

## GENERAL NOTES

### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS RUEDEI TRUST FUND

THE British Association of Otolaryngologists has been entrusted with a sum of money to be devoted to the financial assistance of British postgraduates studying otolaryngology in Switzerland. Information can be obtained from the Secretary of the Association, 45 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

### SPECIAL LECTURES

The following lectures have been arranged jointly by the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Institute of Laryngology and Otology to take place at 5.30 *p.m.* at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2: Thursday, February 5th, 1953. Professor G. Hadfield. Co-carcinogenesis. Thursday, March 5th, 1953. Professor E. C. Dodds. Biochemistry of endolymph, perilymph and cerebrospinal fluid. Wednesday, April 1st, 1953. Professor R. J. Last. Anatomy of the Vocal Cords.\* Thursday, April 30th, 1953. Mr. Norman Barrett. Cardiospasm. Thursday, July 2nd, 1953. Sir Henry Dale. Histamine and its antagonists.

### THE INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY

THE Academic Board announces the following special lectures to be given in the Lecture Hall of the Institute. They are open to all members of the Speciality and to postgraduate students without fee:

Saturday, February 7th, 1953, at 11.30 a.m. Professor Dr. F. Eeman, of Ghent, Belgium. Discussion on "Some Problems Facing the Endoscopist".

Wednesday, March 4th, 1953, at 5.30 p.m. Dr. B. Larsen, of Odense, Denmark. Occupational Deafness including some remarks on Auditory Fatigue and Adaptation.

### FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTO-RHINO-LARYNGO- BRONCHO-ESOPHAGOLOGY

AMSTERDAM, JUNE 8TH-13TH, 1953

Any otolaryngologist wishing to apply for special currency allowance to attend the International Congress in Amsterdam should communicate immediately with the Honorary Secretary, British Association of Otolaryngologists, 45 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

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\* Please note the alteration of the lecture from April 2nd to April 1st.

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MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held at the ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, LINCOLN'S INN FIELDS, LONDON, W.C.2, on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 1952, at 5.45 p.m.

*Present:* Mr. V. E. Negus (President) in the Chair, and 20 Members.

1. *Minutes* of the Annual General Meeting held on December 7th, 1951, were read and signed as correct.

2. *Election of Members.* The following were elected Members on the nomination of the Council:

Kenneth Harrison, Manchester.  
Christopher Noble Holton Joynt (Surg. Cdr., R.N.).  
Leonard Grantley Kingdom, London.  
James Farquhar Ogilvie Mitchell, Dundee.  
Malcolm Lionel Robert Morley, Southsea.  
John Mowat, Dundee.  
Thomas James Wilmot, Tyrone, N.Ireland.  
Kenneth Lennox Wilson, London.

3. *Report of Council for 1951-52.* The report of Council, which had been circulated, was discussed, amended and approved.

4. *Report of the Honorary Treasurer and Balance Sheet.* The audited accounts for 1951-52, which had been circulated, and which showed a balance on the year's working of £71 17s. 11d., were approved.

5. *Election of Officers and Members of Council.* The following Officers were elected for 1952-53:

<i>President:</i>	Mr. V. E. Negus.
<i>Immediate Past President:</i>	Mr. H. V. Forster.
<i>Vice-President:</i>	Mr. V. C. W. Capps.
<i>Honorary Secretary:</i>	Mr. Myles L. Formby.
<i>Honorary Treasurer:</i>	Mr. W. A. Mill.

The election of the following members of Council to the six vacancies was confirmed:

<i>London:</i>	Mr. D. Walker Ashcroft.
<i>Northern England:</i>	Mr. I. B. Thorburn, Blackpool.
<i>Southern England:</i>	Mr. T. S. Allen, Brighton. Mr. G. R. Scarff, Bristol.
<i>Scotland:</i>	Mr. M. J. Gibson, Dundee.
<i>Northern Ireland:</i>	Mr. D. H. Craig, Belfast.

6. *Election of Auditors.* Messrs. Howard, Howes & Co. were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

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## BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGISTS ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1951-52

### COUNCIL

THE Council has met four times during the year, and each meeting has been well attended.

### MEMBERSHIP

The Council regrets to have to report the deaths of Mr. C. A. Francis, Colonel John Hare, Mr. W. Ibbotson, Mr. H. Norman-Barnett and Mr. E. R. Garnett Passe, members of the Association.

Eight candidates for membership have been proposed and seconded and after consideration by the Council have been nominated for election at the Annual General Meeting. During the year four members have resigned and one member has been removed from the list owing to the fact that he was in arrears with his subscription. The total membership is at present 309.

### REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Mr. Myles L. Formby has been co-opted to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons for 1952-53 as the representative of otolaryngology in place of Mr. V. E. Negus, who has completed his period of service.

