

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

At its meeting on March 6th the Court had before it a letter from the London County Council informing it that the Council had decided to make a block maintenance grant of £129,000 in each of the academic years 1935-40, and a capital grant of £150,000 towards the capital requirements of the schools of the University other than those connected with the development of the Bloomsbury site. The cordial thanks of the Court, together with an expression of high appreciation of the support thus accorded to the work of the University, have been conveyed to the London County Council.

At a meeting of the Senate on March 20th it was resolved to institute, in accordance with the regulations on university titles, a University Chair of Surgery tenable at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College.

The internal regulations were amended as follows:

That students who have passed the first examination for medical degrees and the second examination for medical degrees, Part I, be exempted from chemistry at the intermediate examination in science; and that the regulations for internal students in regard to exemptions at that examination (*Red Book*, 1934-5, p. 268) be amended accordingly.

The regulations for the first examination for medical degrees for internal and external students (*Red Book*, 1934-5, p. 209, and *Blue Book*, September, 1934, p. 249) were amended by the deletion of the following paragraph:

The subject or subjects in which any successful candidate may have distinguished himself will be shown in the list. Only those who have passed the whole examination at one time will be eligible for marks of distinction.

The regulations relating to the M.S. Examination, Branch 1 (Surgery), for external students (*Blue Book*, September, 1934, p. 272) were amended by the deletion of the words "20 October" in the first sentence of paragraph 2 under the heading "Date of Examination," and the substitution thereof of the words "1 November."

Dr. R. A. Young was appointed representative of the University at the twenty-first annual conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis at Southport from June 27th to 29th.

The ceremony of presentation for degrees will take place at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday, May 8th, at 2.30 p.m. The annual service for members of the University will be held at Westminster Abbey at 5.30 p.m., when the Bishop of Llandaff (the Right Rev. Timothy Rees, B.A.) will preach. The graduation dinner will take place in the evening at the Goldsmiths' Hall, when the Chancellor will preside.

Lectures

Mr. E. W. Fish, M.D., D.Sc., L.D.S., will deliver two lectures on "The Physiology of the Teeth" at University College on Tuesdays, May 7th and 14th, at 5 p.m., and a course of four lectures on "The Physiological Effects of Tropical Climate" will be delivered by Dr. D. H. K. Lee on Mondays, May 13th, 20th, 27th, and June 3rd, at 5 p.m.

Studentship

The Geoffrey E. Duveen Travelling Studentship in oto-rhino-laryngology, of the value of £450, will be awarded annually. The tenure shall, in the first instance, be for one year, part of which will be spent in study abroad, in accordance with a scheme approved by the Geoffrey E. Duveen Studentship Board, but it may be extended for one or two years, and during the extended period the student may be allowed to undertake research at the Royal Ear Hospital, or some other laboratory approved for the purpose. Grants for promotion of research in oto-rhino-laryngology, or in any part thereof, may also be made by the Trust Fund. Full particulars can be obtained from the Academic Registrar, South Kensington, S.W.7, and prescribed forms of application must reach him not later than June 12th, together with a statement of the nature of the research proposed and a scheme of study for the approval of the Board.

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

ACADEMIC POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—*Part I*: V. FitzC. Anderson, Lalage R. A. Benham, J. H. Blakelock, Edith J. R. Browne, Hilda L. Byett, H. S. Davies C. M. Dighe, D. Erskine, W. G. Evans, M. Farooq, O. M. Francis, H. A. Gilkes, J. V. Hurford, J. T. R. Lewis, Edyth L. Morris, V. Nada Rajah, R. M. M. C. Orpwood, L. M. Ram, C. J. Sanderson, H. Smith, T. Standing, E. W. Taylor, V. T. Vagh, J. D. V. Wijayarathne, W. W. Wildman, R. A. Wilson.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE

