

# OUSIDE DOCTORS FOR ADELAIDE HOSPITAL

## Government Seeks Locum Tenens

## PRESENT HOUSE SURGEONS TO RECEIVE SAME PAY

Cabinet decided yesterday morning to endeavor to obtain the services of sufficient doctors adequately to staff the Adelaide Hospital until the present shortage is overcome. In making this announcement the Acting Premier (Sir George Ritchie) said that the doctors so obtained would go into residence at the hospital, and the salaries of present house surgeons would be raised to the level—which had not been determined—of those paid to the newcomers.

"I have instructed the Inspector-General of Hospitals to see if there are any locum tenens available for this service, and, if so, to engage them," said Sir George Ritchie. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at the University is making enquiries also in Victoria and New South Wales with a view to obtaining house surgeons. The scheme is purely a temporary measure to overcome the present shortage of staff, and to give relief to the doctors at present engaged."

The Acting Premier said that it was impossible for the superintendent of the hospital (Dr. Sleeman) to be spared at present, that official had consented to forgo his visit to Melbourne to attend the medical congress. The Minister added that although the Government previously had been assured that the position at the Adelaide Hospital would be met by the engagement of six medical experts until the end of the year, that expectation had not proved so successful as had been expected, the service given by the Government was greatly appreciated by the Government.

Concerning the proposal to engage locum tenens for the Adelaide Hospital, a doctor pointed out yesterday that this scheme might not overcome the problem for a week or two, as it was probable that most of those available would be acting in their capacity for doctors attending the medical congress in Melbourne.

## B.M.A. Visitors

## MEETING MEN REACH SYDNEY

## Party Of 250 On Way To Melbourne

## CONFERENCE ON MONDAY

**SYDNEY, September 6.**  
Visiting medical men who are on their way to Melbourne to attend the annual meeting of the British Medical Association, which will begin on Monday here, were warmly welcomed when they reached Sydney by the Aorangi today. There were more than 130 medical men on board; but, including wives and friends, the party exceeded 250. The distinguished visitors were welcomed by Dr. A. M. Davidson (president) and Dr. J. G. Hunter (secretary), representing the New South Wales branch of the B.M.A.

The official party is headed by Dr. S. Watson Smith, retiring president of the B.M.A., who will be succeeded at the B.M.A. in Melbourne by Sir James Barrett, Dr. Watson Smith is president of the section of dermatology and is a prominent associate with the Royal Victoria and West Bants Hospital, Burnmouth. Also in the official party is Dr. E. Kaye Fleming, chairman of the B.M.A. Others in the same official group include Dr. H. S. Soutar, chairman of the representative body of the B.M.A. of the section of surgery; Dr. N. Bishop Harman, treasurer of the B.M.A., past president of the section of ophthalmology; and Dr. C. G. Anson, consulting ophthalmic surgeon to the West London Hospital, and former oculist to the London County Council, Dr. G. Anson, medical

secretary of the B.M.A.; Mr. L. Ferris Scott, financial secretary and business manager of the B.M.A.; and Mr. H. Guy Dain, deputy chairman of the representative body and chairman of the Executive Acts Committee of the B.M.A.

**American Born Sec The Secretary.**  
Dr. Anderson, medical secretary, to whom falls much of the work associated with the forthcoming conference, is one of the tallest members of the party. Born in the United States of Scottish parentage, Dr. Anderson has occupied his important post since 1932. Before that, as far back as 1919, he was equity medical secretary, and then engaged in private practice in Scotland before becoming officially associated with the B.M.A.  
"This is my first visit to Australia," he said, "and I have been looking forward to it for a long time, in common with the other members of the big party. This is the first meeting of the kind in Australia, and the great majority of those taking part in it are born in the United States of America, Commonwealth. We are deeply appreciative of the welcome which has been accorded to us. Elaborate arrangements have been made for the meeting in Melbourne, and there is every prospect that it will be an unqualified success."

Visitors took the opportunity, consistent with official functions, to see during the day as much of the city and its environs as possible, with the exception of the city hall, and individual members of it as hosts, on sight-seeing trips and at private social engagements.  
Mrs. Davidson, wife of the president of the branch, acted as hostess to a large party of women among the visitors, to whom the guests of the B.M.A. were made a strong appeal. The visitors will be taken for a trip on the Sydney Harbour tomorrow morning, and then on to the meeting at Torrens Park. The great majority of them will leave for Melbourne by the Aorangi at 5 p.m. tomorrow.  
Mr. J. H. McCallum, Mayor (Ald. McCallum) tendered a civic reception to the visiting medical men at the Town Hall, which was, he said, the first of the kind in the history of the British Medical Association that its members had met in Australia, and he assured them of a hearty welcome.

Dr. S. Watson Smith, president of the B.M.A., thanked the Acting Lord Mayor for the welcome he had been accorded, and he said, to the finest association in the world. It was Empire-wide in its membership and ramifications, and it had been for the last 100 years. The experience gained during the century of its existence.

The visitors were later the guests of the B.M.A. luncheon, the B.M.A. at luncheon.  
**Psychological Effects Of Depression**

Dr. E. Kaye Le Fleming, chairman of the council of the B.M.A., who is in general practice in Wimbourn, Dorset, gave details of the efforts being made in Britain to protect the general health of the people from the effects of the depression. He said that the results of prolonged investigations in all parts of Britain showed definitely that there was no sign of bedevilment, and that the older men, whose work was prolonged periods, became depressed mentally and their health suffered.

