

court will inquire whether the disease was latent in him when he made his will in such a way as to affect his capacity. When a habitual drunkard makes a will it is only necessary for those who uphold it to show that he was not at the time so much under the influence of drink as to be unable to appreciate and understand the act in all its bearings. If he was sober enough to know what he was doing, to remember what he had to leave, and to appreciate the claims of the various possible legatees the will is good. This rule only applies, of course, when the chronic alcoholism is not complicated by delusions, as it often is in Korsakoff's syndrome and in senile patients. In that case the testator comes into the class of the mentally unsound.

(To be continued)

## THE NEW MIDDLESEX

### OPENING BY THE DUKE OF YORK

H.R.H. the Duke of York, who was accompanied by the Duchess, opened the new Middlesex Hospital on Wednesday afternoon. Prince Arthur of Connaught, the chairman of the hospital, in extending a formal welcome to Their Royal Highnesses, said he wondered whether the Duke, when he laid the foundation stone two years ago, imagined to what a huge size the development scheme of Middlesex Hospital would grow. "In ten years, never knowing for certain that the funds would be available, but always believing that support would come when the need was greatest, we have utterly transformed, enormously enlarged, the fine old hospital which we inherited." The Duke of York, as president of the British Empire Cancer Campaign, congratulated the Middlesex on playing a very important and distinguished part in the fight against that dread disease. He paid a tribute to the medical school, saying that the high standard of the work of its distinguished sons was known in all walks of the medical, surgical, and research world. His Royal Highness also said that he felt he was expressing the wish of everyone in congratulating those concerned on the success of their appeal to the generous supporters of the voluntary hospital system. A vote of thanks to the Duke of York was moved by Mr. W. Sampson Handley, senior surgeon and chairman of the Medical Committee, and seconded by Mr. A. E. Webb-Johnson, surgeon to the hospital and chairman of the Plans Committee. Their Royal Highnesses afterwards made a tour of the new hospital. In the new x-ray room the Duchess of York became the first "patient." A more extended reference to the new hospital will appear in the next issue. At the close of the proceedings a letter was read from Mr. E. W. Meyerstein giving £50,000 to the endowment of the new x-ray therapy department, and it was also announced that Mr. W. H. Collins had promised £50,000 to endow the department of x-ray diagnosis. Both these gentlemen have already been generous donors.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The first examination for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine begins on June 17th, and the second examination on June 19th. Names must be received at the University Registry before 10.30 a.m. on June 4th. The examination for the degree of Master of Surgery begins on June 27th, and names must be received by 3 p.m. on June 8th.

The next Dean's Dinner will be held at the Chanticleer Restaurant, Frith Street, Soho, London, W.1, on Tuesday, June 4th, at 7 p.m. Any Oxford medical student who has not already received a notice and who wishes to attend should communicate his intention to do so *immediately* to the Dean of the Medical School, University Museum, Oxford.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Appointments Committee will shortly proceed to appoint two University Demonstrators in Pathology. The appointments will be governed by the Statutes of the University, and the duties will commence on October 1st, 1935. Par-

ticulars as to stipend and duties may be obtained from Professor Dean, at the Department of Pathology (Tennis Court Road, Cambridge), to whom applications should be sent on or before July 10th.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The Senate has appointed Sir Ernest Graham-Little to represent the University at the ninth International Congress of Dermatology, to be held at Budapest from September 13th to 22nd, and subsequently at the celebrations to be held on the occasion of the 300th anniversary of the University of Hungary at Budapest from September 25th to 28th.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

#### Scholarships and Exhibitions

The following entrance scholarships and exhibition, tenable at University College Hospital Medical School, are announced: Two Goldsmid Entrance Scholarships, entitling the holder to the final course of medical study, for competition in July; and open to students who are preparing for the degrees of the universities of London, Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, and other British universities, or for the diplomas of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. One Goldsmid Entrance Exhibition, entitling the holder to a reduction by £80 of the fees for the full course of final medical study. The Filliter Entrance Scholarship in Pathology, entitling the holder to a reduction by £52 10s. of the fees due for the full course of final medical study.

The next examination for the above scholarship and exhibition will take place on July 22nd (anatomy and physiology) and 23rd (biochemistry and general pathology). Notice of intention to compete must be given, by June 29th, to the secretary, University College Hospital Medical School, University Street, W.C.1, from whom full particulars may be obtained.

Holders of the Bucknill Scholarship are not eligible for the above awards; this scholarship (value 160 guineas) is tenable at University College for the intermediate medical studies, and for the final course at University College Hospital Medical School. The subjects of the examination are chemistry, physics, botany, and zoology. Further particulars of this award may be obtained on application to the secretary, University College, Gower Street, W.C.1.

