

those making for a world catastrophe, war, and barbarism. In evidence of this one has only to turn to your columns—to the manifesto on War and Peace signed by 350 psychiatrists, to the medical protest recently organized against the bombings of the Red Cross in Abyssinia, and to numerous letters on the subject. Can it be disputed that those who are so conducting themselves are acting correctly in insisting on serious efforts at diagnosis and prevention before falling back on the mere palliative treatment of troublesome symptoms?—I am, etc.,

HARRY C. BOYDE, M.B., B.S.

London, E.16, March 22nd.

Medical Art Exhibition

SIR,—The second exhibition of the Medical Art Society, which was successfully founded last year, will be held in July. It is proposed that the members dine together before visiting the exhibition. A certain number of frames of stock size will be available for the exhibits of country members. Will those who wish to join the society, the subscription to which is one guinea, send their names to the honorary secretary, Professor Pannett, at St. Mary's Hospital.—I am, etc.,

LEONARD HILL,
President.

St. John Clinic, S.W.1, March 23rd.

Medico-Legal

USE OF TITLE "DOCTOR"

Successful Prosecution at Brighton

The magistrates at Brighton Petty Sessions gave an interesting decision on March 11th, in which Francis D. Deacon of 12, Richmond Place, Brighton, was convicted under Section 40 of the Medical Act, 1858, for unlawfully describing himself on his plate and notepaper as "Doctor Deacon."

Mr. G. D. Roberts, counsel, instructed by Messrs. Hempsons, solicitors to the Medical Defence Union, who prosecuted, said that the accused described himself as "Doctor Deacon" on his plate and notepaper, and, coupled with that description, held out to the public that he practised some sort of healing art. Mr. Roberts invited the bench to hold that the use of the title "Doctor" coupled with medical practice could only mean to the public that the practitioner was a doctor of medicine. Detailing the correspondence which had passed between the Medical Defence Union and the accused, Mr. Roberts said that in September, 1934, the accused had been calling himself an osteopathic physician and surgeon and not a doctor, and that after a certain amount of argument he had changed his title to "Osteopathic Practitioner." In November, 1934, the Paignton justices had dismissed a summons against Captain Horace Barrow* for using the title of "manipulative surgeon" when he was not registered. No doubt encouraged by this decision, the accused had begun to call himself an "osteopathic manipulative surgeon practitioner." In May, 1935, when the Paignton case was on its way to the Divisional Court for appeal, the accused dropped the title "surgeon" and for the first time called himself "Doctor." After the decision of the Divisional Court that Captain Barrow had been wrong to call himself "manipulative surgeon," the accused had blossomed out fully and completely as "Doctor Deacon, Osteopathic Practitioner."

The magistrates heard evidence that a clerk in the employ of the Medical Defence Union had received a letter from the accused in which he described himself as "Osteopathic Surgeon and Practitioner"; and from a lady resident in Hove, who had received a letter from the accused asking her to go and see him, as he noted that she was suffering from rheumatic trouble. An inquiry agent said that a plate outside the accused's premises was inscribed "Doctor Deacon, Osteopathic Manipulative Practitioner (British School Reg.)." He had called, and been treated by the accused.

* *British Medical Journal*, 1935, ii, 879, 1028.

Mr. Erik Rhodes, solicitor, did not call any evidence. In argument he referred to the wording of Section 40, which forbids the wilful and false use of the name or title "... of a physician, doctor of medicine, licentiate in medicine and surgery, bachelor of medicine, surgeon, general practitioner, or apothecary. . . ." The Act, he pointed out, forbade the use of the name doctor of medicine, not doctor, a title which was used in connexion with degrees or diplomas granted for many different subjects and sciences. No one seeing the accused's plate, notepaper, or advertisements would suppose that he was a registered medical practitioner.

