

complex procedures that could pose a threat to patients' confidence were they not conducted skilfully and sensitively. Already some 30-40% of schools have voluntarily lengthened their course to three years.

Honorary consultants at St Bartholomew's Hospital

Sir Anthony Alment, Professor F John Gillingham, and Sir Reginald Murley, who were students at St Bartholomew's Hospital, have been appointed honorary consultants to that hospital.

People in the news

Sir Douglas Black, Dame Josephine Barnes, Professor Sir John Walton, and Mr Kenneth Wood have had the honorary DSc conferred on them by the University of Leicester.

Sir Ronald Gibson has had the honorary DM conferred on him by the University of Southampton.

Professor E J L Lowbury has had the honorary LLD conferred on him by the University of Birmingham.

COMING EVENTS

First International Congress on Innovation of Care-delivery for Health—14-18 October, Noordwijkerhout. Details from the secretariat, c/o Holland Organizing Centre, 16 Lange Voorhout, 2514 EE, The Hague, Netherlands.

Reunion of Edinburgh MBs of 1930—31 October, Edinburgh. Details from Professor W I C Morris, 19 Linden Avenue, Newport-on-Tay, Fife DD6 8DU.

56th All India Medical Conference—28-30 December, Cuttack. Details from the organising secretary, Dr M Khadanga, Quarter No 5, SCB Medical College, Cuttack-7, (Orissa), India.

Edinburgh and East of Scotland Society of Anaesthetists—Details and copies of the programme for 1980-1 are available from Dr J Wilson, 15 Campbell Road, Edinburgh 12. (Tel 031-337 6763.)

Institute of Orthopaedics—Details and copies of the instructional course on rheumatism and inflammatory joint disease, September-December London and Stanmore, are now available from the secretary for post-graduate studies at the institute, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, 234 Great Portland Street, London W1. Details of the individual lectures will be published in our "Societies and lectures" column.

BMA NOTICES

Medical Assistants' Subcommittee (CCHMS)

Nominations are invited from medical assistants holding permanent posts in the National Health Service for representatives to serve on the Medical Assistants' Subcommittee for the session 1980-1.

The representatives will be appointed on a regional basis as follows:

Northern	1	Wessex	1
Yorkshire	1	Oxford	1
Trent	1	South-western	1
East Anglia	1	West Midlands	1
North-west Thames	1	Mersey	1
North-east Thames	1	North-western	1
South-east Thames	1	Wales	2
South-west Thames	1	Northern Ireland	1

It will also be necessary to appoint a deputy for each representative. Nomination forms are obtainable from the undersigned and

must be returned not later than *Friday 22 August*. In the event of a contest arising for any seat, voting papers will be issued at a later date.

J D J HAVARD
Secretary

Ophthalmic Group Committee

The constitution of the Ophthalmic Group Committee provides for the retirement on a rotational basis of members of the committee elected on a regional basis. One member in each of the following NHS regions is to be elected for a three-year period from 1980-1 to 1982-3:

- Region 2 (Yorkshire)
- Region 5 (North-west Thames)
- Region 9 (Wessex)
- Region 10 (Oxford)
- Region 13 (Mersey)
- Region 16 (Wales)

Nominations are therefore invited from BMA members whose specialist practice is predominantly in ophthalmology in each of the above regions for the period specified. Nomination forms are obtainable from the undersigned and must be returned not later than first post on *Friday 15 August 1980*, to BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP. (It is advisable for first-class post to be used near the closing date.) In the event of a contest arising for any seat, voting papers will be issued at a later date.

J D J HAVARD
Secretary

Division Meetings

Members proposing to attend meetings marked * are asked to notify in advance the honorary secretary concerned.

Eastbourne—At Queen's Hotel, Tuesday, 29 July, 7.30 for 8 pm, agm.*

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

GLASGOW

MD—P U Aghadiuno, W W Barrie, P C Buchan, C H W Bullough, K McN Girgor, A B Houston, R L Hughes, I A R More.