## The Services

### ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES

Colonel W. P. MacArthur, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.I., Honorary Physician to the King, Deputy Director-General, Army Medical Services, at the War Office, has been selected for appointment as Commandant, Royal Army Medical College, and promotion to Major-General, from September 26th, 1935, in succession to Major-General R. B. Ainsworth, D.S.O., O.B.E., Honorary Physician to the King, who retires on that date.

Colonel J. W. L. Scott, D.S.O., Honorary Physician to the King, Assistant Director-General, Army Medical Services, has been elected to succeed Colonel MacArthur as Deputy Director-General, Army Medical Services, and will in turn be succeeded in the appointment of Assistant Director-General by Brevet Colonel F. Casement, D.S.O., M.B., Assistant Director of Pathology and Hygiene, Western Command.

### DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Lieut.-Colonel Francis George Adye-Curran, R.A.M.C. (ret.), died in Dublin on March 15th, aged 89. He was born in Dublin on December 3rd, 1845, and was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, where he graduated A.B. and M.D. in 1867, also taking the L.R.C.S.I. in the same year. Subsequently he took the F.R.C.S.I. in 1887, and the L.A.H.Dub. in 1898. Entering the Army as assistant surgeon on October 1st, 1868, he served, under the old regimental system, in the 83rd Foot, or Royal Irish Rifles, now the Royal Ulster Rifles. He became lieutenant-colonel on April 6th, 1889, and retired on October 25th, 1893. From October 3rd, 1879, to May 5th, 1880, he was on half pay. After his retirement he was for a time assistant surgeon to St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; and he represented the Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland on the General Medical Council from 1905 to 1914.

Groves appeared to refer was not relevant to this case. It related to the vaccination of adolescents and children of school age who had not previously been vaccinated.

*Period of Remand: Extension for Medical Report.*—Captain CUNNINGHAM-REID, on May 28th, raised the question of the recommendation contained in the report of the Commissioners of Prisons for 1933 to the effect that it would be an advantage in police court cases if the usual period of remand for eight days on bail, or in custody, could be extended to fourteen or twenty-one days without producing the prisoner if the court was satisfied by a medical report that such extension was desirable to ascertain the mental condition of the prisoner. Sir JOHN GILMOUR said this recommendation had been noted for consideration when there was an opportunity for legislation. He could not say when it would be possible to give effect to it.

## Medical News

The House of the British Medical Association, including the Library, will be closed for the Whitsun holiday from 6 p.m. on Friday, June 7th, to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, June 11th.

The House of the Royal Society of Medicine, including the library, will be closed for the Whitsun holiday from Saturday, June 8th, to Monday, June 10th, both days inclusive.

The Buckston Browne annual banquet, under the auspices of the Harveian Society of London, will be held at Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle Street, E.C., on Thursday, June 13th, at 8 p.m.

A dinner of the Cambridge Graduates' Medical Club will be held at Sidney Sussex College on Friday, June 28th, at 7.30 for 7.45 p.m., with Sir Walter Langdon-Brown, Regius Professor of Physic, in the chair. Cambridge graduates not already members of the club who wish to join should communicate with one of the honorary secretaries, Dr. F. G. Chandler, 1, Park Square West, N.W.1, or Mr. W. D. Doherty, 10, Upper Wimpole Street, W.1. Price of dinner, including wine, etc., 17s. 6d. Accommodation can be provided at the college for bed and breakfast if previous notice be given.

The Cavendish Lecture, before the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society, will be delivered by Professor Edward Mellanby, F.R.S., on Thursday, June 13th, at 8.30 p.m., at the Kensington Town Hall. His subject will be "Proper Feeding: The First Essential for Good Physique and Health." The lecture will be preceded by a reception at 8 p.m., and followed by the annual conversazione and medical and surgical exhibition.

Dr. J. D. Comrie will read a paper on "Eighteenth Century English Medicine" at a special meeting of the Section of History of Medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine on Wednesday, June 5th, at 5 p.m.

On the occasion of the annual general meeting of the British Science Guild, on Wednesday, June 12th, at 4.30 p.m., Lord Melchett presiding, a lecture on gas defence will be given by Mr. J. Davidson Pratt, M.A., B.Sc., general manager and secretary of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers. The meeting and lecture will take place at the Royal Society of Arts, John Street, Adelphi, and tickets (for which there is no charge) may be obtained from the secretary of the British Science Guild, 6, John Street, Adelphi, W.C.2.

A Court Dinner of the Society of Apothecaries of London will be held in the Apothecaries' Hall on Tuesday, June 4th, at 7.30 p.m. During the dinner the society's gold medal for valuable services rendered to the science of therapeutics will be presented to Sir Frederick Banting.