Helen Cave Memorial Scholarship

An entrance scholarship, value £200, will be offered for competition on May 27th, 1935. The scholarship will be confined to candidates who are the sons of registered medical practitioners, and who have passed the University of London matriculation examination or obtained exemption therefrom. Each candidate must send to the Dean, together with his entry form, (1) a statement as to his financial circumstances and those of his parents or guardian; (2) a letter from the head master of his school, giving a report on his character and his work. The candidate will be examined in (1) English, (2) French or German, (3) mathematics, (4) two other subjects, one from each of any two of the following groups: (a) history or geography, (b) Latin, Greek, French, or German, the language chosen not to be the same as in (2) above, (c) higher mathematics, biology, chemistry, or physics. The standard of the examination (to be held on May 27th to 30th inclusive) will be similar to that of the University of London matriculation. Intending candidates may obtain further information by application to the Dean of the Medical College, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.1, to whom they should apply for entry forms, which must be returned by May 1st.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

At a meeting of the Senate on March 21st, with the Chancellor, Mr. Eamon de Valera, in the chair, Dr. Vernon O'Hea-Cussen was appointed to the lectureship in ophthalmology at University College, Cork.

The Senate decided to award the M.D. degree to Professor John C. Saunders of University College, Cork, for the published work lodged by him.

It was resolved that the Richmond, Whitworth, and Hardwicke Hospitals, Dublin, should be recognized as a teaching centre for ophthalmology and rhinology.

Professor John C. Saunders was appointed representative of the University at the Royal Institute of Public Health Congress at Harrogate in June, and Professor William D. O'Kelly representative at the annual conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis at Southport in June.

Medico-Legal

FEEES ON MIDWIFE'S SUMMONS

BROWN, THOM, PARTRIDGE, AND BUCKLEY v. MONMOUTH-SHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

A midwife who desires to obtain medical aid for a patient in an emergency can, under Section 14 of the Midwives Act, 1918, summon a registered medical practitioner, and the local supervising authority is obliged to pay the practitioner a "sufficient fee" with due allowance for mileage, according to a scale to be fixed by the Local Government Board. On December 20th, 1922, the Ministry issued its Circular 358, the back of which contains the scale. It lays down the fees for attendances, anaesthetics, suturing, visits, and attendances at the doctor's own surgery, and Clause 8 provides that:

"No fee shall be payable by the local supervising authority (1) where the doctor has agreed to attend the patient under arrangement made by or on behalf of the patient or by any club, medical institute, or other association of which the patient or her husband is a member, or when the doctor is under obligation to give the treatment to the patient under the National Health Insurance Acts, 1911 to 1922; (2) where the doctor receives or agrees to receive a fee from the patient or her representative; (3) in respect of any services performed by the doctor on any date later than the tenth day from the date of his first attendance, unless he has reported to the local supervising authority that he considers, for reasons stated by him, that his further attendance is necessary."

Drs. Partridge, Brown, Thom, and Buckley, practising in Monmouthshire, were at various times properly called in by midwives to attend mothers in an emergency. They became entitled to various sums: Dr. Brown to twenty-one guineas, Dr. Thom to eight guineas, Dr. Partridge to three guineas, and Dr. Buckley to eight guineas. The county council refused to pay these amounts on the ground that the first three doctors had an agreement with the Ebbw Vale Workmen's Medical Society under which they acted as doctors to that society, and that Dr. Buckley, the fourth, attended a number of persons who had a poundage system which entitled them to the services of a medical man, including midwifery attendance.

Medical News

The King has been graciously pleased to announce that he will open the British Post-Graduate Medical School at Hammersmith on Monday, May 13th. His Majesty will be accompanied by the Queen, and after the opening ceremony Their Majesties will inspect the School and the Hospital.

The annual clinical meeting of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Medical Association will be held in the Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, April 24th. All members of the profession are invited. At 2.30 p.m. Professor R. W. Johnstone will lecture on sex hormone therapy in women, and the clinical demonstrations will begin at 4 p.m. Dinner will be held in the Scottish House, 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, at 7.30, with the President, Dr. A. A. M'Whan, in the chair, and the Earl of Home will be the principal guest.

There will be a special discussion on "The Problem of Prophylaxis in Pulmonary Tuberculosis" at a joint meeting of the Sections of Epidemiology and State Medicine and Disease in Children of the Royal Society of Medicine on Friday, April 26th, at 8.30 p.m. The openers will be Dr. Arthur MacNalty, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education, and Dr. Gregory Kayne (Epidemiology); Dr. Charles Miller and Dr. Reginald Lightwood (Children); and Dr. D. A. Powell (Society of Medical Officers of Health). Members of the Society of Medical Officers of Health have been invited to attend the meeting and to take part in the discussion.

