Matthew, M.D., F.R.C.S. St. Ives, Cornwall.

ROBERTSON.—On Dec. 17, 1946, at Church Street, Swadlincote, Elizabeth Ross (née Grant), wife of A. J. A. Robertson.

**Correction**

In the report of the Proceedings of Council (Dec. 21, p. 162) the list of names of general practitioners appointed by the Council to discuss child welfare problems with representatives of the Society of Medical Officers of Health was incorrect. It should have read: Drs. H. R. Frederick, F. Gray, E. A. Gregg, H. H. D. Sutherland, and J. G. Thwaites.