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## VACANCIES

- BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—A.H.S. (male). BETHNAL GREEN BOROUGH COUNCIL.—A.M.O. BIRMINGHAM CITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE.—Special Schools M.O. and Director of Child Guidance Clinic (male). BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—H.S. BLAKEBURN COUNTY BOROUGH.—A.S.M.O. and M.O.H. (male). BOLINGEROFF HOSPITAL Wandeworth Common S.W.H.—R.M.O.

- BOLINGBROKE HOSPITAL, Wandsworth Common, S.W.11.-R.M.O.
- (male). BRISTOL CITY AND COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Fourth A.M.O., unmarried.

- DERBYGE OFFTAL MODE COCKATA COMMENTATION
   DURDARD OFFTAL MADE COCKATA COMMENTATION
   DERBYGE AND ASSOCIATION.-SCOTTISH Medical Secretary.
   CARENARVONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.-Deputy M.O.H. and A.S.M.O.
   CAMBRIDGE: ADDENBROOKE'S HOSPITAL.-Two H.S.
   CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.3.-H.S.
   CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.-S. in charge of Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.
   CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, Carlisle.-H.P.
   DERBY: BOROUGH MENTAL HOSPITAL, Rowditch.-S.A.M.O.
   DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Friar Gate, Derby.-H.S.
   DUDLEY: GUEST HOSPITAL.-H.S.
   EAST HAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.-(1) H.P. (2) H.S. and C.O.
   GENERAL LYINGIN HOSPITAL, York Road, S.E.I.-J.R.M.O. and Anaesthetist. Anaesthetist. GREAT YARMOUTH GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male, unmarried).

- GREAT YARMOUTH GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male, unmarried). HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—A.M.O. HARROGATE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.P. (male). HARROGATE INFIRMARY.—J.H.S. (male). HARROW AND WEALDSTONE HOSPITAL.—S.H.S. (male). HOVE: LADY CHICHESTER HOSPITAL.—S.H.S. (male). HOVE: LADY CHICHESTER HOSPITAL.—J.H.P. HULL: CORFORATION OF KINGSTON-UPON-HULL AND THE HULL AND GOOLE PORT SANITARY AUTHORITY.—Assistant M.O.H. JEWISH MATERNITY HOSPITAL, Underwood Street, E.I.—R.M.O. KETTERING AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (male). LEEDS CITY.—Chief Assistant M.O.H. LIVERFOOL CITY.—R.A.M.O. at Mill Road Infirmary. LIVERFOOL LYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.—H.S. to Opnthalmic Depart-ment. ment
- LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.-R.H.S.

- LOWESTOFT AND NORTH SUFFOLK HOSPITAL.-J.H.S. MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.-R.H.S. MANCHESTER ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.-J.H.S. MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY (Central Branch).-H.S. (lady). MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY (Central Branch).—H.S. (lady). MANCHESTER: ROYAL MANCHESTER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—(1) R.M.O. (2) Two A.M.O.'s for Out-patients' Department. MANCHESTER AND SALFORD HOSPITAL FOR SKIN DISEASES.—H.S. MARGATE AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (male).

- MARGATE AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (male).
  MARGATE: ROYAL SEA BATHING HOSPITAL FOR SURGICAL TUBER-CULOSIS.—H.S. (male).
  MULER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.10.—(1) C.O. (2) H.P. Males.
  NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE EYE HOSPITAL.—R.H.S. (female).
  NORTHANFTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) Four H.S.
  NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—R.S. (male, unmarried).
  OLDHAM COUNTY BOROUGH: BOUNDARY PARK MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL. —R.A.M.O. (male).
  PRINCESS LOUVER KENSINGTON HOSPITAL FOR CHUMPEN W 10 H P.

- PRINCESS LOUISE KENSINGTON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, W.10.-H.P. QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Hackney Road, E.2.-(1) H.P.

- QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN HIST HON HONOR, HOLE, H. H., H. P. (2) Assistant S.
  READING: ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Radiological H.S. and Resident Anaesthetist (male).
  RICHMOND, SURREY: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male).
  ROYAL EYÉ HOSPITAL. St. George'S Circus, S.E.I.—Twelve salaried Refractionists, twelve Clinical Assistants, and one Pathologist.
  ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL Great Portland Street, W.-(1) Two H.S. (2) H.S. for Country Branch, Brockley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex.
  ROYAL NATERLOO HOSPITAL, FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, Waterloo Road, S.E.I.—Hon. Clinical Assistant at Rheumatism Supervisory Centre for Children.
  ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, Henrictta Street, W.C.2.—H.S. (male).
  SALISBURY: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—H.P. (male, unmarried).

- (male). SALISBURY: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—H.P. (male, unmarried). SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—(1) H.P. and H.S. at Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich. (2) H.P. at Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens. (3) R.M.O. at Albert Dock Hospital. Males. SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Ophthalmic H.S. (2) Anaesthetist. SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Assistant Aural and Ophthalmic H.S. (2) H.S. and Second Assistant C.O. SOUTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Sydenham, S.E.26.— A.R.M.O. (lady). STREFORMULE COUNTY COUNCH —Assistant Bacteriologist and
- STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.-Assistant Bacteriologist and
- STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—ASSISTANT Bacteriologist and Pathologist. SUNDERLAND: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. SWANSEA GENERAL AND EYE HOSPITAL.—R.M. (male, unmarried), TORBAY HOSPITAL, TOrquay.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S. Unmarried. WAREFELD: CLAYTON HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male). WALLASEY: VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male). WALLASEY: VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—(1) R.M.O. (2) R.S.O. EQUIDES

- Females.
- WEIR HOSPITAL, Grove Road, Balham, S.W.12.—R.M.O. (male, unmarried).
- unmarried). WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.6.—(1) Resident A.S. (2) H.P. (3) Two H.S. (4) Resident Annesthetist. Males. WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL, Broad Sanctuary, S.W.1.—H.S. to Ear, Nose and Throat, and Eye Departments.

- WESTON-SUPER-MARE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. WINDSOR: KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL.—H.S. (woman). WOLVERHAMPTON: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. for Crinopaedic Depart-
- WOOLWICH AND DISTRICT WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Shooters Hill, S.E. 18.—R.M.O. (male). WORCESTER COUNTY AND CITY MENTAL HOSPITAL, POWICK.—J.A.M.O. (male, unmarried).
- CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The following vacant appoint-ments are announced: Milnthorpe (Westmorland), Ulceby (Lincs). Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.
- MEDICAL REFEREE under the Workmen's Compensation Act for part of the Sherifdom of Argyll. Applications to the Private Secre-tary, Scottish Office, Whitehall, London, S.W.1, by September 24th.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns. where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

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SEPTEMBER

24 Thurs. London: Insurance Acts Committee, 11.30 a.m.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.1.—Thurs., 4.30 p.m.; Mr.
W. B. Gabriel, The Elucidation of Rectal Symptoms: (1) Bleeding.
LIVERFOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—Royal Infirmary: Mon. and Thurs., 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 11.30 a.m.

## **BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

### BIRTH

- NIXON.—On August 30th, at 7, Lansdown Place, Clifton, Bristol, to Doreen, wile of Dr. J. A. Nixon, a son.

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- DEATHS GARIMAN.—On July 2nd, 1931, at 22, Mahendra Mansions (old Watson's Hotel), Bombay, Khursedbai, wife of the *late* Lieut.-Col. K. S. Nariman, I.M.S., and mother of Major J. K. Nariman I.M.S. (ret.). NARIMAN.-On
- Wilson, At the Private Clinic, 25, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, on August 23rd, 1931, T. J. Seiby, M.B., M.B.E.
   WILSON, —On August 22nd, 1931, in the Westcliff Nursing Hore, Horace R. Wilson, M.D., D.P.H., late Medical Officer of Health for Southwark, London.

[The present issue being the Annual Educational Number, much current material is held over, and neither the "Supplement" nor the "Epitome of Current Medical Literature" is published this week.]

