

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The following have been elected to the Board of the Faculty of Medicine by the General Medical Electorate: C. F. T. East, D.M., and C.P. Symonds, D.M., New College.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that a congregation will be held on Saturday, August 4th, at 2 p.m. No degrees will be conferred at this congregation except upon persons qualified to proceed then to medical or surgical degrees.

The Faculty Board of Medicine has appointed Dr. G. Harrison Orton a member of the Committee for Medical Radiology and Electrolgy until December 31st, 1934, in the room of the late Dr. Stanley Melville.

At a congregation on June 8th a Grace was approved for conferment of the degree of Master of Arts, *honoris causa*, upon Sir Charles James Martin, C.M.G., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., who is now resident at Cambridge and engaged in research there. The degree was conferred that day.

The title of the degree of M.D. has been conferred by diploma on Mrs. A. G. Dauncey of Newnham College.

At the congregation on June 8th the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.B., B.CHIR.—*H. T. Cox, W. R. Billington, R. V. Payne, H. D. White, W. Wilson, J. L. Parker.
B.CHIR.—*E. J. Neill, *W. E. Tucker.

*By proxy.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The University Court on June 6th was informed that the Kent County Council, acting on the recommendation of its Education Committee, had decided to make a grant of £40,000, payable over ten years, towards the cost of erecting new University buildings on the Bloomsbury site. The Court has conveyed most cordial thanks to the Kent County Council and Education Committee for this munificent gift.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

THIRD M.B., B.S.—*†R. H. R. Belsey, *†§ E. W. Bintliffe, *†§ Edith J. R. Browne (University Medal), *†A. M. R. Cann, *†D. R. Davies, *†R. R. Henderson, *†E. G. Jones, *†L. E. Jones, *†Beryl Twyman, *†Sylvia V. F. Wolfe, Mary A. C. Adams, J. L. Bates, Mary A. M. Bigby, Eileen A. Chennell, J. A. Chivers, J. G. R. Clarke, Doris Cohen, Beryl D. Corner, C. F. Critchley, E. A. Danino, D. M. Dean, C. B. Dharmasena, I. Doniach, O. G. Edholm, R. T. Elven, Nancie I. Faux, Constance E. Field, J. M. Flower, H. E. D. Gale, C. J. Gavey, N. Green, J. T. Griffiths, Hilary Gunton, R. M. Haines, S. T. Hayward, Alice M. Head, G. F. Henderson, E. F. Hewlitt, A. C. Howard, H. C. Hugh, N. M. Jacoby, Elizabeth M. James, Margaret H. James, H. W. E. Jones, W. S. G. Lawson, H. B. Lee, Rosamund M. I. Mackay, G. A. Mais, S. P. Mason, P. H. Nankivell, Doris E. Oxford, H. Royle, G. C. Sawyer, Margaret H. Scott, C. Seeley, H. L. Selwyn, R. Shackman, J. V. Shemilt, D. G. Snell, W. P. Stamm, M. G. Stratford, Mary G. Tate, W. P. McK. Telfer, T. P. Thamotheam, Elisabeth J. McQ. Thomas, A. S. Thorley, W. W. Walther, S. H. Wass, Elizabeth B. White.

The following candidates have passed in one of the two groups of subjects:

Group I.—S. H. Alavi, G. W. Bender, D. M. Blomfield, J. A. Brocklebank, I. A. Cathie, Enid S. Davies, Audrey P. Dence, D. G. ff. Edward, Evelyn J. Forgan, W. T. J. Fowler, Joan I. Franklin-Adams, D. B. Hyslop, A. D. Iliff, F. A. Jones, Margaret M. C. Loudon, J. I. Maran, G. D. Morgan, Barbara G. Morton, F. E. Norris, D. S. Piper, Irene E. Sandford, K. G. Seager, H. W. G. Staunton, D. L. McK. Stewart, H. A. Thomas, Sarah C. B. Walker, M. E. Wigfield.

Group II.—H. H. Atkinson, E. A. Bisson, Muriel Boycott, D. J. T. Brinkworth, R. Bruce, R. Carpenter, R. F. Clarke, C. W. J. Claydon, D. W. A. Degazon, Lynette Dowsett, H. D. Fairman, E. D. Falcofer, T. F. R. Griffin, A. W. J. Houghton, Joyce B. Jewson, W. L. Kerr, G. A. Kiloh, J. R. Kingdon, K. A. Latter, S. Lee, C. F. Mayo-Smith, R. H. Purnell, D. C. Reavell, J. D. Richardson, A. T. Roden, Catherine L. Simmonds, B. W. Smith, M. C. L. Smith, E. J. Somerset, W. H. C. Spooner, K. F. Stephens, Margaret E. Sutherland, R. E. Thomas, W. F. Townsend-Coles, R. J. Vakil, E. C. Zorab.

