

## Medico-Legal

### SETTLEMENT OF PHYSICIAN'S LIBEL ACTION

In the King's Bench Division, on March 22nd, before Mr. Justice Avory, it was announced that a settlement had been reached in an action in which Lord Horder claimed damages for libel from Odhams Press, Limited, owing to an article which appeared in *John Bull* in February, 1934. Mr. Norman Birkett, K.C., who appeared for Lord Horder, stated that the article, which was headed "The Noise that Kills," was represented to be a special interview granted by Lord Horder to that paper, whereas in fact Lord Horder had given no interview and had in no way authorized the publication of the article. The defendants had expressed their deep regret for having stated that the article was the report of a special interview. The editor had been misled by a contributor. The sincere apology of the defendants was tendered to Lord Horder, and, the plaintiff not desiring himself to profit from the action, they had paid a substantial sum to St. Bartholomew's Medical School, which had been nominated by him for the purpose.

The judge thereupon directed that the record be withdrawn.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Electors have notified to the Master and Fellows of University College the election, on March 13th, of R. C. MacKeith, B.M., to a Radcliffe Fellowship. At a meeting of the Master and Fellows of University College, on March 20th, the Radcliffe Prize for the furtherance of medical science in the University was awarded, on the report of the examiners, to C. L. Cope, D.M.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

A meeting of the Senate was held on March 20th, with the Vice-Chancellor (Professor L. N. G. Filon, D.Sc., F.R.S.) in the chair.

Dr. John Gray was appointed Reader in Morbid Anatomy at the British Post-Graduate Medical School as from April 1st.

It was resolved that, on his retirement from the professorship of surgery at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College at the end of the present session, the title of Emeritus Professor in Surgery in the University should be conferred on Mr. G. E. Gask, C.M.G., D.S.O.

Sir A. Daniel Hall, K.C.B., LL.D., F.R.S., was appointed Heath Clark Lecturer for 1935 in place of Professor Karl Pearson, who is unable to deliver the lectures.

### UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY AND ELECTROLOGY.—Part A: F. O. Pilkington, R. G. Reid, E. Siung, R. F. Wynroe.

D.P.H.—Part I: A. R. Arulpragasam, A. T. Jones, E. Somasekar, H. E. C. Sutton, J. V. Walker.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE.—A. J. Board, Freda M. B. Harmer, A. Kamel, C. H. Li, J. R. Robertson, \*H. R. Shone, S. L. Strange, J. W. C. Symonds, A. J. Walker.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL HYGIENE.—S. O. Awoliyi, S. W. Cooper, P. C. Cosgrove, R. Y. Dunlop, K. C. Mackenzie, Z. Z. Nyi.

\* Recommended for the Milne Medal.

### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Miss Dorothy Woodman, M.D., M.Sc., has been appointed lecturer in pathology; Dr. H. J. Orr-Ewing, F.R.C.P., junior tutor in medicine; and Miss G. R. Borthwick, B.Sc., assistant bacteriologist.

### UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

At its meeting on March 19th the University Court approved the establishment of a Sharpey-Schafer Lectureship in Physiology, a fund for its endowment having been contributed by pupils and friends of Emeritus Professor Sir Edward Sharpey-Schafer, F.R.S.

It was agreed to join the other Scottish universities and other organizations in submitting evidence before the Select Committee of the House of Lords in opposition to the Osteopaths Registration Bill.

The Senatus Academicus has resolved to confer the honorary degree of LL.D., on June 28th, upon John Donald Pollock.

M.D., C.M., honorary surgeon commander, R.N.V.R., and Alfred Newton Richards, M.D., Professor of Pharmacology in the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

At the graduation ceremonial to be held on June 19th the honorary degree of LL.D. will be conferred upon Emeritus Professor Walter King Hunter, M.D., D.Sc., Professor J. M. Munro Kerr, M.D., and Dame Louise McIlroy, M.D., D.Sc., late Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, London School of Medicine for Women.

