

Association Notices

ELECTION OF COUNCIL, 1957-8

The following are the results of the election of members of Council in those Groups where there were contests:

<i>Group 1</i> (North of England and Tees-side Branches)			
J. C. Arthur (Gateshead)	594	Elected	
I. M. Jones (Sunderland)	508	Elected	
J. W. Ridley (South Bank, Yorks) ..	316		
No. of voting papers issued	1,965		
No. returned	818		
Spoiled papers	4		
<i>Group 12</i> (Divisions of Metropolitan Counties Branch in Middlesex)			
W. Morgan Evans (Hounslow)	328		
A. N. Mathias (London, N.W.2)	394	Elected	
J. B. W. Rowe (Harrow)	334	Elected	
No. of voting papers issued	2,086		
No. returned	580		
Spoiled papers	9		
<i>Group 14</i> (City, South-west Essex, Stratford, and Tower Hamlets Divisions)			
D. G. Berry (London, E.9)	111		
J. A. Moody (Ilford, Essex)	242	Elected	
No. of voting papers issued	1,005		
No. returned	357		
Spoiled papers	4		
<i>Group 20</i> (Kent Branch)			
A. Barker (Whitstable)	385	Elected	
R. P. Liston (Tunbridge Wells)	158		
No. of voting papers issued	1,400		
No. returned	546		
Spoiled papers	3		

A. MACRAE,
Secretary.

The Council on May 8, under the authority given to it in By-law 62 (2), appointed W. B. Heywood-Waddington (Littlehampton) to fill the vacancy in Group 21 (Sussex Branch).

Diary of Central Meetings

MAY

21	Tues.	Amending Acts Committee, 2 p.m.	
23	Thurs.	Central Consultants and Specialists Executive Committee, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.	
23	Thurs.	Central Ethical Committee, 10.30 a.m.	
24	Fri.	Assistants and Young Practitioners Subcommittee, G.M.S. Committee, 2 p.m.	
31	Fri.	S.R.M. Agenda Committee, 10.30 a.m.	

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

ALDERSHOT AND FARNHAM DIVISION.—At Northfield Hospital, Aldershot, Thursday, May 23, 8.30 p.m., special meeting. All medical practitioners in the area of the Division are invited.

BARNSELY DIVISION.—At Queen's Hotel, Barnsley, Monday, May 20, 8.30 p.m., meeting of all medical practitioners in the area of the Division.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION.—At Botanical Gardens, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Thursday, May 23, 7.30 for 8 p.m., dinner; 9 p.m., annual dance.

BRADFORD DIVISION.—At Medical Societies' Room, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, May 22, 8.30 p.m., special meeting of all medical practitioners in the area of the Division.

CITY DIVISION.—At Committee Room C, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C., Tuesday, May 21, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting. Dr. A. Talbot Rogers: "Controversial Issues in the N.H.S." Any B.M.A. Members, but especially those of St. Pancras Division, are invited, together with spouses or other guests.

CROYDON DIVISION.—At St. Peter's Hall, Ledbury Road, S. Croydon, Friday, May 24, 8.30 p.m., general meeting to be held in conjunction with Croydon Local Medical Committee. All medical practitioners in the area of the Division are invited.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY DIVISION.—At Caley Hotel, Gatehouse of Fleet, Sunday, May 19, 3 p.m., annual general meeting. Address by Professor John Bruce: "Impressions of my Russian Visit, 1956." Members' wives and friends are invited.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION.—At Nurses' Home, Kingston Hospital, Wolverson Avenue, Kingston-on-Thames, Tuesday, May 21, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

MAIDSTONE DIVISION.—At Old Barn, Sandling, near Maidstone, Wednesday, May 22, 8.30 p.m., clinical meeting. Dr. P. N. Swift: "The Acute Chest in the Child."

MANCHESTER DIVISION.—At the Fallowfield Hotel, Wilbraham Road, Manchester, Tuesday, May 21, 8.30 p.m., A.G.M.

NORTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—At Committee Room, North Middlesex Hospital, Silver Street, Edmonton, N., Tuesday, May 21, 8.45 p.m., annual general meeting.

NORTH STAFFS DIVISION.—At Grand Hotel, Hanley, Tuesday, May 21, supper meeting. Talk by Mr. B. S. Carter: "Deafness in the Pre-school Child."

OXFORD DIVISION.—At Ashurst Clinic, Littlemore, Oxford, Wednesday, May 22, 8.15 p.m., meeting. Symposium: "Preventive Psychiatry." Discussion to be opened by Dr. R. W. Armstrong.

SALISBURY DIVISION.—At Obstetric and Gynaecological Waiting-room, Salisbury General Hospital, Thursday, May 23, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting, preceded by general meeting of all medical practitioners in the area of the Division.

SHEFFIELD DIVISION.—At General Lecture Theatre, No. 1, Sheffield University, Tuesday, May 21, 8 p.m., meeting of all medical practitioners in the area of the Division; 9 p.m., Divisional meeting.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—At Board Room, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, Thursday, May 23, 8.30 p.m., joint meeting with Salop Local Medical Committee.

SOUTH STAFFS DIVISION.—At Medical Lecture Hut, Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, Tuesday, May 21, 8.30 p.m., general meeting, jointly with Wolverhampton Local Medical Committee.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—At Gelli Aur (Golden Grove) Farm Institute, Carmarthenshire, Thursday, May 23, 3 p.m., social meeting for members and their ladies.

TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—At Roundway Hospital, Devizes, Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m., annual general meeting.

WEST HERTS DIVISION.—At Crown Hotel, Garston, Wednesday, May 22, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

WIGAN DIVISION.—At Lewis's Restaurant, Wallgate, Wigan, Friday, May 24, annual general meeting.

YORK DIVISION.—At York Medical Society's Rooms, 23, Stonegate, York, Saturday, May 25, 8 p.m., joint meeting with York Local Medical Committee, to which all medical practitioners in the area of the Division are invited, followed by annual general meeting for members only.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

MOMBASA DIVISION

A meeting was held at the Pandya Memorial Clinic on March 14, 1957. Dr. Haynes was in the chair and 16 members were present. Dr. Rosenwald gave an address on "Co-operation Between the Public Health Department and the Medical Practitioner."

SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION

A meeting was held at Peel Hospital on March 10, 1957. Dr. A. Y. Adam was in the chair, and 48 members were present. A resolution was passed by 47 votes to 1: "(1) That this Division views with grave concern the Government's decision to set up a Royal Commission to examine the remuneration of doctors in the National Health Service. (2) That the publication of the conclusions of such a Royal Commission is likely to be delayed for a matter of years, during which time the financial hardships of many members of the profession will remain unrelieved. (3) That the conclusions of the Royal Commission, whether favourable or unfavourable to the profession, would not exonerate the Government from honouring its present obligations to the profession, based on the Spens Report, by which both the profession and the Government are morally bound. (4) That this Division will support any decisions of the British Medical Association aimed at expediting the present just claims of the profession."

Corrections.—The solicitors to the Emergency Call Service have informed us that the references (*Supplement*, April 13, p. 166, and April 20, p. 213) to "an emergency call service organized on commercial lines in the London area," and to "deputizing arrangements . . . organized on a commercial basis," have led people to believe that the Emergency Call Service is a body carrying on business for profit. By its constitution the Emergency Call Service cannot distribute profits to its members, and any surplus profits not required for reserves must go to charity. We take this opportunity of expressing our regret for any inconvenience which our reference may have occasioned.

In the report of the Special Representative Meeting (*Supplement*, May 11, p. 249), Dr. R. P. Liston's motion reported under the heading "Deferment of Decision" as "That this Meeting invites Council to call meetings of all Divisions . . ." should read "That this Meeting instructs Council . . ." The motion on behalf of Tunbridge Wells under "Review of National Health Service" instructing Council to reinvestigate the introduction of an independent British Medical Service was moved by Dr. C. Glaisher and not Dr. R. P. Liston.