The syllabus for the summer session of the South-West London Post-Graduate Association (St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, S.W.) includes lecture-demonstrations on May 29th, by Dr. W. J. O'Donovan on "Skin Diseases and the Workmen's Compensation Act"; on June 11th,

by Mr. J. P. Monkhouse on "Treatment of Suppurative Otitis Media"; and on July 3rd, by Dr. H. C. Cameron on "Convulsions in Infancy and Childhood." Medical cases will be demonstrated by Dr. C. E. Lakin on June 5th, and surgical cases by Mr. V. Zachary Cope on July 17th. Visits will be paid to High Wood Hospital for Children, Brentwood, on June 19th, and to the Euxton Browne Research Farm, Downe, Kent, on June 26th. A pathological demonstration will be given by Dr. W. G. Barnard on July 10th. All meetings commence at 4 p.m., with the exception of the two visits, which are timed to start at 3 p.m.

The Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital (Gray's Inn Road, W.C.) has arranged a course in methods of examination and diagnosis from June 24th to 28th, both dates inclusive. The course begins at 4.30 p.m. daily and is free to clinical assistants (other students, £1 1s.). Applications should be sent to the secretary-superintendent immediately.

The Fellowship of Medicine announces that the following courses, especially helpful for those taking the M.R.C.P. examination, will take place during June: clinical and pathological course at National Temperance Hospital on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from June 11th to 27th, at 8 p.m.; M.R.C.P. course in chest diseases at Brompton Hospital, two days a week during June, from 5 to 6.30 p.m.; intensive course in cardiology at National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart, from June 24th to July 6th. For those desiring less advanced work there will be a week-end course in infectious diseases at Park Hospital, Hither Green, S.E., on June 15th and 16th. There will also be two courses in medicine, surgery, and the specialties at Prince of Wales's General Hospital, from June 17th to 29th and July 1st to 13th. Other forthcoming courses include: proctology at St. Mark's Hospital, July 1st to 6th; urology at All Saints' Hospital, July 8th to 27th; medicine and surgery at Southend General Hospital, July 13th and 14th; and dermatology at Blackfriars Skin Hospital, July 15th to 27th. A supper-dance and cabaret, at which all members of the medical profession and their friends will be welcome, has been arranged for Wednesday, June 5th, at 9.30 p.m., at Claridges Hotel. Tickets can be obtained from the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

The third European Mental Hygiene Reunion will be held in Brussels on July 20th and 21st, immediately preceding a congress of medical alienists and neurologists and under the auspices of the Belgian League for Mental Hygiene. The programme is as follows: (1) Boarding-out treatment for mental patients. (Speakers: Dr. G. Corberi, professor at the University of Milan; Dr. F. Sano, director of Gheel Colony; Dr. J. Vié, director of Aimay-le-Château Colony.) (2) Punishments and restrictions in the family and in the school. (Speakers: Dr. Heinrich Meng of Basle; Dr. H. Crichton-Miller, founder and honorary senior physician, the Institute of Medical Psychology, London.) (3) Mental hygiene and the Press. (Speakers: Dr. O. L. Forel, senior physician to "Les Rives de Prangins," Nyon; Dr. J. van der Spek, director of the Psychiatric Institute "Maas oord," Rotterdam.) The sessions will begin on Saturday, July 20th, at 2.30 p.m., and will be continued on Sunday, July 21st, at 9 a.m. Those wishing to attend the reunion are asked to communicate as soon as possible with the secretary, the National Council for Mental Hygiene, 78, Chandos House, Palmer Street, London, S.W.1, who will be pleased to supply further particulars.

On Thursday, June 6th, at 2.30 p.m., a demonstration of the use of a variety of contraceptive methods will be given at 108, Whitfield Street, Tottenham Court Road, W.1. Application for tickets (which will be supplied to medical practitioners and senior students only) should be made in writing to the honorary secretary, C.B.C., at that address.

The radiotherapeutic institute of Frankfurt University has organized a post-graduate course on modern deep Roentgen therapy. Further information can be obtained from Professor Holfelder, Eschenbachstr. 14, Frankfurt A.M.

A special fortnight's course has been arranged at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart, Westmoreland Street, Marylebone, W., from June 24th to July 5th (except June 29th and 30th), at 10 a.m. each day. Admission to the course is by ticket only and the fee is £7 7s. Early application should be made to the dean, Dr. B. T. Parsons-Smith, as the course is limited to twenty. The next course opens on October 7th.

The Société Française d'Orthopédie will hold a meeting at Bordeaux on June 7th and 8th, and its annual congress at Lille on October 4th.

The Tomarkin Foundation is organizing under the auspices of the University of Brussels its seventh International Medical Post-Graduate Congress, to be held during the World Exhibition from September 12th to 19th next, in the Faculty of Medicine of the University, and from September 20th to October 2nd at Spa. Full particulars may be had from the secretary, Tomarkin Foundation, Faculty of Medicine, 97, Rue aux Laines, Bruxelles, Belgium.

