

from 1915 to 1919. He received the C.I.E. in 1919. He was twice married: first, in 1882, to Kate, daughter of T. Jeffs, who died in 1885; and secondly, in 1906, to Louisa Emma, daughter of William Knighton, LL.D., of Tilesworth, St. Leonards, and widow of Brigade Surgeon J. H. Condon, I.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel William Henry Tucker, Indian Medical Service (ret.), died in London on December 7th, 1934, aged 61. He was born on June 7th, 1873, was educated at St. Thomas's, and took the M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond. in 1898. Entering the I.M.S. as lieutenant on July 27th, 1899, he became lieutenant-colonel after twenty years' service, and retired on March 25th, 1926. He received the Kaisar-i-Hind medal, of the first class, on December 12th, 1911. He served through the war of 1914-18, and was given the Legion of Honour (Officer) on May 15th, 1917.

Surgeon Captain Harold Paget Jones, R.N. (ret.), died suddenly in London on January 1st, aged 64. He was educated in Dublin, in the school of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, and took the L.R.C.P. and S.I. in 1891. Entering the Navy in November, 1894, he became staff surgeon in 1902, and fleet surgeon in 1910, retiring with a step as surgeon captain on March 12th, 1922. He served through the war of 1914-18, at first as medical officer at Queensferry, and from April, 1916, to 1919, as medical officer of the battleship *Royal Oak*, with the Grand Fleet. After the war he was appointed medical officer to the dockyard at Bermuda, and remained there until his retirement.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

At a congregation held on March 2nd the following medical degrees were conferred:

D.M.—W. D. T. Brunyate, N. A. Gillespie, H. A. Osborn, A. Guiridham.

B.M.—T. M. Williams, E. P. Edmonds.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a congregation held on March 2nd the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—G. T. Cook, J. O. W. Bland, D. R. Goodfellow, W. R. Ashby.

M.B., B.CHIR.—H. W. L. Broadbent, P. G. S. Kennedy, W. D. Bower, N. C. Oswald, J. T. Turner.

M.B.—R. W. D. Turner.

B.CHIR.—N. G. Hulbert, A. Innes, D. L. Lewis, R. B. Heisch, C. L. Heanley.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

A special University Lecture in Medicine will be given by Dr. John F. Wilkinson at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School, Mortimer Street, W., on Tuesday, March 26th, at 5.30 p.m. His subject will be "Recent Views on Megalocytic Anaemias," and the chair will be taken by Dr. C. E. Lakin. Admission free, without ticket.

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

Dr. V. B. Wigglesworth will give a lecture in the main theatre of the school on Thursday, March 14th, at 5 p.m., on "Observations on the Malaria Epidemic in Ceylon." The chair will be taken by Sir Rickard Christophers, F.R.S. Admission free, without ticket.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

Final Fellowship Examination

At a meeting of the Council, held on February 14th, it was decided to increase the fee payable by candidates for admission to the Final Examination for the Fellowship from twelve guineas to fifteen guineas as from the beginning of 1936.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates have passed in the subjects indicated:

SURGERY.—J. A. Amor, E. L. Burgess, R. W. Cope, R. N. Crossley, C. C. Joannides, J. C. Paterson, H. V. Sansom.

MEDICINE.—R. W. Cope, D. W. Hoodless, H. Marcous, R. M. Outfin, H. V. Sansom, J. S. Scott.

FORENSIC MEDICINE.—R. W. Cope, C. S. J. Dandekar, H. V. Sansom.

MIDWIFERY.—R. W. Cope.

The diploma of the Society has been granted to J. J. Amor, R. W. Cope, D. W. Hoodless, C. C. Joannides, H. Marcous, and R. M. Outfin.

Medical News

A meeting of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will be held at 1, Thornhaugh Street (formerly 1, Upper Montague Street), W.C., on Friday, March 15th, at 5 p.m., when a discussion on "Nutrition and Public Health" will be opened by Professor E. P. Cathcart and Dr. Robert Hutchison.

The Malcolm Morris Memorial Lecture, under the auspices of the Chadwick Trust, will be delivered by Mr. Henry Corsi, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., on Wednesday, March 27th. His subject will be "Syphilis through Four Centuries," and Sir Harold Morris will be in the chair. Admission free.

