

Post Office. For many years he was medical officer of health to the Friern Barnet district, during which time he kept himself thoroughly conversant with the ever-increasing public health problems, and was the means of instituting many admirable reforms. For over forty years he was a member of the British Medical Association, in which he had always taken the greatest interest, and had been chairman of the Finchley Division. Dr. Spreat was greatly respected by all the medical men with whom he came into contact, and his loss will be much felt by his fellow practitioners. He married Miss Edith Hulke, daughter of the late Dr. Hulke of Deal, and she survives him with a son and a daughter. His younger son he lost in the war.

Those who knew Dr. IDRIS DAVID EVANS will greatly regret to hear of his sudden death, on May 3rd, at his home in Prebend Mansions, Chiswick. He had recently undergone a successful operation and was apparently in perfect health. Dr. Evans, who was 43 years of age, qualified in 1914, and took his M.D.(Durham) in 1917, having received his medical education at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. He served as major in the R.A.M.C. during the war. He had lived for a considerable time at Cardiff, and served as medical assessor to the Pensions Appeal Tribunal. Called to the Bar at Gray's Inn, he had recently become interested in coroners' work, obtaining the appointment of deputy coroner for Central London last October. During his tenure of this office he held the inquest upon the body of a cabaret artist who died as a result of taking drugs for slimming. It was on this occasion that he called attention to the fact that drugs of the nitrophenol group are accessible to the general public, and legislation has since been introduced limiting the sale of these drugs. Dr. Evans leaves a widow and one son.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Board of the Faculty of Medicine has elected R. E. Havard, D.M., Queen's College, to the Schorstein Research Fellowship for 1934.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Two public lectures will be given on Monday and Tuesday, May 14th and 15th, at 5 p.m., in the new lecture theatre of the Department of Physiology, by Dr. Alfred Adler of Vienna. The subject of the first lecture is the principles of individual psychology; of the second, active and passive personalities.

The titles of the degrees of M.B., B.Chir., have been conferred on A. H. Field (Newnham College).

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY AND ELECTROLOGY.—L. R. B. Birt, E. W. H. Shawcross, B. W. Windeyer.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The Court, at its meeting on May 2nd, learnt with gratification of grants from two more of the city companies—namely, the Fletchers and Pewterers. These benefactions will be applied towards meeting the cost of the Ceremonial Hall, to be built on the University site in Bloomsbury. A very cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Essex Education Committee and County Council for increasing their grant to the University for 1934-5 from £1,000 to £1,500.

### LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

#### D.P.H. Course: Fishmongers' Studentship

The 1934-5 course of study, which qualifies students to sit for the University of London Diploma in Public Health, covers a period of nine calendar months' whole-time work, commencing on October 1st, 1934. The fee (54 guineas) covers the cost of the ordinary lectures and demonstrations, visits to centres of public health interest, the necessary practical work with the medical officer of health, and instruction in infectious diseases.

One place will be allotted, without fees, after open competition on June 28th and 29th, the successful candidate being awarded the Fishmongers' Company Studentship. Applications to compete for this studentship must be sent in by June 18th. Inquiries in regard to this course or the courses of study in bacteriology, epidemiology and vital statistics,

industrial psychology, tropical medicine and hygiene, etc., should be addressed to the Secretary, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, Gower Street, W.C.1.

#### Langley Memorial Prize

This prize, of the approximate value of £21, is open to competition among officers of the West African Medical Staff, whether on the active list or retired list. The award will be made in respect of the best paper on one of the following subjects (special consideration to be given to original work): (a) Tropical Medicine or Surgery. (b) Tropical Hygiene and Sanitation. (c) Tropical Entomology and Parasitology. Papers must be delivered to the Secretary, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, Gower Street, W.C.1, before October 1st, 1934, from whom further particulars can be obtained on application.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON

The Fellows of University College, London, held their annual dinner at the College on April 30th, on which date the first stone of University College was laid by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex in 1827. Sir John Rose Bradford, Bart., M.D., F.R.S., Chairman of the College Committee, presided. Before dinner those who had been recently elected were admitted to the Honorary Fellowship or Fellowship by the chairman. The new Honorary Fellows are: Emeritus Professor Karl Pearson, who occupied the Chair of Applied Mathematics and Mechanics from 1884 to 1911 and the Galton Chair of Eugenics from 1911 to 1933; and Emeritus Professor Sir Flinders Petrie, who was Edwards Professor of Egyptology from 1893 to 1933—admitted *in absentia*. The new Fellows are Miss Edith C. Batho, Professor B. Ifor Evans, Dr. Edward Mallett, Mr. Harold James Page, and Dr. Alan Sterling Parkes.

### UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Dr. Stuart McDonald has been appointed lecturer in pathology in place of Dr. F. W. M. Lamb, resigned.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, held on May 1st, with the president, Dr. Edwin Bramwell in the chair, Dr. Francis William Murray Cunningham, D.S.O. (Hove), took his seat as a Fellow, and Dr. William Lindsay Kinnear (Dundee), Major James Henry Barrett, I.M.S., and Dr. David Rhys Lewis (Swansea) were elected Fellows.

Dr. Robert Thin was re-elected a representative of the College on the Conjoint Committee of Management of the Triple Qualification.

It was announced that the Cullen Prize had been awarded equally between Sir Frederick Kay Menzies, K.B.E., and Lieut.-Colonel A. G. McKendrick.

## Medical Notes in Parliament

### [FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT]

The House of Lords this week discussed a Parliamentary (Reform) Bill introduced by Lord Salisbury. Lord Hailsham said reform of the House of Lords would have to be a Government measure, but that the Government had not decided to propose it.

The House of Commons took the Unemployment Bill on report. Earlier a new clause was proposed by Mr. J. J. Lawson to extend unemployment insurance to non-manual workers with salaries of less than £500 a year. Sir Henry Betterton promised to ask the Unemployment Statutory Committee to consider the proposal. The new clause was defeated.

The Workmen's Compensation (Coal Mines) Bill and Water Supplies (Exceptional Shortage) Bill were read a second time, and the Firearms Act Amendment Bill a third time by the House of Lords on May 2nd. The Protection of Animals Bill was read a second time by the Lords on May 3rd.

In the House of Commons, on May 4th, the Cotton Manufacturing Industry (Temporary Provisions) Bill was read a first time.

The Hotels and Restaurants Bill was withdrawn on May 2nd. The Licensing (Standardization of Hours) Bill was set down for report in the Commons on May 4th, but was not reached, and no further progress with it is expected this session.

## Medical News

The eighth annual Macalister Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Robert Hutchison on "Praise and Dispraise of Doctors" at the National Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W., on Thursday, June 21st, at 9 p.m. All medical practitioners and their friends are invited.

The fifteenth Maudsley Lecture before the Royal Medico-Psychological Association will be delivered by Lord Macmillan, on "The Professional Mind," at 26, Portland Place, W., on Thursday, May 17th, at 3 p.m. Admission without ticket.

Dr. J. B. Orr will deliver a Chadwick Public Lecture at the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, S.W., on Tuesday, May 29th, at 5.30 p.m. His subject will be "The National Food Supply and Public Health." Admission free, without ticket.

The next meeting of the Royal Microscopical Society will be held at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C., on Wednesday, May 16th, at 5.30 p.m., when the curator, Mr. W. E. Watson Baker, will exhibit and describe the Nachet binocular microscope recently acquired, and papers will be read by Dr. E. S. Horning and Professor C. Leonard Huskins.

Dr. Alfred Adler will address a special meeting of the Medical Society of Individual Psychology at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Thursday, May 17th, at 8.30 p.m.

At the annual general meeting of the Chelsea Clinical Society to be held at the Hotel Rembrandt, Thurloe Place, S.W., on Tuesday, May 15th, at 8.30 p.m., Squadron Leader P. C. Livingstone will open a discussion with a paper entitled "Ophthalmic Notes on the Air Force Pilot Over-seas." The meeting will be preceded by dinner at 7.30 p.m.

The subject of Sir Henry Lyons's presidential address before the Institute of Physics is "Physics and Science Museums." It will be given at the Royal Institution, 21, Albemarle Street, on Tuesday, May 15th, at 5.15 p.m., and tickets may be had from the secretary, Institute of Physics, 1, Lowther Gardens, Exhibition Road, S.W.7.

The next monthly clinical meeting for medical practitioners will be held at the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, W., on Thursday, May 24th, at 3 p.m., when Dr. W. G. Wyllie will demonstrate. Tea will be provided. Those intending to be present are asked to send a card to the secretary.

