

and as a contributory cause in the deaths of two other persons, aged 2 and 35 years respectively. In the case of the child small-pox was associated with acute miliary tuberculosis, and in that of the man of 35 with chronic myocarditis. The deaths at 52 and 2 years had been classed as due to small-pox, that at 35 years as due to chronic myocarditis. Replying to Mr. Groves, on March 26th, the Minister said that six certificates were received during 1933 on which vaccination or vaccinia was entered as the cause, or one of the causes, of death. The ages of the persons concerned were 2 months, 3 months, 4 months, 6 months, and 17 years respectively. He said he was advised that no form, other than Form A under the Vaccination Acts, was handed to parents registering births at Paddington.

*Medical and Nursing Services on the Western Isles.*—On March 27th Mr. SKELTON informed Mr. T. B. W. Ramsay that there were no hospitals, nursing, or maternity homes on the islands of Harris, North Uist, Benbecula, and Barra, or on the smaller adjacent islands, with the exception of a casual sickhouse in Harris. Medical and nursing services were provided by doctors and nurses resident on the islands named. In sudden and serious illnesses, accidents, and maternity cases arrangements were made wherever practicable for the removal of patients from Harris to the hospital at Stornoway, and from the other islands named either to Oban or Glasgow. Cases from Benbecula were sometimes treated in the private hospital on South Uist. The doctor at Benbecula was specially selected for appointment because of his surgical knowledge and experience. In urgent cases, as an alternative to the removal of the patient, the surgeon from Stornoway, accompanied if need be by a nurse, might travel to the home of the patient.

*New Formula for Surgical Spirit.*—In reply to Miss Horsburgh, on March 28th, Mr. HORE-BELISHA stated that the withdrawal as from March 15th, 1934, of the formula permitted during the past years for the manufacture of methylated spirit known as surgical spirit and the substitution of two new alternative formulae was to achieve a still higher degree of unpalatability in the product.

*Road Accidents: Increase in Metropolitan District.*—Replying to Mr. Cadogan, on March 31st, Sir JOHN GILMOUR said that statistics of accidents involving death and personal injury in the metropolitan police district for the months of January and February of this year showed that the total in each of these months was higher than in the corresponding months in previous years. Figures for this year for the rest of the country were not available, and it must not be assumed that the metropolitan figures were typical of the country as a whole. Figures of accidents in the metropolitan police districts resulting in death and injury in January and February in each of the years 1930 and 1934 were:

Year	Fatal		Non-fatal		Total	
	January	February	January	February	January	February
1930 ... ..	118	102	3,501	2,928	3,619	3,030
1931 ... ..	86	87	3,016	2,804	3,102	2,891
1932 ... ..	108	91	3,361	2,873	3,469	2,964
1933 ... ..	126	89	2,978	2,981	3,104	3,070
1934 ... ..	109	91	3,827	3,112	3,936	3,203

*Small-Pox at Blackburn.*—Mr. Groves asked, on March 29th, whether any members of the staff of the corporation hospital or any of the inmates developed small-pox in the recent outbreak at Blackburn; if so, how many, and what was their vaccinal condition. Sir HILTON YOUNG replied that the first case of the recent outbreak was removed not to the small-pox hospital, but to the ordinary isolation hospital before the illness was diagnosed as small-pox. Four members of the staff of the latter hospital and three patients subsequently developed small-pox. None of the three patients had been vaccinated. The four members of the staff had been vaccinated in infancy, and one of them stated that she had been revaccinated, but showed no evidence of revaccination. Replying, on March 26th, to Mr. Groves, the Minister stated that five of the Blackburn small-pox patients were vaccinated

shortly before removal to hospital. Two of these were vaccinated during the incubation period of the disease, six and ten days respectively before removal. Three were vaccinated after the illness had begun, one on the day of removal, one the day before removal, and the third four days before removal.

#### Notes in Brief

The Minister of Health will appoint a committee on the construction of tenement buildings.

A report from the Departmental Committee on Food Standards will be presented as soon as possible.

Mr. Elliot states that the methods to be adopted to utilize the grant of £750,000 to clear dairy herds from disease were under consideration by the Ministry of Agriculture and by the Cattle Disease Committee of the Economic Advisory Council.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

On the occasion of the centenary of the incorporation of the Liverpool Medical School the University proposes to confer the following honorary degrees at a graduation ceremony on May 11th:

*D.Sc.*—Henry Roy Dean, M.D., professor of pathology in the University of Cambridge and Master of Trinity Hall; Sir Thomas Lewis, M.D., F.R.S., physician to University College Hospital, London; Mrs. May Mellanby, investigator for the Medical Research Council; Wilfred Trotter, F.R.S., F.R.C.S., sergeant-surgeon to the King.

*LL.D.*—William Blair-Bell, F.R.C.S., emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynaecology in the University of Liverpool (professor 1921–31), first president of the British College of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Henry Briggs, F.R.C.S., emeritus professor of obstetrics and gynaecology in the University of Liverpool (professor 1898–1921); Herbert Richard Hurter, M.D., past-president of the Liverpool Medical Institution; William Smith Paget-Tomlinson, M.D., late chairman of the Westmorland Public Health Committee.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

At the graduation ceremony, on June 20th, the honorary degree of LL.D. will be conferred on Dr. René Leriche, professor of clinical surgery in the University of Lyons.

### UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

#### TRINITY COLLEGE

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

*FINAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION.—Part I (Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Pathology and Bacteriology):* B. E. O'Brien (passed on high marks), P. X. O'Dwyer, H. C. Bourke, S. J. H. Douglas, F. J. C. Loughran, B. M. O'Sullivan, B. Rogol, R. A. Bond, J. T. Wellwood, P. Citron, B. Lapedus, J. C. Roux, G. S. Caithness. *Part II—M.B.:* R. B. Hunter, E. E. O'Malley, H. I. Ryan, Mary E. Mansfield, J. J. Martin, Charlotte F. Pike, H. F. T. Deane, S. H. R. Price. *B.Ch.:* J. Bell, G. N. Taylor, R. B. Hunter, Agnes Monteiro, W. N. Whiteside, Esther C. L. Howe, Helena G. G. Bennett, Eva E. Moore, P. A. O'Callaghan, T. J. M. Gregg, J. A. M'Ilveen, A. Dolphin. *B.A.O.:* J. F. Q. Conolly (passed on high marks), T. D. O'C. Donelan, Eveleen M. H. Scott, Marie J. S. O'Toole, F. J. B. Convery, R. F. Lurring, F. M. Hanna, R. I. Shier, Agnes Monteiro, S. M. Freedman, J. Sorett, C. J. Vaughan, H. G. Ellerker. *M.D.:* A. A. Cunningham, R. Hegy, J. H. Hodgman, J. T. Robinson.

*D.P.H.—Part II (Old Regulations):* H. E. S. Richards.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

At a meeting of the Royal College of Physicians, held on March 26th, Lord Dawson of Penn was re-elected President.

Mr. Augustus Andrewes-Uthwatt was appointed junior standing counsel of the College. Dr. H. Morley Fletcher was appointed to represent the College at the centenary celebration of the foundation of the medical school of Liverpool University; Professor G. Elliot Smith at the International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences; and Dr. F. Dawtrey Drewitt as representative on the Committee of Management of the Chelsea Physic Garden.

The Oliver-Sharpey Lectures on "Viruses in Relation to the Aetiology of Tumours" will be delivered by Dr. C. H. Andrewes at the College on May 1st, and 3rd at 5 p.m.

Diplomas in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons, to the following candidates:

H. W. Applin, Edith D. Bowie, W. G. Davidson, G. D. Gordon, H. D. Grieve, J. N. Jaswal, A. R. Khan, E. H. W. Lyle, P. H. Maal, W. B. E. McCrea, G. G. Patel, A. W. Patton, L. G. Scoular, J. Sherne, K. H. Singh, Effie Slater, P. I. Tierney, R. L. H. Townsend.

#### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates have passed in the subjects indicated:

**SURGERY.**—A. J. L. Bolger, J. L. Freer, J. C. Harvey, C. W. O'Donoghue, F. D. Paterson, J. D. Taylor, T. H. N. Whitehead.

**MEDICINE.**—A. J. L. Bolger, A. C. E. Cole, R. Frankling, J. Lipschitz, B. C. M. Palmer, T. H. N. Whitehead.

**FORENSIC MEDICINE.**—A. J. L. Bolger, M. T. Curran, B. C. M. Palmer, H. Paroulakis, J. H. Playne, F. W. Treadwell, T. H. N. Whitehead.

**MIDWIFERY.**—A. J. L. Bolger, R. N. Crossley, M. T. Curran, B. Dayal, J. H. Playne, T. H. N. Whitehead.

The diploma of the Society has been granted to A. J. L. Bolger, A. C. E. Cole, B. Dayal, R. Frankling, J. L. Freer, J. C. Harvey, J. Lipschitz, B. C. M. Palmer, J. D. Taylor, and T. H. N. Whitehead.

## Medical News

The one hundred and fourteenth annual general meeting of the Hunterian Society will be held at Simpson's Restaurant, Cheapside, E.C., on Monday, April 9th, at 7.15 p.m. After the annual meeting Sir Frederick Hobday will give an address on "The Debt Veterinary Science owes to John Hunter."

A meeting of the Eugenics Society will be held at the Linnean Society's Rooms, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, April 17th, at 5.15 p.m., when there will be a symposium on birth control. The speakers will be representatives of the National Birth Control Association and the Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics, with Sir Humphry Rolleston in the chair.

A course of lectures on pathological research in its relation to medicine has been arranged for the summer session at the Institute of Pathology and Research, St. Mary's Hospital, London, W. These lectures will be given in the lecture room of the Bacteriological Department of the Institute on Thursday afternoons at 5 p.m., from April 12th to May 31st, inclusive. The lecturers are: Sir Almroth Wright, Professor A. Bethe (University of Frankfurt), Mr. Hugh Cairns, Sir Bernard Spilsbury, Professor J. B. S. Haldane, Professor J. C. Drummond, Professor E. N. Da C. Andrade, and Dr. Leonard Colebrook. The course is open to all members of the medical profession and to students in the medical schools without fee.