* Honours. † Distinguished in Medicine. ‡ Distinguished in Pathology. § Distinguished in Surgery. || Distinguished in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

At a meeting of the University Council on June 11th Dr. Edward Mellanby, F.R.S., late Professor of Pharmacology in the University, and now Secretary of the Medical Research Council, was appointed Emeritus Professor.

Obituary

Dr. AGNES BRYCE SMITH, who died last month in the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, received her medical education at King's College Hospital, London, whence she graduated M.B., B.S.Lond. in 1923, and obtained the diplomas M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in the same year. After holding the post of house-physician to the hospital, she was appointed house-surgeon to the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital at Ryde. After two years of institutional work she started private practice in Ryde, and was then the only woman medical practitioner in the island. A short time afterwards she was appointed visiting anaesthetist to the County Hospital. Her practice developed steadily, and she gained the friendship and respect of her brother practitioners in the island. Two years ago she had to cease work owing to the onset of a long and trying illness, and death ensued at the early age of 35. She was the only daughter of the late Dr. A. S. Smith of Chagford, Devon, and her brother is also in the medical profession.

We regret to record the death of Dr. EDWARD BERESFORD COLLINGS at Barnsley on June 2nd, at the age of 71. He was born in 1863, and, after studying at the Leeds School of Medicine, obtained the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. diplomas in 1891. He went to Barnsley from Bath in 1893, in partnership with his brother-in-law, the late Dr. White, and for forty years had been medical officer to the Poor Law Infirmary. Dr. Collings was an enthusiastic swimmer, and taught the art to many children. His proficiency in that particular sport was responsible for the saving of two lives in December, 1915, when, while on the way to visit a patient, he found that a woman who could not swim had jumped into the canal to the rescue of her 12-year-old son. Dr. Collings plunged in, and brought mother and son to the bank. He had been a member of the British Medical Association since 1907, and during the war served in France as a temporary captain in the R.A.M.C.

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.

On Wednesday, June 27th, at 5 p.m., at the house of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W., Dr. William Allen Pusey of Chicago will deliver the Prosser White Oration on "Disease, Gadfly of the Mind, Especially the Stimulus of Disease in the Development of the Mind," before the St. John's Hospital Dermatological Society.

A meeting of the Eugenics Society will be held at the Linnean Society's Rooms, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, June 26th, at 5.15 p.m., when Professor F. A. E. Crew will speak on "The Inheritance of Educability in the Rat." Sir Humphry Rolleston will take the chair.

The annual meeting of the Incorporated Lancashire and Cheshire Society for the Permanent Care of the Feeble-minded will be held at the Mary Dendy Homes, Sandlebridge, on June 19th, at 2.30 p.m., with the Lord Mayor of Manchester in the chair. The Ashby Memorial Hospital, the farm and gardens, and the new homes will be open for inspection after the meeting; tea at Warford Hall.

The annual dinner of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant, W., on Wednesday, July 4th, at 8 p.m. The annual general meeting of the society will be held at West London Hospital on Friday, July 6th, at 5 p.m.

A tabular statement of post-graduate courses and lectures to be given in London during June and July appeared in last week's *Supplement* (p. 289). The programme drawn up by the Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) includes lecture-demonstrations at 11, Chandos Street, W., June 19th and 26th, at 2.30 p.m.; a fortnight's course in children's diseases at the Children's Clinic, June 25th to July 7th; and another in cardiology at the National Heart Hospital during the same period; a course in medicine and surgery at the Metropolitan Hospital, June 30th and July 1st; and a course in ophthalmology at the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, July 2nd to July 7th.

At the meeting of the National Smoke Abatement Society, held in Caxton Hall, Westminster, on June 8th, Dr. H. A. Des Vœux said that it was in this hall that he had originally put forward his idea of a campaign for the prevention of the smoke nuisance. The various papers read at the meeting were concerned chiefly with the control of domestic smoke by the use of smokeless fuels and gas coke in the open-grate fire. Among those present were the two representatives of the British Medical Association—Mr. Bishop Harman and Dr. Clark Trotter.