The ninth International Congress of Dermatology and Syphilography will be held at Budapest from September 15th to 21st. Further information can be obtained from Professor Nekam, Maria uta 41, Budapest VII.

As already announced, the first International Congress of Gastro-enterology will be held in Brussels from August 8th to 10th. In each country a national committee has been formed in connexion with the congress; the secretary for that of Great Britain is Dr. Thomas Hunt, 12, Queen Anne Street, W.1, from whom full details are obtainable. Two subjects for discussion have been chosen—namely, the varieties of gastritis and severe ulcerative colitis of non-amoebic causation. Excursions and festivities will be arranged in conjunction with this congress, to which all medical practitioners interested are invited; a ladies' committee will be formed, and those attending have the right to bring members of their families. The subscription for active members is 30 belgas, for students and those accompanying members 15 belgas.

The first congress of Austrian ear, nose, and throat specialists will be held in Vienna on June 21st and 22nd, and will be open to visitors from other countries. The topics for discussion include: the aetiology and treatment of vertigo; otogenous meningitis; complications following tonsillitis; and new methods in disorders of speech and the vocal cords. Further information is obtainable from Dr. Urbantschitsch, Schotterring 24, Vienna 1.

The issue of *Forschungen und Fortschritte* for May 20th contains an address delivered by Professor Paul Uhlenhuth of Freiburg at Ghent, showing the value of experiments on animals in the diagnosis, prophylaxis, and treatment of infectious diseases.

Mr. H. Lloyd-Williams, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., of Waenfawr, late of Harley Street, Justice of the Peace for the County of Middlesex, has been appointed Justice of the Peace for Carnarvonshire.

The parliament of Finland has passed a law, by 144 to 14 votes, for the sterilization of idiots, insane persons, and sexual malefactors.

At the suggestion of Professor Jeanselme a special pavilion for tropical diseases has been erected in the Hôpital St. Louis, Paris, the principal object being to protect leprosy patients from infection with tuberculosis.

During the fourth quarter of 1934 only one case of smallpox was notified in England. It occurred in the urban district of Havant and Waterloo (Southampton), and ended fatally. During the third quarter of 1934 there were two cases, and in the fourth quarter of 1933 forty-six cases without a death.

According to a Reuter message from Colombo the latest returns show that there were 15,933 malaria deaths in Ceylon in April, making a total for the six months November to April of 82,637. The epidemic, though generally on the decrease, is now spreading to the central uplands and affecting workers on the tea and rubber estates.

A Rumanian academy of medicine has recently been founded at Bucarest.

## Letters, Notes, and Answers

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## QUERIES AND ANSWERS

### Malaise after Motoring

Dr. ARTHUR HAWKWARD writes: I have a woman patient who suffers from vomiting and headache when riding for an hour or so in a motor car. The attacks are similar to attacks of migraine. I have tried a good many remedies, including Schering's tab. vasano. This stops the vomiting, but "dopes" the patient too much. If any member can suggest a remedy I should be grateful.

### Cracked Upper Lip

Dr. ARTHUR E. DRUITT (Southampton) writes: Looking over back numbers, I have just noticed the query by "B. G." (April 27th, p. 907). For all cracked skins I find nothing equal to glycerin and water, equal parts after washing; no dressing required.

### Income Tax

#### Additional Appointment—Schedule E

"A. W." was appointed M.O.H. for a combined district on April 1st, 1932, and, in addition, assistant M.O.H. of the county council as from April 1st, 1933. What is the basis of his liability for 1933-4?

\*\* The normal basis for Schedule E is that of the previous year, but for the first year for which an appointment is held the basis is that of the current year. In this case the two appointments are apparently distinct and severable, and are separately assessable. "A. W.'s" liability for 1933-4, therefore, is the aggregate of the income of the first appointment for 1932-3 and of the second appointment for 1933-4.

### Change in Partnership

"Z. Y. X." was in partnership with his son, on a 2/3 and 1/3 basis, up to December 31st, 1934, as from which date a third partner was taken in—1/3 share all round. The firm's accounts are made up to March 31st each year. What is the effect on the income tax returns?

\*\* It has to be remembered that, although declarations for income tax are made on the amount of the profits of the previous year, the tax payable accounts for the liability of the year for which the return is made. In this case the declaration for 1935-6 will be made on the basis of the amount of the firm's profits of the year to March 31st, 1935. As regards the three months ending at that date "Z. Y. X." and his son will be entitled to an adjustment with the new partner, because if the existing assessment for 1934-5 is discharged by them they will be paying tax on the new partner's income for those months.