A post-graduate course on the medical and hydrological treatment of diseases of the digestive system, liver, and nutrition in the light of recent research will be held under the direction of Professor Maurice Villaret at the Hôpital Necker, Paris, commencing on April 23rd and lasting for a fortnight, and will be followed by a visit to Vichy, where the last two lectures will be given. The fee is 200 francs. Further information can be obtained at the Laboratoire de l'Hydrologie et Climatologie, Faculté de Médecine, Paris.

The Fellowship of Medicine announces that Dr. Clark-Kennedy's thirteenth lecture-demonstration, at 11, Chandos Street, W., on April 17th, will deal with cardiac murmurs. On April 14th, at 3 p.m., Mr. Mortimer Woolf will demonstrate surgical cases at the National Temperance Hospital. On April 11th Mr. Lindsay Rea will give a demonstration on the fundus oculi for M.R.C.P. candidates. On April 11th, at 11, Chandos Street, at 8.30 p.m., Dr. Ellman will begin a series of lectures on the diagnosis and treatment of chronic diseases of the chest in general practice. An afternoon course in infants' diseases will be given at the Infants Hospital from April 9th to 21st. On April 14th and 15th the Southend General Hospital is holding a course in general medicine

and surgery. The British Red Cross Clinic has arranged a course in rheumatism on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from April 10th to 26th, at 8.30 p.m. Other forthcoming courses and demonstrations include ophthalmology, at the Royal Eye Hospital, April 16th to 28th; x-ray films and electrocardiograms (for M.R.C.P. candidates), at 11, Chandos Street, April 16th, 17th, and 19th, at 8.30 p.m.; and three lectures (free to members and associates of the Fellowship), at 4 p.m., on April 19th, 26th, and May 3rd. Brief particulars are given in the diary column of our *Supplement* each week.

At the next conference of the German Society of Internal Medicine, which will be held at Wiesbaden from April 9th to 12th, the main topics for consideration will relate to problems of inheritance and transmission in respect of the circulatory system, kidneys, and nerves, pulmonary diseases, and psychological conditions; the principles and problems of neurological localization; and the physiology, chemistry, and therapeutics of the sexual hormone. Vitamins will be discussed in a joint session with the German Society for the Study of Diseases of the Digestion and Metabolism.

The next meeting of the International League Against the Venereal Peril will be held at Madrid in May.

The Middlesex Hospital has received from Mr. E. W. Meyerstein of Dunton Green a gift of £30,000, to develop a new department of radiotherapy. The hospital has also received a new gift of £10,000 from Lord Woolavington, making Lord Woolavington's total benefactions to the hospital £135,000, and a new gift of £10,000 from Mr. W. H. Collins, donor of the Collins X-Ray Diagnostic Unit, which brings Mr. Collins's benefactions to £35,000.

Dr. H. B. Fletcher of Dronfield, Derbyshire, is retiring from the urban district council, of which he has been a member for fifty years. For twenty-one years he has been chairman, and for twenty-five years a J.P. In 1894, when the Dronfield local board became an urban district council, there were twenty-one candidates for nine seats, and he headed the poll. Dr. Fletcher is retaining his membership of the Derbyshire County Council, to which he was recently re-elected; he has been a member of it since 1919. In view of the widespread appreciation of his untiring work and many services to the local community, a testimonial fund has been opened. Dr. Fletcher, who is a member of the British Medical Association, received his medical education at Edinburgh.

In the *Journal* of March 24th (p. 565) reference was made to presentations to Dr. Luke Gerald Dillon upon his retirement after practising for fifty years in Seaham. A further presentation, in the form of a massive silver loving-cup from the medical practitioners of the county of Durham in recognition of his services as a practitioner and chairman of the local medical and panel committee, was made to Dr. Dillon by Dr. David F. Todd (honorary secretary of the committee) at a complimentary dinner at Durham on March 17th.

Dr. Walther has been elected president, Dr. Siredey vice-president, Professor Achard general secretary, and Dr. Brouardel annual secretary, of the Académie de Médecine for 1934.

Professor Burian of Prague and Dr. Clauoué of Paris have organized an international course in plastic surgery. The course will be held in Paris from May 14th to 18th and in Prague from May 19th to the 26th. The fee is 300 francs. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Clauoué, Rue Scheffer, 29, Paris.

The total number of doctors in Japan in 1932 was 50,068, an increase of 1,969 over that in 1931.

The following appointments have recently been made in foreign medical faculties: Dr. Richard Sirbeck of Heidelberg, professor of internal medicine at Berlin; Dr. Aubertin, professor of experimental medicine at Bordeaux; Dr. Serr, professor of medical pathology at Toulouse; Dr. Ladislav Melanowski, professor of ophthalmology at Warsaw; and Dr. E. Cylarz, professor of internal medicine at Vienna in succession to Professor J. Pal.