Miss Edith Whetnall has been nominated to serve as the Association's representative on the Committee for Audiometers and Hearing Aids of the British Standards Institution in place of Professor F. C. Ormerod, who wished to resign.

### CRITERIA FOR CONSULTANTS IN OTOLARYNGOLOGY

The question of the criteria for consultant status has been under consideration by a Committee of the Royal College of Surgeons. The Council of the College has recommended to the Ministry of Health that the training of a consultant should be divided into three stages and that the criteria for a consultant in otolaryngology should be as follows:

“It is desirable that Stage I should cover a period of three years spent in studying the basic sciences and holding resident appointments which should include one as Senior House Officer in Otolaryngology. Stage II will usually occupy two years and should include further experience in general surgery and otolaryngology, probably in an appointment as Registrar. A higher qualification will be gained before proceeding to Senior Registrar status. Stage III will be devoted to more advanced training in otolaryngology over a period of at least two years.”

These criteria have been approved by the Council of the Association.

### OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SERVICE

Statistics have been obtained about the otolaryngological service in various Regions throughout the country and an analysis of the information has been considered and can be summarized as follows:

1. The desirability of each Region having a Representative Advisory Committee is reiterated.

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2. It is impossible to lay down any hard and fast standard of requirements in Consultants as conditions vary so greatly in different parts of the country.

3. Where a Regional Advisory Committee has failed to achieve the desired requirements, the Council of the British Association of Otolaryngologists should, if requested by the Advisory Committee, consider the individual case and make the necessary representations.

4. Registrars are Trainees and should not be regarded as substitutes for Consultants. Where there is an excess of work the shortage should ultimately be made up by the appointment of additional Consultants.

5. Senior Registrars should spend part of their appointed time in the Teaching Hospital and part in the Regional Hospitals.

6. *Number of Senior Registrars.* The Ministry of Health's recommendation is agreed that there should be an excess of Registrars to allow for competition for the post of Senior Registrar. At the same time there should be an adequate number of Senior Registrars to fill the Consultant posts.

(*Note.*—Figures show that there are at present 324 Consultants and this is considered to be too few. If the recommendation of one Senior Registrar per six Consultants is accepted there should be at least 54 Senior Registrars. The establishment laid down by the Ministry is 36 which is regarded as quite inadequate.)

It has been agreed that the Council shall only act on requests from the E.N.T. Regional Advisory Committee.

Three representatives of the Association—the President, the Honorary Secretary and Professor Lambert—have been appointed to discuss the question of Senior Registrars with the Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health.

### EXAMINATION OF SERVICE RECRUITS

The question of the examination of service recruits in Out-Patient Departments has been raised by several members of the Association. The Council agree that these examinations come within the contracts which specialists hold with the Ministry of Health, but it has been decided that representatives of the Association should discuss the problem with the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health.

### AUDIOGRAPHS

Messrs. H. K. Lewis & Co. Ltd. have agreed to print the audiograph forms. An undertaking has been given to this firm that they shall not be liable for any royalties or outgoings to the Association for this work.

### LIP-READING

A Sub-Committee, consisting of Professor F. C. Ormerod, Mr. Gavin Livingstone and Mr. A. S. H. Walford, was appointed to consider the present

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position regarding the number of and facilities for teachers of lip-reading and likely future needs. The Committee's report, which has been forwarded to the Ministry of Health, the Royal College of Surgeons and the Otolaryngological Group of the British Medical Association, includes the following recommendations:

1. As instruction in lip-reading is as essential a part of the rehabilitation of a deaf person as the provision of a hearing aid, it should therefore be the responsibility of the Ministry of Health.
2. That in places where a hearing aid distribution centre has been set up it should be an obligation on the authority responsible for the centre (Board of Governors or Hospital Management Committee) to make suitable provision for instruction in lip-reading, as part of the hospital service.
3. That instruction in lip-reading should be based on the hearing aid distribution centre and in as close proximity as possible. In country districts a teacher of lip-reading should regularly visit outlying centres based on hearing aid diagnostic clinics, where suitable accommodation should be made available.
4. As instruction in lip-reading is part of the service of an otological clinic it should be under the direction of the otologist in charge of the hearing aid distribution centre.
5. That instruction in lip-reading should be given by trained teachers of the deaf. Where this is not yet possible the work should be carried out by persons who have obtained the certificate of the National Institute for the Deaf and in larger centres a trained teacher of the deaf could be assisted by one or more persons who have obtained this certificate or by bona-fide students of lip-reading.
6. Where it is necessary to employ a person who holds the certificate of the National Institute for the Deaf this person should undertake the instruction in lip-reading to children, who have learnt to speak, as well as to adults.
7. No deafened person should be referred to lip-reading classes except with the authority of the otologist in charge.
8. The Council wishes to draw attention to the discrepancies in the rate of pay offered by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education.
9. The Council considers that a more suitable title for teachers of lip-reading would be "instructors in the rehabilitation of the deaf".