The difficulty with the younger men was that they were often working in an unemployed group which was largely coming out of the workable class. Those who did not learn to work very often as young men they did not want to. To obviate this coloration of the mind, the Government employed youths were being given exercises and discipline and were taught trades. It was generally agreed that the results of this method was a general improvement, not only in the health, but also in the outlook of the young men.  
Dr. J. H. McCallum, Mayor (Ald. McCallum) has appeared as one of the Crown expert witnesses in the Crispin and Evershed case, the results of which stirred England in recent years, Sir William Wilcox will have much to say on the regulation of the sale of poisonous substances, and the president of the therapeutics and pharmacology section of the conference, and he presided at the conference debates.

Colonel C. I. Ellis, surgeon-in-chief to the First Sir John Ambulance Brigade, expressed the view that, in the event of a conflict in Abyssinia, the casualties from disease would be infinitely greater than from wounds received in battle. However, Italy was as well equipped medically as any other nation to combat the scourges of Abyssinia.  
**Irish Sweepstake And The Hospitals**

Sir Edward Coyle Bigger, chairman of the Irish Free State Public Health Council, said the hospitals throughout the Irish Free State had been improved

in equipment and accommodation in recent years, and all their indebtedness had been wiped out. This had been made possible by the grants from the Irish sweepstake, the proceeds of which were earmarked for hospitals and public health. There was now more than £200,000 in hand for that fund for the enlargement and improvement of all leading hospitals in the Irish Free State.  
**Dr. Clifford Morson, surgeon of St. Peter's Hospital for Urinary Diseases, London, who has come out as representative of London urologists, to open the discussion at the Melbourne conference upon prostaticectomy, praised the technique in connection with this serious work of a Sydney surgeon in introducing a new condition. "A new operation has recently been devised," he said, "which will revolutionize the results of this serious condition, and is a radical cure. This is one of the biggest developments in any sphere of work."**

Reference to the methods of coping with the problem of maternal mortality was made by Dr. J. S. Fairbairn, president of the obstetrics and gynaecology section of the conference, president of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and chairman of the Central Midwives' Board, a body incorporated by Act of Parliament to supervise the training and practice of midwives.  
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helped to fight them. Her husband, who was the late Colonel George Batten, saw service with the army in India.

## DISTINGUISHED MEDICAL VISITORS

## Jubilee Dinner And Special Conferring Of Degrees

Many overseas and interstate medical men will visit Adelaide this month to be present at the continuation of the Adelaide University Medical School Jubilee celebration on Wednesday, September 18. Among those who are expected to attend are Lord Horder (physician in ordinary to the King of Wales, and the president of the medicine section of the delegation of Medical visitors to the British Medical Association Congress in Melbourne), Dr. Francis P. Muecke (a South Australian, who is noted in London as an eye, ear, nose, and throat surgeon), Sir Thomas P. Dunhill of England, who was honorary surgeon to His Majesty the King in 1930), Dr. Gunastrum Cooke (Ceylon), C. M. Murray (South Africa), J. Lockhart Gibson (Briarcliffe), and R. E. Priestley (Victoria-Chancellor of the University of Melbourne), Professor H. Whitebridge Davies (Sydney), and Dr. C. E. Heron (Otago, New Zealand).

Professor T. Harvey Johnston (professor of zoology at the University of Adelaide and Dr. W. W. Wood (lecturer in physical chemistry at the University of Adelaide) will represent the University of Queensland. The celebration on this day will consist of a special conferring of degrees (Sir William Mitchell), and members at the order Hall, Adelaide University, and in the evening the Chancellor (Sir George Murray), the Vice-Chancellor of the Council will inaugurate a Jubilee dinner in the Refectory.

## Doctors Leave By Express

Adelaide doctors who left for Melbourne by the express last night to attend the B.M.A. Congress included Dr. D. R. W. Cowan (president of the British Medical Association), S. L. Dawkins, Burden, A. L. Toolevyn, R. F. Masters, M. T. Cockburn, K. S. Hietel, P. E. L. O. Betts, and Rika Hubbe.  
Dr. Gilbert Brown of Adelaide, will arrive by the Barrowfield today after

his six months' absence in England studying anaesthetics. He will disembark at Melbourne to attend the congress. He will later visit the newly-formed Australian Society of Anaesthetists.

A number of Perth doctors arrived by the East-West express last night, and left for Melbourne. They included Professor Edwin Bramwell, Dr. G. Brown, professor of clinical medicine at Edinburgh University, Professor Bramwell is president of the Royal College of Physicians. He graduated in 1896, and for many years was examiner in medicine at St. Andrew's University. He was president of the neurological section of the British Medical Association, Edinburgh, in 1927, and president of the Royal Medical Society in 1899-97. Professor Bramwell has published several articles dealing with the nervous system. He will deliver a paper on the anatomy of the Institute of Anatomy at Canberra on September 18.

Other doctors who arrived from Perth were Dr. H. J. Gray, J. Bentley, F. L. Gill, L. Male, L. Leshoff, F. Hadley, A. Vickers, J. G. Macdonald, and M. C. Cohen. They were accompanied by Messrs Bramwell, Gray, Bentley, Gill, and Male.

One of the most notable women doctors to attend the Medical Conference in Melbourne is Mrs. N. Bishop Harman, wife of Dr. N. Bishop Harman of Harley street, London. Mrs. Harman has not practised since her marriage, but her husband is an ophthalmic surgeon, and she has been a B.M.A. member since 1921.

Though poverty, overcrowding and unemployment were rife in Glasgow, 20 years the infant mortality rate had been reduced from 120 per thousand to 64 per thousand. This, she said, was due to the efforts of the welfare societies and medical authorities in the establishment of ante-natal clinics and child health centres.

The dozen of the women doctors on the Aorangi, Dr. Janette F. A. Ormerod retired some ten years ago, formerly active medical work, she was formerly attached to the Kinnaird Hospital at Lucknow, India, where she specialised in maternity work. She has been a member of the Surge in India and has