GENERAL NOTES

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTO-LARYNGOLOGISTS

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MARCH 3RD, 1950

IT was agreed to write to the other Associations housed at 45 Lincoln's Inn Fields concerning the tendency of Regional Boards to appoint full-time consultants, asking them to take the matter up at a higher level.

With regard to the setting-up of Oto-laryngological Advisory Committees in the Regions, some of the replies received from the Regional Hospital Boards were considered to be unsatisfactory and it was agreed to write to these Regional Boards again stressing the desirability of constituting Advisory Committees.

A letter was received from the Ministry of Health asking the Association to nominate three representatives to attend a meeting at the Ministry to discuss the working of the hearing aid service, its possible limitations and improvements and developments in the future. Mr. Donald Watson reported that the Group Committee of the British Medical Association were receiving reports from various parts of the country on the working of this service. Mr. R. R. Simpson, Mr. R. Scott Stevenson and Miss E. Whetnall were nominated as the Association's representatives.

The question of setting up a Standing Committee on Hearing Aids was considered, but it was thought, in view of the fact that such a committee would be largely considering clinical problems, that its appointment should be deferred for the present as it was felt the matter might be better dealt with by the Group of the British Medical Association.

The Council unanimously agreed that the combined lectures given by the Royal College of Surgeons and the Institute had been greatly appreciated and it was hoped they would be continued. It was suggested, however, that the time would be more convenient for members in London if it could be 5.30 p.m.

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