The Royal Sanitary Institute (90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.) announces that the health exhibition to be held in connexion with the forty-fifth congress of the institute will be accommodated in the Colston Hall, Bristol, from July 9th to 14th.

The fourth conference of the International Association of Preventive Paediatrics (medical section of the Save the Children International Union) will be held this year at Lyons on September 27th and 28th. The subjects to be discussed and the names of the rapporteurs are: (1) "Prophylaxis of Malaria in Children"—Professors Cacace (Naples) and Gillot (Algiers), with whom will be associated Dr. Larrouy (a British rapporteur will be named later); (2) "Prophylaxis of Rickets and Convulsions"—Professors Adam (Dantzig) and Monrad (Copenhagen). Those who desire to be present at the conference, as well as to take part in the discussions following on the reports, are requested to communicate with the secretary of the I.A.P.P., 15, Rue Lévrier, Geneva, Switzerland.

A congress of the International Society of Geographical Pathology (which was founded in 1927 by Askanazy, supported by Aschoff) will be held at Utrecht from July 26th to 28th. The subjects for discussion are cirrhosis of the liver, arteriosclerosis, and the organization of the society.

The fourth congress of the International Office of Documentation for Military Medicine will be held at Liège from June 28th to 30th, when the following subjects will be discussed: medical aspects of aviation, organization of the sanitary service at the base, critical study of the international registration of wounds and diseases in the war of movement, immunization against infection of wounds, disimpregnation of the linen and clothing of the gassed, bacteriological warfare, processes of disintoxication, and interchange of sanitary formations during a campaign. Further information can be obtained from the director of the International Office, Lieut.-Colonel Voncken, Hôpital Militaire, Liège.

The seventh congress of the French Paediatric Association will be held in Paris from July 9th to 11th under the presidency of Professor Ombredanne, when the following subjects will be discussed: pathology of Meckel's diverticulum; the influence of climatological and meteorological conditions; and tuberculous filterable viruses in infantile pathology.

The issue of the *Schweizerische medizinische Wochenschrift* for May 12th is dedicated to Professor F. R. Nager, who founded the university oto-rhino-laryngological clinic at Zürich in 1909.

The issue of *Paris Médical* for June 2nd is devoted to infectious diseases.

The Institute of Medical Psychology (the "Tavistock Clinic"), Malet Place, W.C.1, has received an anonymous donation of £300 "to start research work on the remedial

treatment of children who suffer nervous troubles as an after-effect of assault." Investigation of this particular problem will be begun immediately.

The centenary of the Royal Society of Medicine of Ghent was celebrated on May 27th and 28th, under the presidency of the gynaecologist Dr. van Cauwenbergh.

The Secretary of State for Scotland has appointed Dr. W. N. J. Chapman to be a Deputy Commissioner of the General Board of Control for Scotland in the room of Dr. H. F. Watson, resigned.

Dr. Fanny Halpern, assistant in psychiatry at the Vienna University, has been appointed professor of psychiatry at Shanghai University.

Professors Danielopolu of Bucarest and Bensis of Athens have been elected foreign corresponding members of the Académie de Médecine.

Professor Egon Pribram of Frankfurt has been elected a corresponding member of the Paris Society of Surgery.

The following appointments have recently been made in the German faculties of medicine: Dr. Heinrich Eymmer of Heidelberg, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Munich in succession to Professor A. Döderlein, Dr. Helmuth Bohnenkamp of Giessen, professor of internal medicine at Freiburg i.B., and Dr. Martin Schubert of Nanburg, professor of dermatology at Frankfurt.

The Italian Central Institute of Statistics, in the last census of April 21st, 1931, reported that the number of Italian citizens over 90 years of age was 10,522, of whom 4,420 were males and 6,102 females.

The number of cases of small-pox notified weekly in the United States has shown no appreciable change since the beginning of the year, the average number being 150. The disease is of the mild type, and no fatal cases have occurred.

Letters, Notes, and Answers

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Pruritus with Jaundice

"P. J. M." writes: I have a patient with jaundice (apparently intrahepatic in type) who suffers from almost intolerable itching. The condition in general is improving, but the itching still remains. Local applications are of value only for a comparatively short time. Injections of insulin and auto-haemotherapy have had no effect. I would be very grateful if any of your readers could suggest some other methods of relieving this very annoying symptom.