offered in one year cannot be accepted in any subsequent year unless it includes evidence of further work. A previous prize winner is not precluded from entering. If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of the candidate or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council on any such point shall be final.

Preliminary notice of entry for this competition is required on a form of application to be obtained from the Secretary. Each entry must be typewritten or printed on one side of the paper only, and accompanied by a note of the candidate’s name and address. No definite limits are laid down as to the length of essays, but the Council anticipates that, for this competition, essays should consist of between 3,000 and 10,000 words. Inquiries relative to the prize should be addressed to the Secretary.

PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION FOR PROVISIONALLY REGISTERED PRACTITIONERS, 1957

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider the award, in 1957, of prizes to provisionally registered practitioners for essays submitted in open competition. The subject of the essay is: "Medicine is an Art as well as a Science."

In awarding the prizes due regard will be given to evidence of personal observation and experience. No study or essay that has previously appeared in the medical press or elsewhere will be considered eligible for a prize.

Any provisionally registered practitioner in the pre-registration year at the time of submission of the essay is eligible to compete for a prize. If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of a candidate or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council of the British Medical Association shall be final. Should the Council decide that no essay entered is of sufficient merit, no award will be made. At least one prize of £30 is offered. In determining the number of prizes to be awarded, the Council will take into consideration the number and standard of essays received. Essays must not exceed 5,000 words, and must be typewritten or legibly written in the English language on foolscap paper, on one side only, must be unsigned, and must be accompanied by a note of the name and address of the entrant. Notice of entry for this competition is necessary and a form of application can be obtained from the undersigned.

Essays must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary of the British Medical Association not later than January 31, 1957. Inquiries relative to the competition should be addressed to the Secretary, British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

KATHERINE BISHOP HARMAN PRIZE

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider an award of the Katherine Bishop Harman Prize in the year 1957. The value of the prize is £75. The purpose of the prize, founded in 1926, is the encouragement of study and research directed to the diminution and avoidance of the risks to health and life that are apt to arise in pregnancy and child-bearing. It will be awarded for the best contribution submitted in open competition, competitors being left free to select the work they wish to present, provided this falls within the scope of the prize. Any registered medical practitioner in (a) the British Commonwealth and Empire or the Republic of Ireland, and (b) any member of the British Medical Association wherever resident is eligible to compete.

Should the Council of the Association decide that no contribution submitted is of sufficient merit, the prize will not be awarded in 1957, but will be offered again in the year next following this decision and in this event the money value of the prize on the occasion in question shall be such proportion of the amount of £75 as the Council shall determine. The decision of the Council will be final.

Each contribution must be typewritten or printed in the English language, and must be accompanied by a detachable slip bearing the candidate’s name and address. The Council anticipates that contributions should be between 3,000 and 10,000 words, although no definite limits are laid down. Preliminary notice of entry is required and a form for this purpose can be obtained from the Secretary. Entries must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, not later than December 31, 1956. Inquiries relative to the prize should be addressed to the Secretary.

PRIZE ESSAY COMPETITION FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS, 1957

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to consider the award, in 1957, of prizes to medical students for essays submitted in open competition. The subject of the essay is: "The Medical Student and Research—Past Achievements and Present Opportunities."

Any medical student who is a registered member of a medical school in the United Kingdom, Commonwealth and Empire, or the Republic of Ireland at the time of submission of the essay is eligible to compete for a prize. Previous prize winners are eligible for a second award. If any question arises in reference to the eligibility of a candidate or the admissibility of his or her essay, the decision of the Council of the British Medical Association shall be final. Should the Council decide that no essay entered is of sufficient merit, no award will be made. The prizes offered will normally be of the value of £25, but, in determining the number and exact amount of prizes to be awarded, the number and standard of essays received will be taken into consideration by the Council, which reserves the right to vary the number and amount of the prizes.

Essays must not exceed 5,000 words, and must be typewritten or legibly written in the English language on foolscap paper, on one side only, must be unsigned, and must be accompanied by a note of the name and address of the entrant. Notice of entry for this competition is necessary and a form of application can be obtained from the undersigned.

Essays must be forwarded so as to reach the Secretary of the British Medical Association not later than January 31, 1957. Inquiries relative to the competition should be addressed to the Secretary, British Medical Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

A. MACRAE,
Secretary.

Diary of Central Meetings

SEPTEMBER

5 Wed. Coal Gas Poisoning Subcommittee, Science Committee, 2 p.m.
12 Wed. Occupational Health Committee, 10 a.m.
19 Wed. Emergency Call Subcommittee, G.M.S. Committee, 2 p.m.
20 Thurs. G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE DIVISION.—At Board Room, Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa, Thursday, August 30, 8 p.m., annual general meeting.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

SALISBURY DIVISION

The annual general meeting was held at Salisbury Infirmary on June 22, 1956. The following officers were elected:

Chairman.—Dr. J. C. Brown.
Vice-chairman.—Dr. A. L. Leigh Silver.
Secretary.—Dr. I. E. Jameson.
Treasurer.—Dr. P. S. Allenby.
Public Relations Secretary.—Dr. G. W. Newton Dunn.

SOUTH ESSEX DIVISION

The annual general meeting was held on June 1 at the White Hart Hotel, Romford. Dr. W. J. Smither was in the chair. The following officers were elected:

Chairman.—Dr. W. J. Smither.
Vice-chairman.—Dr. P. S. Steen.
Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.—Dr. J. Fife.

Correction.—The report in the Supplement (May 12, p. 280) of the Award by the Industrial Court of an increase of £75 in the remuneration of S.H.M.Os. should have stated that it was operative from April 26, 1956, the date of the Award, not as stated, from April 13, the date of the hearing by the Court.