## The Services

### COMMISSIONS IN THE R.A.M.C.

The War Office announces that applications are invited from medical men for appointment to commissions in the Royal Army Medical Corps. Candidates will be selected for commissions without competitive examination, and will be required to present themselves in London for interview and physical examination on or about April 25th, 1935. They must be registered under the Medical Acts, and normally must not be over the age of 28 years.

Successful candidates will in the first instance be given short service commissions for five years, at the end of which period they may either retire with a gratuity of £1,000 or apply for a permanent commission. Permanent commissions will be given to officers selected from among those who wish to make the Army their permanent career.

Full particulars of the conditions of service and emoluments, also forms of application, may be obtained on application, either by letter or in person, to the Assistant Director-General, Army Medical Services, The War Office, London, S.W.1.

### NAVAL MEDICAL COMPASSIONATE FUND

A meeting of the subscribers of the Naval Medical Compassionate Fund will be held on April 26th, at 3 p.m., at the Medical Department of the Navy, Admiralty, S.W.1, to elect six directors of the Fund.

The King has conferred the Efficiency Decoration of the Territorial Army upon the following officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Army): Colonel G. L. Thornton, M.C. (ret. T.A.), Honorary Colonel, 43rd (Wessex) Division; Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet Colonel R. Errington, M.C.; Lieut.-Colonels E. L. Sandiland and S. J. C. Holden; Majors H. Shield, M.C., and J. C. MacKay, M.C.; and Captain G. W. Wright, M.M.

## Medical News

A discussion on "Maternal Mortality," to be opened by Mr. Eardley Holland and Dr. R. Veitch Clark, will be held at the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., on Tuesday, April 9th, at 5.15 p.m. The chair will be taken by Dr. George F. Buchan.

Sir John Gilmour, Secretary of State for the Home Department, will open the Metropolitan Police Laboratory for the Scientific Investigation of Crime, at the Metropolitan Police College, Hendon, on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 10th.

The annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Inebriety will be held at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Tuesday, April 9th, at 4 p.m., and will be followed by a discussion on "What is addiction?" to be opened by Dr. E. W. Adams.

The annual meeting of the Medical Officers of Schools Association will be held at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Friday, April 5th, at 5 p.m., when a discussion will take place on "Emotional Disturbance in Adolescence."

A post-graduate course in the medical and hydrological treatment of vascular, renal, rheumatic, and humoro-vegetative affections will be held at the Hôpital Necker, Paris, from April 1st to 13th, under the direction of Professor Maurice Villaret. Further information can be obtained from the École Pratique, Faculté de Médecine, Paris.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces afternoon courses on infants' diseases, at the Infants Hospital, and on ophthalmology, at the Royal Eye Hospital, from April 1st to 13th. A course in proctology will be held at St. Mark's Hospital from April 8th to 13th. A special M.R.C.P. demonstration of the fundus oculi will be given at the in-patient department of the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases on April 2nd, at 8.30 p.m. Other forthcoming courses include psychological medicine, at Maudsley Hospital; dermatology, at St. John's Hospital; medicine, surgery, and gynaecology, at Royal Waterloo Hospital; thoracic surgery, at Brompton Hospital; and week-end courses in cardiology, at Victoria Park Hospital; chest diseases, at Brompton Hospital; and obstetrics, at City of London Maternity Hospital. A panel of clinical teachers is available. Detailed syllabuses may be had on application.

The ninth Congress of French-speaking Gynaecologists and Obstetricians will be held at Algiers under the presidency of M. Laffont, from April 13th to 17th, when the following subjects will be discussed: treatment of chronic cervicitis, introduced by MM. Labry of Lyons and Villay of Bordeaux; obstetrical assistance in France, Belgium, and Africa, introduced by MM. Cocq and Mercken of Brussels and MM. Laffont and Fulconis of Algiers; and the oedemas of pregnancy, introduced by MM. Levy-Solat of Paris and Gueissaz of Neuchâtel, Switzerland. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Fulconis, 2, Rue Ampère, Algiers.