LONDON

The title of professor of applied pharmacology and therapeutics has been conferred on Dr S E Smith in respect of his post at St Thomas' Hospital Medical School.

LEEDS

MD—M D W Lye, K J A Miloszewski, G I Sandle.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an extraordinary meeting of the council held on 9 July with Sir Reginald Murley, president, in the chair, Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to N F Brayley, M C O Parker, Mercia P Dunkley, J E Gornacz, C B Howard, D H G Cotter, P D Sauven, N O F Aston, R W T Nichols, N C M Armitage, D W Dempster, F C Wells, K G Brame, R Gupta, A D Mayer, C M Butler, G S McIntosh, W A Brough, S J Cawthorn, N A Nasser, I Singh, T R Terry, V Tiruchelvam, N S Niranjan, S Singh, A H Mousawi, H T Younis, A Hadi, S Mohammed, Benita E Stephen, N Subba Rao, M A Habib, N K Saha, J R Davies, K K A Georgekutty, R S A Ashmallah, M G Bhat, N H Gosalia, A I H Mostafa, A E Rajarajan, M Vetpillai, A M A K Younis, P M Desai, Christina M De Wind, D M Gawler, C A Buckley, R J Cade, M A S E R El-Gohary, A C Jamieson, J P Percy, S S Sabanathan, N D Shah, B K Singh, C Sivathanasan, P T Van Hille, R F Ventura, B B L Heng, P H Jones, S J Karia, D J Scobie, S Tibrewal, A R Vasavada, A W Wilson, A P Zard, R Avili, Brenda M Billington, P C Chadwick, P Davies, S R El-Faqih, M D Goldman, D C Gosling, R S Hanspal, J H Hobbiss, R A Hodge, M E McGonagle, N P Madden, M B Oryema, J L Pozo, D M Shama, D R Theobald, Nahid F Toubia, A K Tyagi, A D Wilmshurst, N T L Yeoh, P Billington, N Bradley, S Capps, Usha Chakravarty, S J Cornell, D W Cranston, R J Cuschieri, B Djazaeri, R Downing, D Elliot, Pauline J Emery, T J Fetherston, G A Flint, M J Gough, A B Griffiths, K E J Gunning, S N Harrop, R J Hartemink, C Johnson-Nurse, C B Jones, E A M

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(2) **Three copies** should be submitted.

(3) **Spelling** should conform to that of *Chambers Twentieth Century Dictionary*.

(4) **References** must be in the Vancouver style (*BMJ*, 24 February 1979, p 532) and their accuracy checked before submission.

(5) **SI units** are used for scientific measurements. In the text they should be followed by traditional units in parentheses. In tables and illustrations values are given only in SI units, but a conversion factor must be supplied. For general guidance on the International System of Units, and some useful conversion factors, see *The SI for the Health Professions* (WHO, 1977).

(6) **Authors** should give their names and initials, their current appointments, and not more than two degrees or diplomas. Each author must sign the covering letter as evidence of consent to publication.

(7) **Letters to the Editor** submitted for publication must be signed personally by all the authors.

(8) **The editor reserves** the customary right to style and if necessary shorten material accepted for publication.

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At a quarterly meeting of the council held on 10 July with Sir Reginald Murley, president, in the chair, Sir Alan Parks was elected president and Mr H Hanley and Mr P Bevan were elected vice-presidents for the ensuing year.

Mr P J Mulligan was elected to the fellowship ad eundem.

Wing Commander M Westmorland Sleight was appointed Cade professor of surgery to the Royal Air Force for three years in the first instance.

CONSULTANT APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM AHA(T)—Miss D C T Watson (thoracic surgeon); Mr C Newman (clinical oncology); Dr M Messih (anaesthetist); Dr M H M de-Silva (psychiatrist); Mr J M Emens (obstetrician and gynaecologist).

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