The justices found that the accused had offended against Section 40 of the Medical Act, 1858. Evidence was then given that the accused had been convicted on numerous occasions of larceny and fraud between 1898 and 1933. He was fined £20 and £10 costs, or two months' imprisonment.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In Convocation on May 5th a proposal will be submitted for conferment of the honorary degree of D.Sc. on Sir Cuthbert Wallace (President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England), Sir Walter Langdon-Brown (late Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge), Dr. Robert Hutchison (President of the Royal Society of Medicine), Dr. Charles Singer (Professor of the History of Medicine, University of London), Sir Henry Dale, F.R.S. (Director of the National Institute for Medical Research), and Sir George Newman (late Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education).

A. P. Meiklejohn, B.Sc., B.M., has been elected to a travelling scholarship on the foundation of Dr. John Radcliffe.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

D.P.H.—*Part I*: J. D. Bryan, W. N. M. Mason, T. H. Pierce, F. Pygott, H. R. Shone, Edna L. Smart, B. A. Taylor, Mary M. Thomson, T. P. Twomey.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE.—W. Barnetson, A. Boules, D. L. Cran, N. G. Gandhi, *R. G. Ghoshal, A. G. Hiremath, M. T. Ismail, B. B. Mukerjee, W. Murray, M. S. Rao, J. G. Simon.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL HYGIENE.—W. Crawford, K. O'Toole, S. K. Ting, T. P. Tu.

* Recommended for the Milne Medal.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

A meeting of the Council was held on March 18th, with the Pro-Chancellor in the chair.

In receiving with regret the resignation of Professor J. Kay Jamieson from the chair of anatomy, the Council passed a resolution recording its warmest gratitude to Professor Jamieson for the exceptional services he has rendered to the Council, the Senate, and the Medical School during the long period of forty-one years, in the course of which he has been dean of the Medical Faculty and a member of the University Council continuously for eighteen years.

"His colleagues on the Council, Senate, and the Board of the Faculty of Medicine have long recognized and relied upon his wise judgement, his tact, his ingenuity in handling difficult situations, and his uniformly imperturbable good temper in the conduct of business. He has guided and guarded the interests of the Medical School in the complexity of its relations with the various hospitals and public bodies with which it is associated. He has seen it, under his leadership, rise from small estate to a position of high distinction among medical schools of the country. And throughout his time of office he has secured and retained the loyalty of the medical staff, the confidence of the University authorities, and the affectionate regard of the students."

Mr. J. C. Gillies, M.B., Ch.B. Leeds, F.R.C.S.Ed., was appointed honorary demonstrator in anatomy.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

A meeting of the Senate was held on March 12th, when it was decided that a Travelling Studentship in Physiology, as an additional travelling studentship, should be offered for competition in 1937, the course to be the same as that for 1935.

The degree of M.D. was granted to Michael P. O'Connor, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., University College, Dublin.

The Senate reappointed Dr. T. Donovan to the Lectureship in Materia Medica, and Dr. E. V. Cantillon to the Lectureship in Therapeutics, both at University College, Cork.

Medical News

The House of the British Medical Association, including the Library, will be closed for the Easter holiday from 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 9th, until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14th (Library 10 a.m.).

The annual general meeting of the Hunterian Society will be held at Simpson's Restaurant, Cheapside, E.C., on Monday, April 6th, at 7.15 p.m. After the formal business Dr. F. Howard Humphris will give a short address, illustrated by a film, on "Mild Radium Therapy."

The annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Inebriety will be held at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Tuesday, April 21st, at 4 p.m., when, after the election of officers, etc., Dr. J. D. Rolleston will read a paper "On Snuff Taking."

The Anti-Noise League, 66, Victoria Street, S.W.1, will hold a luncheon meeting on Monday next, March 30th, at 1 p.m., in the Whitehall Rooms, Whitehall Place, S.W. The occasion is intended to mark the first quarterly issue of *Quiet*. Lord Horder will preside, and the speaker will be Mr. Clough Williams-Ellis.

