N.H.S. Doctors' Pay: New Case for the Review Body

The Joint Evidence Committee of the B.M.A. has met on two occasions to consider the evidence to be put to the Review Body on N.H.S. doctors' and dentists' remuneration for an interim pay increase (17 August, p. 479). Written evidence will be submitted shortly, and the B.M.A. has asked for a meeting with Lord Halsbury in the near future. Those present at the 14 August meeting were: Mr. Walpole Lewin, Chairman of Council; Dr. R. A. Keable-Elliott, Chairman, General Medical Services Committee, with Dr. J. G. Ball, Dr. W. Keith Davidson, Dr. J. H. Marks, and Mr. C. J. Wells; Dr. C. E. Ashley, Chairman, Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services, with Mr. A. H. Grabham, Chairman of the Negotiating Subcommitte, and Mr. A. Parkes; Dr. B. G. Gretton-Watson, and Dr. J. Revans, Central Committee for Community Medicine; and Dr. D. Bell, Hospital Junior Staffs' Group Council.

Association Notices

Petition for the Formation of a Group to Represent the Interests of Doctors Specializing in the Field of Casualty Work.

The following petition for the formation of a Group to represent the interests of doctors specializing in the field of casualty work has been addressed to the Council:

"At the Annual General Meeting of the Casualty Surgeons Association on 4 April 1974, at which 71 members were present, a motion, asking for a request to be made to the Council of the B.M.A. to form a Special Group to represent the interests of doctors specializing in the field of casualty work, was carried without dissension.

"In the course of discussions it was pointed out that this Association now had 200 members, of whom 90 were consultants in charge of, or with a special interest in, casualty departments, and that the Association was representative of at least two-thirds of the major departments in the country."

"The Association was anxious to negotiate, for example, the following matters:

(1) An observer seat on the G.M.S.C.
(2) A salary on the J.C.C.
(3) A speciality subgroup of the U.E.M.S.
(4) A seat on the B.M.A. Emergency Treatment Service.
(5) A training programme for consultants and senior registrars specializing in casualty.

"Though the casualty surgeons were represented as a minority group in the Representative Body, they are no longer so represented. It was felt that these and other matters could not be separately negotiated in this way, and, because many aspects of casualty work seem to cause considerable controversy, except among those with special experience, representation through the B.M.A. Division would not, because of the time involved, prove adequate for the present needs."

DEREK STEVENSON.
Secretary.

Diary of Central Meetings

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York Division.—Chairman, Dr. Lillian J. Letty has been appointed Honorary Secretary.