

each occasion. He gave these in a written answer on 9 December.

Nurses and midwives		
		%
1 April 1975	19.9 (13.2)
23 May 1974	27.2 (a)
1 April 1974	11.3
1 April 1973	7.8
1 April 1972	8.5
1 April 1971	8.5
Professions supplementary to medicine		
		%
1 April 1975	21.64 (16.39)
23 May 1974	38.0 (a)
1 April 1974	7.62
1 April 1973	7.63
1 April 1972	8.0
1 April 1971	9.5
Ancillary staff		
	Men	Women
	%	%
7 February 1975	2.95 (b)
13 December 1974	36.04 (12.86)
1 February 1974	4.18 (b)
13 December 1973	11.74
7 November 1973	2.91
1 April 1973	4.68 (b)
14 March 1973	11.78
1 October 1972	4.95 (b)
13 December 1971	8.33
1 October 1971	5.33 (b)
13 December 1970	18.18
19.91		
Medical laboratory technicians		
		%
1 April 1975	36.0 (25.4)
1 January 1974	8.1
7 November 1973	16.7
1 April 1973	7.6
1 April 1972	7.4
1 January 1971	12.7
Administrative and clerical		
		%
1 April 1975	33.2 (c) (18.4)
1 April 1975	8.0
7 November 1973	12.3
1 April 1973	7.8
1 April 1972	7.8
1 April 1971	9.7
Hospital medical staff		
		%
1 April 1975	31.5 (27.5)
1 April 1974	9.6
1 April 1973	6.5
1 April 1972	10.0
1 April 1971	4.5 (d)
1 September 1970	14.0 (d)
1 April 1970	27.5

Notes:

- Threshold allowances totalling £229 per annum were paid in stages during the months May 1974 to November/December 1974 and are included in the next following settlement. Figures in brackets show the actual percentage pay increase at the dates shown additional to the threshold allowances already in payment.
- The percentages given are the average of all grades within each staff group.
- There are wide variations in the salaries of staff within groups, eg within nurses and midwives field the range from the most junior to the most senior was £525 pa to £2844 pa in 1970 and £1560 to £9276 in 1975.
- Increases marked (a) to (d) are:
 - Resulting from Halsbury Reports.
 - Equal pay instalments for women workers.
 - Approximately one fifth of this increase was deferred until 1 July 1975.
 - For senior grades only.

MEDICAL NEWS

Clinical meeting, Exeter, April 1976

The University of Exeter will be the venue for the BMA annual clinical meeting from 8 to 10 April 1976.

The speakers in the first symposium—"Killing diseases of childhood today"—on the morning of 9 April will be Dr F S W Brimblecombe (The delivery of health care to children); Sir John Stallworthy (Perinatal problems); Dr M A Joyce (Infections in childhood); Professor Barry O'Donnell (Accidents in childhood); Dr Patricia Morris Jones (Malignant disease in childhood).

In the afternoon Dr G H Hall will speak on "Life expectancy 1876-1976" in the symposium "Independence in old age." He will be followed by Mr W J C C Rich (Failing sight in the elderly); Dr D B Shaw (Heart failure); Dr G E Langley (Mental problems); and Dr H M White (Maintaining independence).

On Saturday morning, 10 April, "Hazards of living in a rural community" is the title of the symposium with the following contributors: Dr J T Smyth (Farmer's lung); Dr R Snowdon ("A tumble in the hay"); Mr D Wellstead (Safety in agriculture); Dr B Moore (Water supplies in a rural community); and Dr J Lyons (Tourism, a Health Service hazard).

The chairman of the three symposia will be Sir John Peel, Dr W B Wright, and Professor D Mattingley respectively.

The area health authority, the university, the city, and the Exeter Division of the BMA will be joint hosts at an after dinner reception on 8 April and on 9 April the Dartington String Quartet will give a concert in Exeter Cathedral and the Hastings Wine Club will be arranging a wine tasting.

The full programme will be published soon in the *BMJ*.

100 years old

On 11 December Dr Aaron H Levy celebrated his hundredth birthday. Born in Canada, he graduated in medicine at McGill University in 1899 and the following year took the PhD of Rostock University, Lithuania. In 1902 he qualified again with the Conjoint diploma at Barts and in 1909 became FRCS. He had a distinguished career in ophthalmology, being surgeon to the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital in 1911 and later the first of a line of consultant ophthalmic surgeons who served the London Jewish Hospital and the Jewish Blind Society. He is the oldest surviving member of the Jewish Board of Deputies and was president of the Jewish Health Organisation. Dr Levy served in both world wars, in the first as a captain RAMC and in the second in the Emergency Medical Service. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes on his centenary.

COMING EVENTS

Royal College of Physicians of London—Teach-in, 6 January, London. For details see advertisement at p v.

Pharmaceutical Society—Meeting "Contact lenses and contact lens solutions," 14 January, 7 pm. Details from the Society, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London WC1A 2NN.

Nuffield Department of Orthopaedic Surgery—"Basic sciences of the musculo-skeletal system," January-March. Copies and details of the programme are now available from the Nuffield Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, Oxford University, Oxford.

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

DUBLIN
MD—D A P D'Auria, W B Sproule.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

On 19 November the following were admitted to fellowship of the college: S Z Beidas, P J Boland, D B M Ewart, A K Foudah, M Gunese, A A Hamad-Abusin, D A Laosebikan, Lim Aik Foo, D M Murphy, D O Ogunjumo, J F O'Leary, S N Tadors.

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AREA HEALTH AUTHORITY (TEACHING)—Miss E M Eagling (consultant ophthalmologist).

BMA NOTICES

Diary of Central Meetings

JANUARY	
6 Tues	Scottish Committee for Hospital Medical Services (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am. Council, 10 am.
7 Wed	General Purposes Subcommittee (GMS), 10.30 am.
8 Thurs	Working Party on Services for the Elderly (Board of Science and Education), 10.30 am.
9 Fri	Scottish Committee for Community Medicine (7 Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh EH3 7QP), 10.45 am.
11 Sun	Welsh Committee for Hospital Medical Services (Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2 pm.
14 Wed	Welsh Committee for Community Medicine (Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells), 2.30 pm.
15 Thurs	Executive Subcommittee (CCHMS), 10 am.
15 Thurs	General Medical Services Committee, 10 am.

Corrections

Prazosin in treatment of hypertension

We regret that two printing errors occurred in the letter from Drs K Rasmussen and H A Jensen (8 November, p 346). In the first lines of the first and second paragraphs the words "hypertension" and "hypertensive" should both read "hypotensive".

Raymond Horton-Smith Prize

The Raymond Horton-Smith prize 1974-5 was awarded to Dr John Yudkin, not Professor John Yudkin (6 December, p 586).

Royal College of Radiologists

We regret that the following were included in the October Final Fellowship Examination as successful candidates, instead of the first examination: E C Bannan, P K Chatterji, M A El Sharif, P J Freyne, A K Handa, J A R Johnston, L C Johnston, A N Khan, M D McLean, A J Molyneux, P R Moorhouse, M de L O'Neill, I M Orakwe, Suzanne M Pablot, B N Patel, S Trakadas, Marion W Walker, N J P Walker, Elizabeth J N Woodcock, A S Al-Niaimi, J M Bozzino, M H Elia, D J Fairlamb, T Habeshaw, P J Howell, P G Hughes, Susan E Keeton, V K Sethi, M P J W Sokal, Elisabeth C Whipp, J R Yarnold.

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