The Fellowship of Medicine announces that a demonstration on the fundus oculi for M.R.C.P. candidates will be given at the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Gloucester Gate, N.W., on March 31st, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. Reginald Lightwood will give lectures on children's diseases at the National Temperance Hospital, at 8.30 p.m., on April 1st and 3rd. A week-end course in general medicine and surgery will be given at the National Temperance Hospital on April 4th and 5th. Courses in April include infants' diseases, at the Infants Hospital, March 30th to April 4th; proctology at St. Mark's Hospital, April 20th to 25th; ophthalmology at Royal Eye Hospital, April 20th to May 1st; medicine, surgery, and gynaecology at Royal Waterloo Hospital, April 27th to May 9th; psychological medicine at Maudsley Hospital, April 27th to May 30th; and a week-end course in diseases of the heart and lungs at Victoria Park Hospital, April 18th and 19th. Courses are open only to members and associates of the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.

The second International Congress of Roman Catholic Doctors will be held in Vienna from May 28th to June 2nd, when the subjects for discussion will be eugenics, sterilization, and missionary work. Particulars may be had from the Oesterreichisches Verkehrsbureau, Friedrichstrasse 7, Vienna.

The fifty-seventh post-graduate course of the Vienna Medical Faculty will be held from May 4th to 16th, the subject being advances in treatment of internal diseases.

Two Sir Milsom Rees scholarships for sons of medical practitioners of £100 each to Port Regis Preparatory School, Broadstairs, have been awarded to E. H. B. Smith, son of Major E. C. A. Smith; and to J. M. H. Dickson, son of Dr. W. S. Dickson.

Dr. Charles E. Goddard, O.B.E., medical officer of health for Wembley, is retiring in June. Dr. Goddard was appointed part-time medical officer of health for Wembley in June, 1895, and he held that position until two years ago, when he became a full-time officer on the district amalgamating with Kingsbury. Dr. Goddard was chairman of the Harrow Division of the British Medical Association in 1922-3, and again in 1932-3.

After allowing for a number of bequests the residue of the property of the late Mr. W. H. Hydes of Pontefract, who left estate of the gross value of £79,248, with net personalty £47,865, goes to provide for a maternity or children's hospital, to be known as the Hydes Hospital, with a direction that the governing body should be the same as that of the Pontefract General Infirmary. If the hospital should not be established within five years, then he left the residue of his property as to one-third each to the Pontefract General Infirmary, the Castleford Cottage Hospital, and St. Dunstan's.

The issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for February 22nd is a radiological number.

Dr. Archibald Guelph Holdsworth Smart, M.B.E., has been appointed a Nominated Official Member of the Legislative Council of the Island of Saint Vincent.

Dr. Joseph Baird Albury has been appointed a member of the Legislative Council of the Bahama Islands.

In view of the approaching elections in Germany it has been necessary to postpone the meetings of medical societies in Wiesbaden, and these will now be held from April 18th to 25th. Fresh bookings are necessary in respect of residential accommodation. The German Society of Internal Medicine will meet from April 20th to 23rd, and the Röntgen Society from April 23rd to 25th, all dates inclusive.

Dr. G. Roche Lynch has been elected president of the Society of Public Analysts for 1936.

Dr. Alexis Carrel of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, has been nominated professor at the University of California at Berkeley, and Dr. Reginald Fitz, professor of medicine at Harvard and director of the Institute of Clinical Research and Preventive Medicine at the Massachusetts Hospital in Boston.

The Paul Ehrlich medal has been awarded to Professor Enrique Paschen of Hamburg for his researches on small-pox and vaccinia.

Dr. Ernest Renaux, who was for many years assistant to Professor Jules Bordet, has been nominated his successor in the chair of bacteriology at Brussels University.

Professor Gregorio Marañón, president of the Spanish Academy of Medicine, has been elected president of the Hispano-Belgian Scientific Entente Committee.

A museum of the history of pharmacy and drugs, with a library containing half a million volumes, has recently been opened at Moscow.

Professor Dante de Blasi of the Italian Academy has recently been nominated director of the new Health Institute at Rome.

Letters, Notes, and Answers

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Intrapleural Ultra-violet Rays

"R.M.O." writes: Dr. M. O. Mistal of Montana published a paper in *Le Scalpel* on November 3rd, 1934, on the intrapleural treatment of secondarily infected empyema with ultra-violet rays. I should be grateful if anyone could direct me to a colleague who is in possession of the apparatus therein described and has personal experiences of its useful-