

rules, subject only to such restrictions upon each as are deemed needful for the harmonious co-operation of all.

As part of the annual general meeting sectional general meetings are held for the consideration of matters pertaining to the medical and allied sciences. The officers of sections are appointed by the Council, which also has the duty of framing the regulations by which the proceedings are governed.

It is the practice of the Association that the President should inaugurate his year of office by an address to the annual general meeting of the Association, and addresses in Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics, or kindred subjects, are also given on this occasion by distinguished members of the profession who are appointed for the purpose by the Council.

THE COUNCIL.

The Council is composed of certain officers of the Association, of members elected by the Branches, of members appointed to represent the Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Services, and of members, to the number of not more than one-tenth the elected members, co-opted by the Council; altogether about seventy members.

The Council elects its own Chairman, holding office for such period as the Council may assign (usually three years), and fixes the time and place of its own meetings, which in practice are held quarterly (and at other times when required) in London, and daily during the annual meeting in the place where that is held.

The Council, subject to the regulations of the Association, and the decisions of general and representative meetings, has the general management of the affairs of the Association, including the *Journal*, and appoints the paid officers. It determines the boundaries of Divisions and Branches, and under certain conditions the grouping for electoral purposes. It elects new members, if not residing within the area of any Branch, nominates honorary members for election by the general meeting, and has the power of expulsion on the recommendation of a Branch. Rules of Divisions and Branches are not valid until sanctioned by the Council.

The Council fixes the time of the annual meeting, controls the