The 161st anniversary dinner of the Medical Society of London will be held at Claridges Restaurant to-day (Friday, March 8th), at 7.45 p.m., with the president, Lord Horder, in the chair.

The Committee of the British Memorial to Marie Curie has arranged a banquet at Claridges Hotel, Brook Street, W., on Wednesday, March 20th, at 7.45 p.m., when the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, will preside. The immediate purpose of the memorial fund is to provide £50,000 for the endowment, extension, and maintenance of the Marie Curie Hospital at Hampstead, and to provide an additional income of £5,000 a year.

The International Society of Medical Hydrology and the British Health Resorts Association will hold a reception at 28, Portland Place, W., on Friday, March 15th, at 8.30 p.m., when films will be shown by Colonel R. H. Elliot, "The Snake Park at Sao Paulo," and by Dr. R. G. Canti, "Cultivation of Tissue Cells." Members are invited to bring new medical apparatus for inspection.

Dr. Lawrence P. Garrod will deliver a lecture on "Some Fallacies and Dangers in attempted Chemical Disinfection" before the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (17, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.), on Tuesday, March 12th, at 8.30 p.m.

A three-months course in clinical practice and hospital administration will be given at the Brook Hospital, Shooter's Hill, S.E., by Dr. J. V. Armstrong, on Mondays and Wednesdays, at 9.30 a.m., and alternate Saturdays, at a time to be arranged, beginning April 1st. It is intended for those studying for the D.P.H., and complies with the requirements of the General Medical Council's revised regulations, which came into force on October 1st, 1931. A course may, however, be taken under the previous regulations for £4 4s. The fee (£3 13s. 6d.) should be paid to the medical officer of health, L.C.C. Public Health Department (Special Hospitals), County Hall, S.E.1.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces that the concluding pathological demonstration at the Wellcome Museum of Medical Science will be given on March 14th, at 3 p.m., by Dr. John Franklin, on skin diseases. A week-end course in chest diseases will be given at the Brompton Hospital on March 23rd and 24th, and on March 30th and 31st there will be a course in general medicine and surgery at the General Hospital, Southend-on-Sea. There will be an intensive course in clinical medicine and surgery, at the National Temperance Hospital, from March 14th to 20th (including the Saturday and Sunday). Other forthcoming courses include: infants' diseases, at the Infants Hospital, from April 1st to 13th; ophthalmology, at the Royal Eye Hospital, during the same period; proctology, at St. Mark's Hospital, April 8th to 13th. Individual clinics in various branches of medicine and surgery are provided daily by the panel of teachers. Courses, clinics, etc., arranged by the Fellowship are open only to members and associates.

A conference on industrial physics, which is being organized by the Institute of Physics, will be held in Manchester from March 28th to 30th next. The subject for discussion is "Vacuum Devices in Research and Industry." Particulars may be had from the secretary of the Institute, 1, Lowther Gardens, London, S.W.7.

The seventh French Congress on Tuberculosis will be held at Marseilles from April 15th to the 18th under the presidency of Dr. Olmer.

The second international course of restorative and plastic and aesthetic surgery will be held in Paris and Prague and Milan under the direction of Professor Burian of Prague and Dr. Claoué of Paris from March 29th to April 15th. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Claoué, 39, Rue Scheffer, Paris, 16e.

After successful trials the National Institute for the Blind has decided to provide artificial eyes for every blind baby in its Sunshine Homes, subject in each case to the approval of the Institute's medical advisers.

The King has granted Dr. Archer Wilson Dunn authority to wear the Insignia of Chevalier of the Order of the Southern Cross, conferred upon him by the President of the United States of Brazil in recognition of his successful efforts, in difficult and dangerous circumstances, to bring aid to a Brazilian officer who had been critically wounded.

The J. G. Graves Charitable Trust, which was founded by Alderman Graves of Sheffield, has made a grant of £2,500 to the governing body of the Radium Beam Therapy Research, which is conducting an inquiry, at the instance of the Medical Research Council and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, into the treatment of cancer with large masses of radium.

