ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

SPRING MEETING

The spring meeting of the British Orthopaedic Association will be held in Bristol from April 8 to 10, 1965. Those wishing to submit papers for presentation should send five copies of a short abstract (about 400 words) to the Honorary Secretary, British Orthopaedic Association, at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, not later than December 31, 1964.

BRYAN McFARLAND MEMORIAL APPEAL FUND

The response to the appeal for funds towards the Bryan McFarland Memorial has been gratifying. A total of almost £4,000 has been contributed, not only by M.Ch.(Orth.) graduates in all parts of the world but also by very many others who have no direct association with the Liverpool school.

THE BRITISH CLUB FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND

The name of the Second Hand Club has been changed to the British Club for Surgery of the Hand. The Club will hold an open meeting at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, on Friday, October 9, 1964, at 2 p.m. The Chairman will be Mr John Barron. The meeting will consist of an Instructional Course on the treatment of injuries of the hand. Consultant surgeons and surgeons in training will be welcome, and it is hoped that the course will also be of interest to industrial medical officers and general practitioners. The registration fee will be 10s.

Applications to attend this meeting should be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the British Club for Surgery of the Hand, Mr H. Graham Stack, Westhay, Mount Avenue, Hutton, Essex.

BIOMECHANICS

A symposium on biomechanics and related bio-engineering topics will be held at the University of Strathclyde and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, Scotland, from September 15 to 18, 1964. Applications, including the registration fee of £8 guineas, should be sent to the Secretary, the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, before August 1, 1964.

BELGIAN ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

A special meeting of the Belgian Orthopaedic Association will be held at 54 Boulevard de Waterloo, Brussels, at 3.30 p.m. on October 24, 1964 in memory of Professor Jean Verbrugge. An appreciation will be read by Dr E. Vander Elst. Those presenting papers will include Dr Robert Judet, Dr Jean Judet, Professor M. Hackenbroch, Mr K. J. Nissen and Mr John Charnley.

AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR SURGERY OF THE HAND

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Americana Hotel, New York City, New York, on January 8 and 9, 1965.

CORRECTION

Dr J. Robert Close has been good enough to point out a misquotation from his article, "Some Applications of the Functional Anatomy of the Ankle Joint" (Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, 1956, 38-A, 761) in a later contribution by Mr M. G. H. Smith entitled "Inferior Tibio-fibular Diastasis Treated by Cross-screwing (Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery, 1963, 45-B, 737). Dr Close, in referring to tibio-fibular diastasis and deltoid ligament rupture with low fractures of the fibula, wrote (p. 780), "Treating diastasis therefore frequently means treatment for the deltoid lesion. When one realises that a certain amount of spreading apart of the malleoli and a certain amount of rotation of the fibula about the tibia are anatomical requirements for normal ankle motion the necessity for later removal of such internal fixation becomes obvious. Screws thus placed have been known to break during normal walking after the fractures have healed." In his paper Mr M. G. H. Smith, making a mention of tibio-fibular movement, wrote, "This small range of movement of the fibula at the inferior tibio-fibular joint caused Close (1956) to recommend that screws placed across the joint to maintain reduction of diastasis be removed before weight bearing and movement were commenced. He stated that screws had broken when left in position." Further abbreviation by editorial staff led to the statement actually printed p. (737): "Close (1956) recommended the removal of screws that had been placed across the joint to maintain reduction of diastasis before movement was allowed, because the screws broke when left in position." The inadvertent change in sense unfortunately escaped attention, and we very much regret that Mr Close was thus misquoted.