# The British Medical Association: ITS AIMS, WORK, AND CONSTITUTION

The British Medical Association, as stated in our introductory article on the Profession of Medicine, was founded in 1832 to promote the medical and allied sciences, to maintain the honour and interests of the profession, and to foster a feeling of friendship among its members. To attain these objects it holds periodical meetings for the discussion both of medical and scientific subjects and of professional affairs ; it publishes the British Medical Journal ; it maintains a reference and lending library; it has instituted lectures, and scholarships and grants for research. It thus concerns itself with every side of medical work-science, clinical medicine, public health, and the material interests of professional life. The British Medical Association, with a membership now exceeding 35,000, is the oldest, largest, and most powerful British organization devoted to the welfare of the medical profession. It has a fine building in Tavistock Square, London, for its headquarters. These premises, designed by Sir Edwin Lutyens, R.A., were

formally opened in 1925 by His Majesty the King, Patron of the Association; and the beautiful wrought - iron gates erected as a memorial to the 574 members who fell in the war, by which the main quadrangle is completed, were dedicated on that occasion by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The need for larger accommo-dation had become insistent owing to the remarkable growth in the central work of the Association during recent years, which had far outstripped the capacity of the premises in the



British Medical Association House: Court of Honour

Strand. Further extensions to the building in Tavistock Square have now been completed.

## CONSTITUTION AND ADMINISTRATION

The Association has Branches and Divisions throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and also in the Dominions, Colonies, and Dependencies. The Divisions are arranged territorially, and number, in all, 250. For certain purposes of administration or of scientific and clinical work, the Divisions are combined into 100 Branches. Members of Divisions elect representatives on the Branch Councils and also a member or members of the Representative Body, which is the governing body of the Association and determines its policy.

The Council is the executive of the Association. It is elected partly by the Divisions and Branches and partly by the Representative Body, and includes representatives of the Navy, Air Force, Army, and Indian Medical Services elected by the Representative Body. The Representative Body and Council elect standing committees to take charge of different subjects. Among these may be mentioned the Science, Medico-Political, Ethical, Hospitals, Public Health, and Naval and Military Committees. There are Committees also for the Dominions, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales; and for the working machinery of the Association, such as the Organization, Finance, and Journal Committees. The Insurance Acts Committee, elected partly by the Association and partly by insurance medical practitioners, is financed by the Association ; it is the recognized executive and mouthpiece of the insurance practitioners of Great Britain.

claim to their recognition of the work of the Association in improving the conditions under which they may hold appointments in the public services or in civil life. The Association's work for the Services is well known. It feels a special responsibility towards those members of the profession who by reason of their position are precluded from taking common action.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS AND APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The ordinary subscription to the British Medical Association is 3 guineas a year for members resident in the British Isles, but this is subject to various exceptions. Thus, newly qualified practitioners elected within two years of registration pay half this sam up to the end of the fourth year after registration ; medical officers on the active list of the R.N., R.A.F., R.A.M.C. (Regular), and I.M.S. pay 2 guineas; concessions are made also to members (in the British Isles) of forty years' standing, to members of ten years' standing who have retired from practice, to medical married couples residing together, and to wholetime teachers and research workers. The ordinary subscription for members living abroad is 1½ guineas, but some Branches have special local subscriptions. A member elected after June 30th pays half the subscription for that véar.

All duly qualified British medical practitioners are eligible for election. Full particulars can be obtained from the Medical Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1; the Scottish Medical Secretary, 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh; or the Irish Medical Secretary, 16, South Frederick Street, Dublin.

## PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS A member of the Association has the right-

1. To attend the annual and other general meetings of the Association and the meetings of the Division and Branch' to

Association and the meetings of the Division and Branch' to which he or she belongs. 2. To take part by personal vote (or in some Divisions by voting paper) in the election of the representative of his or her Division in the Representative Body, and also in the election of members of the Council. 3. To receive by post the *British Medical Journal*, published weekly, which gives a full record, with commentary, of progress in clinical and scientific medicine and of medico-political affairs throughout the British Empire. 4. To receive the help and advice of the central office in any professional difficulty. 5. To use the Library as a reading room, and to borrow

**5.** To use the Library as a reading room, and to borrow current medical or scientific books on payment of postage. Besides modern works and periodical medical literature—foreign as well as English—the library contains many books of historic interest.

The full benefits of the Association can only be secured

by the co-operation of large numbers of the medical profession, for the greater the membership and the funds the more efficient and influential the organization. The Association during the past ninety-nine years has been the direct means of benefiting every class of medical men and medical women. In asking for new members it looks not only to the older practitioners but also and especially to those recently qualified. To these a generous concession is made as regards subscription, and there is a special