The Glasgow University Club, London, will dine at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Friday, May 25th, at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Professor Sir Robert Muir, F.R.S., is to be in the chair. Any Glasgow University men who, though not members of the club, desire to attend are requested to communicate with the honorary secretaries, 62, Harley House, N.W.1.

The House of the Royal Society of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) will be closed from Saturday, May 19th, to Monday, May 21st, both days inclusive.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces that Dr. Clark-Kennedy will give a lecture-demonstration on anginal pain on May 15th at 2.30 p.m. The lecture on May 29th will deal with functional heart disease. Forthcoming arrangements include a week-end course in diseases of the chest at the Brompton Hospital, all-day, May 26th and 27th; a week's course in chest diseases at the City of London Hospital, Victoria Park, from May 28th to June 2nd; a fortnight's course in gynaecology at the Chelsea Hospital, May 28th to June 9th; and a month's course in venereal disease at the London Lock Hospital, May 28th to June 23rd. A week-end course in medicine and surgery has been arranged for June 2nd and 3rd at St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow. A panel of teachers provides daily individual clinics in various branches of medicine and surgery.

A conference of the British Health Resorts Association is being held this week-end at Harrogate concurrently

with the annual general meeting of the Physical Medicine Section of the Royal Society of Medicine. On Saturday morning Professor Langdon Brown opens a discussion on the use of spas in diseases of the liver, and in the afternoon Dr. S. E. Dore opens a discussion on the spa treatment of skin diseases.

The thirteenth annual conference of the Federation of Cremation Authorities in Great Britain will be held in conjunction with the annual conference of the National Association of Cemetery and Crematorium Superintendents at Birmingham from June 25th to 28th. Papers on various subjects connected with the disposition of the dead will be presented, including contributions from Sir John Robertson and Sir Gilbert Barling, and will be followed by discussion. The meetings of the conference will be held in the Council House, Birmingham, with the exception of the Wednesday meeting, which will be held in the Town Hall, Sutton Coldfield. The Lord Mayor, Alderman H. E. Goodby, J.P., will preside at the opening session.

We are asked to announce that the Savill Prize, value £15, which is offered biennially by the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, will be awarded this year. Candidates, who should be post-graduate students, are required to write a thesis on a neurological subject of their choice, which subject must be submitted for approval not later than May 31st; they must also have attended the practice of the hospital on at least ten occasions. Theses must be received not later than November 30th, and are accepted only on the condition that they shall not be published except with the written consent of the examiners. Further particulars may be obtained from the secretary of the hospital, 73, Welbeck Street, W.1.

The issue of the *Wiener medizinische Wochenschrift* for April 21st is dedicated to Professor Adolf Lorenz, the well-known orthopaedic surgeon of Vienna, who celebrated his 80th birthday on that date.

The issue of *Paris Médical* for April 28th contains a French translation, by Dr. A. Baudoin, of Argyll Robertson's paper in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal* of December, 1869, describing the ocular changes to which his name has been attached.

The May issue of *The Practitioner* includes five articles on diseases of the eye, by Dr. W. J. Adie, Mr. N. Bishop Harman, Mr. P. G. Doyne, Mr. J. Cole Marshall, and Mr. H. B. Stallard.

The Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Syphiligraphy will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its foundation on May 17th and 18th.

On April 21st Mr. John Lionel Stretton of Kidderminster, who recently completed his fiftieth year as a member of the honorary staff of the Kidderminster and District General Hospital, celebrated, with his wife, his golden wedding. He has been president of the hospital staff for the last ten years, and has served as chairman of the County of Worcester Local Medical and Panel Committee for twenty years.

May 14th is the 200th anniversary of the death of the physician and chemist Georg Ernst Stahl, the founder of the theory of phlogiston and animism.

The Pathological Museum in connexion with the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association at Bournemouth next July will comprise (a) exhibits bearing on discussions and papers in the Sections; (b) specimens and illustrations bearing upon recent research work; (c) instruments relating to clinical diagnosis and pathological investigation; (d) individual specimens of special interest, or a series illustrating some particular subject. It is also hoped to have exhibits relating to neurology and to heredity and mental and physical deterioration, and a series of x-ray and other photographs. The committee is anxious for the co-operation of pathologists and others in securing specimens of medical interest on the lines indicated above. Offers of assistance may be sent to the honorary secretary of the Museum Committee, Dr. C. G. H. Morse, Room 30, Town Hall, Bournemouth, to whom specimens should be forwarded by July 9th.