The tenth International Congress of the History of Medicine will be held in Madrid from September 23rd to 29th, when the subjects for discussion will be: Arabian medicine in Spain; medicine in America during its discovery and colonization; and medical folk-lore in various civilized countries. The subscription is 75 pesetas each for members of the International Society of the History of Medicine and 100 pesetas for others. Those desiring to attend the congress are invited to communicate with Messrs. Cook and Son, Berkeley Street, W.1, who have prepared a special inclusive scheme.

The following German congresses will be held in April: psychotherapy, Bad Nauheim, 11th to 13th; genetics, Jena, 24th to 26th; Röntgen Society, Berlin, 28th to 30th.

The 59th Congress of the German Society of Surgery will be held in Berlin from April 24th to 27th, when the chief subjects for discussion will be post-traumatic embolism, introduced by Stich of Göttingen; haemophilia, with special reference to its significance as a hereditary disease, introduced by Schloessmann of Bochum; the technique of sterilization, introduced by Bauer of Breslau; and the present position of the prostate problem, with special reference to operative technique, introduced by Voelcker of Halle.

The first overt step towards the establishment of a "House of Science" in London has been taken by the Society of Chemical Industry, the Chemical Society, and the Institute of Chemistry. A draft agreement for co-operation in administration has already been drawn up, and appears in the current issue of *Chemistry and Industry* (the journal of the Society of Chemical Industry).

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.

W. Heffer and Sons Ltd. of Cambridge announce for early publication a volume entitled *The Schoolboy: A Study of His Nutrition, Physical Development, and Health*, by Dr. G. E. Friend, with a foreword by Professor J. C. Drummond.

The issue of *Paris Médical* for March 16th is devoted to cancer.

The issue of *Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics* for February 15th contains the proceedings of the twenty-fourth Annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgery, held at Boston on October 15th, 1934.

The Chinese National Health Administration has issued a notice, for guidance of foreign medical practitioners, to the effect that they should obtain licences to practise from the Administration, and their bona fides must be guaranteed by their consular authorities; they should learn Chinese, and should apply to the Permanent Chinese Delegation of the League of Nations at Geneva before setting out for China.

A central office for German and international scientific congresses has been established at the Langenbeck-Virchow Haus, Luisenstrasse 58, Berlin.

A central cancer institute has been established in the Rudolf Virchow Hospital, Berlin, with Professor Sauerbruch as curator.

From September 2nd to October 20th, 1934, 2,401 definite cases of typhus and thirty-three suspected cases were notified in Chile, or a weekly average of about 350, as compared with a weekly average of over 500 in 1933.

## Letters, Notes, and Answers

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## QUERIES AND ANSWERS

### *Chenopodium*

Dr. L. L. STEELE writes: Can any toxicologist advise me as to the poisonous effects of oil of chenopodium? I gave m xxx to a six-months-old pointer dog on March 19th and, one hour later, 3i ol. ricini; the dog showed signs of colic, frothed copiously at the mouth, and refused all food. Since then he has been deaf, and, as he is of great value, I am anxious to know if the deafness is likely to be permanent. Otherwise he seems to be quite recovered.

### *Persistent Nausea in Myocarditis*

Dr. S. P. BHATIA (Mexborough) writes: I shall be very grateful if any of your readers can suggest a remedy likely to relieve persistent nausea. The patient has complained of this distressing symptom for the last few months. He has been ill for over a year. His condition has been diagnosed as myocarditis. Resting pulse rate varies from 104 in the morning to 120 in the evening. Blood pressure varies from 175/115 to 210/120 mm Hg. Urinary albumin varies from 1/2 to 2 grams per litre of urine. There are no casts. It has been suggested that this persistent nausea may be due to chronic uraemia; but he has no headache, no abdominal pain, no diarrhoea, has never been actually sick, and there is no dryness of the skin. Disks are normal. Blood non-protein nitrogen is 53 mg. per 100 c.cm. of blood. Blood has been examined for indican with negative result. Rest, fluids, fruits, and vegetables have failed to relieve his distressing and persistent nausea.