

**Hospital Dental Staffing**

SIR,—I am chairman of a committee which has been set up by the Secretary of State for Scotland with the following terms of reference: "To review the dental staffing structure in Scottish hospitals in the light of the principles set out in the report of the joint working party on the medical staffing structure in the hospital service; and to make recommendations about the organization of the dental staffing in each hospital region on the number, type, and distribution of posts required."

The setting up of this committee follows the agreement between the Government and the dental profession to apply the principles of the Platt report of 1961 to hospital dental staffing. The committee is now beginning its deliberations, and I am writing in the hope that you will allow me to use your columns to issue a general invitation to your readers to submit written evidence to the committee on any aspect of hospital dental staffing. All evidence submitted will receive the closest attention from the committee. Evidence should be sent to: G. R. Wilson, Esq., Secretary to the Dental Review Committee, Room 407, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1.—I am, etc.,

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Chairman, Dental Review Committee.

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

## JUNE

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| 26 | Wed.   | Planning Subcommittee (G.M.S. Committee), 10.30 a.m.                    |
| 26 | Wed.   | Tuberculosis and Diseases of the Chest Group (at Cambridge), 5 p.m.     |
| 27 | Thurs. | Central Consultants and Specialists Committee, 10.30 a.m.               |
| 27 | Thurs. | Subcommittee on Senior Casualty Officers (C.C. and S.C.), 5 p.m.        |
| 28 | Fri.   | Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Group Committee, 2 p.m. |

## JULY

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| 3  | Wed.   | Adjourned Annual Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees, 10 a.m.    |
| 3  | Wed.   | Special Conference of Representatives of Local Medical Committees, 11.30 a.m.          |
| 4  | Thurs. | General Medical Services Committee, 10.30 a.m.   |
| 5  | Fri.   | Welsh Committee (in Board Room, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury), 2.15 p.m.          |
| 10 | Wed.   | <b>Annual Representative Meeting</b> (at Oxford), 10 a.m.                              |
| 11 | Thurs. | <b>Annual Representative Meeting</b> (at Oxford), 9.30 a.m.                            |
| 12 | Fri.   | <b>Annual Representative Meeting</b> (at Oxford), 9.30 a.m.                            |
| 12 | Fri.   | Ophthalmic Group Committee, 2 p.m.   |
| 13 | Sat.   | <b>Special Representative Meeting</b> (at Oxford), 9.30 a.m.                           |
| 13 | Sat.   | <b>Annual Representative Meeting</b> (at Oxford) at conclusion of S.R.M.               |
| 13 | Sat.   | <b>Council</b> (at Oxford) (on conclusion of A.R.M.).                                  |
| 15 | Mon.   | <b>Adjourned Annual General Meeting and President's Address</b> (at Oxford), 8.45 p.m. |

**Branch and Division Meetings to be Held**

*Honorary Secretaries of Branches and Divisions are asked to send notices of meetings to the Editor at least 14 days before they are to be held.*

**ARMAGH AND WEST DOWN DIVISION.**—At Savoy Café, West Street, Portadown, Tuesday, June 25, 8.30 p.m., annual meeting, followed by supper. Ladies are invited.

**BRIGHTON AND MID-SUSSEX DIVISION.**—At Dudley Hotel, Hove, Tuesday, June 25, 8.30 p.m., meeting to consider agenda of Annual Representative Meeting and instruction of Representatives.

**CAMBERWELL DIVISION.**—Thursday, June 27, annual summer outing, visit to May and Baker, Ltd., 11.45 a.m., coach will leave St. Olave's Hospital, Lower Road, Rotherhithe, for lunch at Railway Hotel, Dagenham, followed by tour of works. Guests are invited.

**CARDIFF DIVISION.**—At B.M.A. House, 195 Newport Road, Cardiff, Tuesday, June 25, 8 p.m., annual general meeting.

**EASTBOURNE DIVISION.**—At Red Lion, Willingdon, Tuesday, June 25, 8.30 p.m., meeting to consider agenda for Annual Representative Meeting.

**EAST NORFOLK DIVISION.**—At Green Lounge, Bell Hotel, Norwich, Wednesday, June 26, 8.15 for 8.30 p.m., consideration of A.R.M. Agenda and Instruction of Representatives.

**EAST YORKSHIRE BRANCH.**—At 68 Park Street, Hull, Wednesday, June 26, 7.30 p.m., supper. 8.30 p.m., meeting. Consideration of A.R.M. Agenda and Instruction of Representatives.

**HEREFORD DIVISION.**—At Board Room, County Hospital, Hereford, Saturday, June 29, 8.30 p.m., special meeting to consider Report of Council on Report of Joint Working Party on General Medical Practitioners' Remuneration, and instruction of Representatives to Special Representative Meeting.

**HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.**—At Board Room, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Monday, June 24, 8.15 p.m., meeting to consider Agenda for Annual Representative Meeting.

**METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.**—At B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C., Tuesday, June 25 (*change of date*), 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting. Presidential Address by Dr. A. N. Mathias: "With Head and Heart and Hand."

**MID-ESSEX DIVISION.**—At Army and Navy Hotel, Chelmsford, Wednesday, June 26, 8 p.m., meeting to consider agenda for Annual Representative Meeting and instruction of Representatives.

**MID-HERTS DIVISION.**—At Medical Staff Centre, St. Albans City Hospital, Normandy Road, Friday, June 28, 8.45 p.m., annual general meeting.

**NORWICH DIVISION.**—At the Museum, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Tuesday, June 25, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

**NOTTINGHAM DIVISION.**—(1) At 64 St. James's Street, Wednesday, June 26, 8 p.m., annual general meeting. (2) At Mapperley Hospital, Porchester Road, as guests of the Hospital, Thursday, June 27, 11.15 for 11.45 a.m., ward round; 1 p.m., luncheon, followed by Dr. Duncan MacMillan: "The 1959 Mental Health Act."

**SALISBURY DIVISION.**—At Cuckoo Pen, Porton, Thursday, June 27, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

**SOUTH-EAST ESSEX DIVISION.**—At Lindisfarne School, Saturday, June 29, 3 to 6 p.m., B.M.A. Annual Children's Party.

**SOUTH ESSEX DIVISION.**—At Unicorn Hotel, Gidea Park, Friday, June 28, 8.30 for 9 p.m., annual general meeting.

**SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.**—At Dynevor Castle, Llandeilo, Thursday, June 27, 3 p.m., annual garden party and social meeting.

**SUFFOLK BRANCH.**—At Royal Yacht Club, Lowestoft, Thursday, June 27, 12.30 p.m., annual general meeting; 1.15 p.m., lunch.

**TEES-SIDE BRANCH.**—At Billingham Arms Hotel, The Causeway, Billingham, Thursday, June 27, 7.30 p.m., annual general meeting; 8.30 p.m., dinner.

**TOWER HAMLETS DIVISION.**—At St. Andrew's Hospital, London E., Friday, June 28, 3 p.m., Dr. D. W. G. Smith: "Recent Advances in Medicine."

**WEST SUSSEX DIVISION.**—At 2 Longfellow Road, Worthing, Sunday, June 23, 3 p.m., general meeting to consider instruction of Representatives to Annual Representative Meeting.

**WINCHESTER DIVISION.**—At Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Wednesday, June 26, 8.45 p.m., general meeting to consider agenda and motions for Annual Representative Meeting.

**YORKSHIRE BRANCH.**—At Whiteley's Restaurant, Westgate, Huddersfield, Thursday, June 27, 2.15 p.m., annual general meeting. Mr. F. W. Shepherd: "Planning the New Hospital." Ladies are invited.

**Meetings of Branches and Divisions**

**LANARKSHIRE DIVISION.**—The annual general meeting of the Division was held on May 13 at Strathclyde Hospital, Motherwell. Dr. H. R. F. Macdonald was in the chair and 40 members were present. A B.M.A. Lecture was given by Mr. N. J. Blockey, who spoke on "Early Diagnosis of Congenital Dislocation of the Hip."

**ROTHERHAM DIVISION.**—A meeting of the Rotherham Division was held at the Crown Hotel, Rotherham, on April 23. Dr. J. G. Latimer was in the chair and 21 members were present. Mr. Paul Vaughan (Chief Press Officer, B.M.A.) gave an address on "The Doctor's Image."

**Branch and Division Officers Elected**

**ALDERSHOT AND FARNHAM DIVISION.**—Chairman, Dr. E. M. Town-Jones. Vice-chairman, Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Scriven. Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. L. Leigh Silver. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. B. Winchurch.

**SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.**—President, Dr. S. Davies. President-elect, Dr. C. E. G. Gill. Honorary Secretaries, Dr. J. E. Crane, Dr. D. H. Jones. Honorary Treasurer, Professor G. I. Strachan.

**Correction.**—In paragraph 15 of the report of the Council on the report of the Joint Working Party on general medical practitioners' remuneration (*Supplement*, June 8, p. 266) it was stated that "the new 1963-4 Pool . . . exceeds the 1962-3 Pool by £7.6m. . . ." The Council report should have stated that it was the 1960-1 Pool that the 1963-4 Pool exceeded by £7.6m.