that they contained members who were not members of the B.M.A.—which produced a kind of independence adding to the division between general practitioners and hospital doctors—they were also large.

Dr. Fagan said that while the report gave an excellent impression of what was wrong with the B.M.A., and he supported this, he was not too happy about the proposed solution. He was unhappy that junior staff representation should be elected by the A.R.M. He would prefer the election of junior staff members to be done by junior staff.

Turning to the proposals for a Central Executive and the central committees, he did not like a small number of committees taking decisions without a proper infrastructure. When the juniors' and the consultants' interests were opposed, the result would depend upon a straight vote in the committee. The juniors would need a three-line whip on every member on each of the committees, which would prove very difficult.

He would be sorry to see regional representation lost, because regions had different problems. Then there was the problem of feedback, because even with the present structure one of the major complaints about the B.M.A. was that nothing was heard out in the periphery. Unless there was some great improvement in the lines of communication, doctors would have less knowledge of what was going on in other areas of the B.M.A. than at present.

**Report Accepted**

The Group Council adopted a resolution that the Report on the Constitution and Organization of the B.M.A. by Sir Paul Chambers be accepted and implemented.

**Corrections**

**Scottish Council**

In the last paragraph of the report on the Scottish Council meeting of 16 May reference was made to the recommendation of the Scottish G.M.S. Committee for a separate Argyll Health Board. It was not made clear that the proposed board would include the Isle of Bute.

**Association Notices**

**Election of Council 1972-3**

The result of the election of members of Council in constituencies where there were contests is given below. The professional category of each candidate is indicated. The names of the candidates who were returned unopposed are published in the Supplement to the B.M.J. on 29 April 1972.

**RESULTS**

(Constituencies are defined in terms of hospital regions.)

**Constituency No. 4. (Newcastle, Leeds, Sheffield.)**

- W. P. Lambie, Sheffield (G.P.) .... 1,316 Elected
- H. Fidler, Shipley (G.P.) .... 1,145 Elected
- H. L. Learning, Middlesbrough (Hospital) .... 1,050 Elected
- H. G. H. Richards, Lincoln (Hospital) .... 969
- C. J. Bolt, Melton Mowbray (G.P.) .... 897

**Constituency No. 8. (South-East Metropolitan, South-West Metropolitan.)**

- L. J. Beynon, Brighton (G.P.) .... 1,212 Elected
- W. J. Appleyard, Canterbury (Hospital) .... 1,172 Elected
- J. C. Oakley, Gravesend (G.P.) .... 966 Elected
- E. B. Lewis, Hythe, Kent (Hospital) .... 934
- H. Gordon, Long Ditton (Public Health) .... 647

**Constituency No. 12. (Birmingham.)**

- A. C. Houghton, Birmingham (G.P.) .... 359 Elected
- H. M. White, Bromsgrove (G.P.) .... 306
- B. Hyde, Stafford (G.P.) .... 230

**Derek Stevenson, Secretary**

**Diary of Central Meetings**

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**22 Thurs.** Armed Forces Subcommittee on Civilian Medical Practitioners, 1 p.m.

**23 Fri.** Mental Health Group, A.G.M. and Conference, 10 a.m.

**23 Fri.** Full-time Medical Teachers and Research Workers Committee, 11 a.m.

**23 Fri.** Panel on Audio Visual Communication (Board of Science and Education), 12 noon.

**23 Fri.** Future Exhibitions Subpanel (Board of Science and Education), 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 Birtsmorton Court, near Malvern, Saturday, 17 June, 7 p.m., evening party.*

**Harrow and Hillingdon Division**—At Grims Dyke Country Hotel, Old Reddings, Harrow Weald, Friday, 23 June, 7.30 for 8 p.m., dinner. Guests are invited.*

**Lichfield, Sutton Coldfield and Tamworth Division**—At Belfry Hotel, Whishaw, Friday, 16 June, 8 for 8.30 p.m., summer ball.*

**Rochdale Division**—Combined meeting with Bateman Centre, Monday, 12 June, Dr. G. F. W. Hossack: "The Progress of the Abortion Act."

**South Middlesex Division**—At Skinde's Hotel, Maidenhead, Saturday, 17 June, 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., summer ball. * (Guests are invited.)

**Branch and Division Officers Elected**

**Buckinghamshire Division**—Chairman, Sqn. Ldr. A. Broughton. Vice-chairman, Dr. J. J. A. Reid. Honorary Secretary, Dr. C. D. Campbell. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. J. A. Chappell.

**Blackburn Division**—Chairman, Dr. C. K. Heffernan. Vice-chairman and Chairman-elect, Dr. A. D. Cassidy. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. M. Hardman Lea.

**Dewsbury Division**—Chairman, Dr. H. F. Davies. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. R. Stephenson.

**Leicestershire Division**—Chairman, Dr. S. S. Rowell. Vice-chairman, Dr. M. F. Hyatt. Honorary Secretary, Dr. P. Meisner. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. Joan Latham.

**Mauritius Branch**—President, Dr. G. Lincoln. Vice-president, Dr. P. Coucaud. Honorary Secretary, Dr. D. Dyall. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. R. Beresford.

**North Lancashire and Westmorland Branch**—President, Dr. P. R. Duncan. Vice-presidents, Mr. P. Dewhurst and Mr. A. Strachan. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. M. Thomas.

**Plymouth Division**—Chairman, Professor R. J. Brocklehurst. Chairman-elect, Mr. M. C. T. Reilly. Honorary Secretary, Dr. J. P. Grier. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. J. N. Morris. Assistant Honorary Secretary, Dr. K. J. Clapton.

**Scarborough Division**—Chairman, Dr. J. Greenan. Chairman-elect, Dr. J. Spence. Vice-chairman, Dr. S. E. Jackson. Honorary Secretary, Dr. C. A. Price. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. P. S. Fox. (This is a correction.)

**Southampton Division**—Chairman, Mr. Heber Langston. Chairman-elect, Dr. H. Malone. Vice-chairman, Dr. H. Macdonald. Honorary Secretary, Dr. Catherine Atkins. Honorary Treasurer, Dr. M. Gilbert.

**Walsall Division**—Chairman, Dr. M. H. Dale. Vice-chairman, Dr. A. J. Guy. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. D. S. Hunday.

**West Bromwich and Wednesley Division**—Chairman, Dr. H. O. M. Best. Vice-chairman, Dr. D. Beveridge. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. W. C. Crawford.