The teaching for the D.L.O. examination at the Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., has been entirely remodelled and revised, in order to provide the full requirements of students working for the diploma in laryngology and otology. In addition to the daily clinical work, there is now available for Part I of the D.L.O. a fortnight's course in anatomy and physiology by Dr. Archibald Durward (senior demonstrator in anatomy at University College), who has been appointed lecturer in anatomy, and a fortnight's clinical course for Part II of the examination by the members of the medical staff. The pathology and bacteriology class and the peroral endoscopy class will continue to be given as usual.

For the sake of economy the Epidemiological Report of the Health Section of the League of Nations, which has hitherto been published monthly, will in future appear only every three months.

Medical practitioners seeking advice on contraceptive methods, or requiring details about equipment of a birth control clinic, are invited to get in touch with the secretary of the Society for the Provision of Birth Control Clinics, 153A, East Street, Walworth, S.E.17.

A Reuter telegram from Colombo announces that Lieut.-Colonel J. G. Gill, officer in charge of the Punjab malaria survey, has been selected by the Ceylon Executive Committee for Health to direct the campaign against malaria throughout the island.

The issues for February 23rd of the *Revue Médicale de la Suisse Romande* and of the *Schweizerische medizinische Wochenschrift* are dedicated to Dr. Max Askanazy, professor of morbid anatomy at Geneva, on the occasion of his seventieth birthday.

Williams and Norgate, Ltd., announce for early publication *Epidemics and Crowd Diseases*, by Professor Major Greenwood, D.Sc., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., president of the Royal Statistical Society.

Lord Bessborough, Governor-General of Canada, in a national broadcast on March 1st, launched an appeal on behalf of the King's Silver Jubilee Cancer Fund, to which every household in the Dominions is invited to subscribe 1 dollar or more.

On the occasion of the celebration of the second centenary of its foundation the National Academy of Madrid elected the following, among others, as honorary foreign members: England: Sir Charles Sherrington and Sir Henry Dale; France: J. L. Faure, Marcel Labbé, and Jules Comby; Belgium: F. Henryjean; Denmark: A. Krogh; Italy: N. Pende and P. Rondoni; Russia: I. P. Pavlov; United States: W. B. Cannon and R. Matas.

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Calcium Metabolism

"GENERAL PRACTITIONER" writes: I have a patient who has had attacks of asthma since she was 18 years of age. She is now 35, and her only respite was during her periods of pregnancy. She has had eight children within almost as many years, chiefly because they were the lesser of two evils. Her last child was born three years ago, and during this period she has tried almost all the usual well-known remedies without receiving anything but a temporary relief. On the basis that the blood of a pregnant woman contained an excess of calcium, I started her last October on calcium lactate tablets, with the result that this has been her best non-pregnant winter for many years. Three weeks ago she reduced the dose of tablets, thinking they were no longer so necessary; she contracted a chill, which was followed by another attack of asthma, but of a much milder degree, and was associated with occasional cramps in the legs. This attack came on as usual about one week after menstruation. I believe the chill in some way interfered with the action of the calcium. It would be interesting to know what are the factors which govern the supply of calcium in the blood, and how it can produce the great excess necessary during the period of pregnancy. During this period is it possible that the ovaries assume the functions of an internal secretory gland and produce a secretion which in some way increases the absorption of calcium?

Congenital Neurosyphilis

"G." writes: I wonder if any reader can suggest treatment likely to help congenital neurosyphilis in a boy of 15. The patient suffers from epileptiform seizures at intervals of two to four weeks. This condition has been going on for the past eighteen months, previous to which he was apparently in perfect health. He has Argyll Robertson pupils, the right being usually smaller, absent knee-jerks, and strongly positive Wassermann reactions in both blood and cerebro-spinal fluid. Both parents have positive Wassermann blood reactions. The boy has been under treatment for a year with tryparsamide intravenously, neo-cardyl (bismuth) intramuscularly, and potassium iodide orally. He also had a course of phenobarbital. The symptoms have not improved in intensity, but the attacks are somewhat less frequent, being monthly almost to a day.

Menopausal Symptoms

Dr. GEORGE L. FOSS (Bristol) writes: In answer to "M. F. G." (March 2nd, p. 455), may I submit the following. Climacteric disturbances, such as flushing, etc., I have recently treated with success by oestrin therapy. At a time when the ovarian follicular hormone is diminishing the administration of progynon (Schering) dragees of 200 m.u. before each meal accompanied by intramuscular injections of progynon B-oleosum in doses of 10,000 m.u.,