A meeting of the St. John's Hospital Dermatological Society will be held at St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C., on Wednesday, April 24th, at 4.15 p.m., when Mr. Philip H. Gregory, Ph.D., will read a paper entitled "The Parasitic Activity of the Ringworm Fungi."

A meeting of the Medico-Legal Society will be held at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Thursday, April 25th, at 8.30 p.m., when a paper will be read by Dr. Emanuel Miller on "The Medico-Legal Aspects of Aberrations in Adolescence." A discussion will follow.

Under the auspices of the Individual Psychology Club, Dr. Alfred Adler will deliver three public lectures in London, at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, W.C., on April 29th, May 1st, and May 3rd, at 8 p.m. Tickets of admission, price 5s. and 2s. 6d., may be had from Mrs. Leins, 177, Regent Street, W.1.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces that an afternoon course in psychological medicine will be given at Maudsley Hospital from April 23rd to May 31st. Other forthcoming courses include dermatology at St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C., April 29th to June 2nd; medicine, surgery, and gynaecology at Royal Waterloo Hospital, April 29th to May 11th; thoracic surgery at Brompton Hospital, May 13th to 18th; M.R.C.P. course at Brompton Hospital in June; M.R.C.P. course in chest and heart diseases at Victoria Park Hospital, during June; M.R.C.P. clinical and pathological course at National Temperance Hospital. Week-end courses will be given as follows: cardiology at Victoria Park Hospital, May 4th and 5th; chest diseases at Brompton Hospital, May 11th and 12th; fevers at Park Hospital, Hither Green, S.E., June 15th and 16th; obstetrics at City of London Maternity Hospital, May 25th and 26th. Courses of instruction arranged by the Fellowship are open only to members and associates, with the exception of the dermatology course.

The third Congress of the French Society of Phoniatrics will be held at the Hôtel Chambon, 96, Rue du Cherche Midi, Paris, under the presidency of Professor Moure, on May 18th, when Professor Terracol will read a paper on the role of endocrine glands in the physiology of the voice.

The ninety-fourth Congress of German Science and Medicine, which had been arranged for this year, has been postponed to May 24th, 1936, when it will be held in Dresden under the presidency of Professor Sauerbruch.

The 150th anniversary of the General Hospital at Vienna will be celebrated on May 18th, when a statue to the first director, Johann Peter Frank, will be unveiled, and an address delivered by Professor J. Wagner-Jauregg. A festival congress will be held from May 13th to 25th.

The issue of *Paris Médicale* for March 30th is devoted to war gas.

Messrs. J. and A. Churchill Ltd. announce for early publication *Recent Advances in Laryngology and Otology*, by Mr. R. Scott Stevenson; a fourth edition of Eden and Lockyer's *Gynaecology*, edited by Professor H. Beckwith Whitehouse; and a third edition of *Recent Advances in Diseases of Children*, by Drs. W. J. Pearson and W. G. Wyllie.

The King has approved the appointment of Dr. John Innes Moir to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Colony of British Honduras.

A memorial signed by eminent members of medical, scientific, and social organizations, urging that a standard be fixed for bread, and that meal flour and bread shall be protected from deterioration and adulteration, has been forwarded to the Government. Further information can be obtained from the Honorary Secretary of the Bread and Food Reform League, 37, Essex Street, W.C.2.

Letters, Notes, and Answers

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Treatment of Radium "Burn"

"INQUIRER" asks for suggestions in treating an "erythematous" condition following radium application after removal of carcinoma of the left breast. He writes: A female was operated upon when 33 years old, about one year nine months ago, for the radical removal of a moderately advanced carcinoma of the left breast. After removal she was treated for about six weeks with superficial x rays, and then, in five weeks' time, she had a month's treatment with radium. Very soon after this a redness of the skin—a radium "burn" or erythema—about three inches in diameter, around the previous position of the nipple, arose, and this has been treated with a mild disinfectant lotion and then smeared over with white vaseline and white lint, and a bandage applied. This has been done daily. Now the redness of the skin has increased to a diameter of about six inches. Sometimes it gets paler, and there is a circle of half an inch of normal white skin, now about two inches from the nipple position. The redness is most intense at the margin, but when pressed by the finger it temporarily disappears. Some red, irregular-shaped spots are thrown out a short distance