AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY OF ANÆSTHETISTS
MEMORANDUM FOR ALL MEMBERS

Relations with the British Medical Association.

The Society's application to be received as a Federal Section of Anaesthesia, B.M.A., is now before the Federal Council. The decision will be notified to all members in due course.

Postgraduate Training in Anaesthesia.

A Diploma in Anaesthesia, involving a gratifyingly high standard of work, has been initiated in the University of Sydney. In Melbourne, the permanent Postgraduate Committee has called for a report on the facilities available for postgraduate instruction in anaesthesia.

The Society naturally approves of the institution of senior qualifications in anaesthesia and of a high standard of qualification for them. It would be sorry, however, to see a series of State diplomata. The ideal plan would be one single diploma for all Australia, or yet better, for all Australasia. The logical body to confer it would be a conjoint board of the Royal Australasian Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. Whether any such body be within the realm of practical politics is as yet uncertain, but the Society would welcome it and would give it the fullest co-operation in any scheme for the improvement of postgraduate training in anaesthesia.

The Library.

The Society acknowledges with gratitude the gift of a full set of back-numbers of "Anaesthesia and Analgesia," from the outbreak of war to date, donated by Mrs. Laurette McMechan and the executive of the International Anaesthesia Research Society. This generous gift fills an ugly gap in our shelves, but is still more valued for the very nice spirit which prompted it.

The Society is no less indebted to Dr. Noel Gillespie, of Madison, Wis., for the gift of an autographed copy of his book, Endotracheal Anaesthesia.
The Society also expresses its thanks to Dr. R. Palmerston Rundle, of Rockhampton, Q., for the gift of a copy of J. F. Silk's *Nitrous Oxide Anaesthesia* (1888).

New books continue to be added as they become available. Members are urged to search their shelves for copies of old books, which will help to complete the Society's historical collection.

**Educational Films.**

Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries entertained the Victorian members of the Society to tea and a programme of anaesthesia films on July 24th, 1945. These films, made by Dr. I. W. Magill and his colleagues of the Westminster Hospital, are very good. Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries have kindly consented to repeat the programme in the other capital cities, so that all members of the Society have an opportunity to view them. Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries have also suggested the possibility of a donation of copies of the films to our Society, conditionally upon our undertaking to show them in an appropriate manner. This would involve access to talking-film projection apparatus, so that the position needs to be investigated. It is hoped that arrangements can be made, for the possession of a film-library would be of great value to the Society, and the kind offer of Messrs. Imperial Chemical Industries holds out the prospect of securing an admirable nucleus.

**Inhalational Therapy.**

A request has been received from Messrs. Australian Oxygen and Industrial Gases, Pty. Ltd., for information as to the administration of sulphonamide or penicillin by inhalation, using the Collison type of inhaler (*vide* N. Mutch, *Lancet*, December 16th, 1944). Members are invited to report their experiences in this direction to Messrs. Australian Oxygen and Industrial Gases at 550 Latrobe Street, Melbourne, C.3, or to the Secretary for transmission to this firm.

**Drugs and Appliances.**

Members desiring to know where drugs or appliances for specific purposes may be obtained are invited to write to the Secretary. He will gladly supply the information if he can, or,
if he cannot, will put the inquirer into touch with those who are able to do so.

Membership.

The death of Dr. M. K. Moss, of Perth, is announced with great regret. Dr. Ethel Robinson (V) is welcomed to membership of the Society. The resignations of Drs. E. C. Black, H. E. P. Ferguson, T. W. Hoggarth, E. Murphy, H. S. Lucraft and H. J. Stubbs are accepted with regret. The Society wishes them all good fortune in their new spheres of activity.

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