### RUEDI TRUST

During the past year a notice regarding the Ruedi Trust Fund has been inserted in the *Journal of Laryngology and Otology*. One application has been received for a grant from Mr. Morus Jones of Bradford and the sum of £100 has been allocated to him for postgraduate study in Switzerland.

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## FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY, 1949

After all expenses in connection with the International Congress of Otolaryngology had been met, a balance of £24 19s. 2d. remained. This balance has been returned to the funds of the Association.

## FINANCE

A donation of £50 has been given to the Building Fund of the Royal College of Surgeons and £10 10s. 0d. to the Christmas Gifts Fund of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund.

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## ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

Hunterian Lecture by Professor Terence Cawthorne, F.R.C.S., on the Surgery of the Temporal Bone, Tuesday, 10th February, 1953, at 5 p.m., at the College, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2.

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## MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

### ALEXANDER PIGOTT WERNHER MEMORIAL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS IN OPHTHALMOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY 1953-54

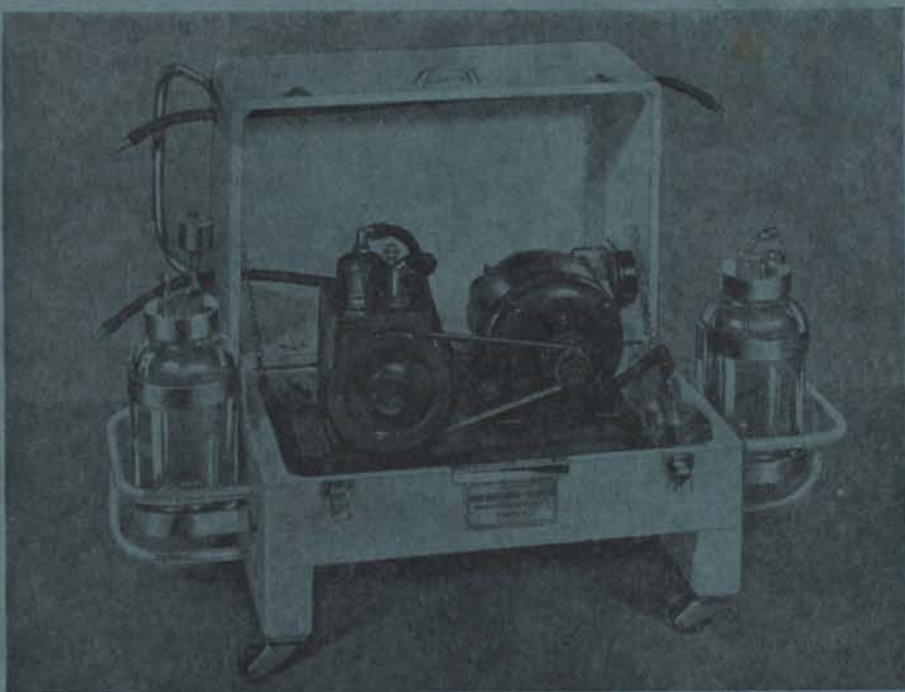
The Medical Research Council invite applications for Travelling Fellowships in Ophthalmology and Otology for the academic year 1953-54, for which special provision has been made by the Alexander Pigott Wernher Memorial Trustees. Under the terms of the bequest from which these awards are made, the funds are to be applied "towards the prevention and cure of blindness and deafness in the United Kingdom and British Empire and in particular research in connection therewith by financing medical men and students within the Empire to study methods and practices in all countries of the world".

These Fellowships are intended for suitably qualified medical graduates who are likely to profit by a period of work in Ophthalmology or Otology at a centre abroad before taking up positions for higher teaching and research in these branches of medical science. Candidates will be required to submit an outline of their proposals for work at a selected centre. The awards will normally be tenable for one year: no provision can be made for travelling grants for short-term visits abroad.

The Fellowships provide for the payment of a maintenance allowance at the rate of £650 per annum for a single Fellow or £900 per annum for a married Fellow, subject to appropriate adjustment in the case of Fellowships tenable at centres outside the sterling area; in addition, an allowance is made for travelling and other approved expenses.

Forms of application for these Fellowships may be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Research Council, 38 Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1, with whom applications must be lodged by the 31st March, 1953.





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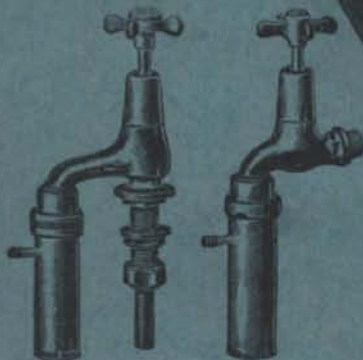
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