

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

#### *Assistant Directorship of Research in Medicine*

The General Board is proposing the establishment of a post of Assistant Director of Research in Medicine. If the post is approved by the University the person appointed to it will be expected to devote his whole time to his duties, which will include the organization and conduct of clinical research at Addenbrooke's Hospital and in the laboratories of the University under the direction of the Regius Professor of Physic, and he will be expected to take up his duties early in the next academical year. The appointment will be for an initial period of three years, with the possibility of reappointment. The salary will be £700 a year, and he must place himself under the superannuation scheme.

Applications for this proposed post, together with a statement of the applicant's previous appointments and experience in research, copies of his published work, and not more than three recent testimonials, should be addressed to the Regius Professor of Physic, University of Cambridge, before August 1st.

#### *Medical Degrees*

At a congregation held on June 20th the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.B., B.CHIR.—D. A. Metcalf.  
B.CHIR.—\*F. R. Berridge.

\* By proxy.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

At a meeting of the Senate held on June 17th Mr. H. L. Eason was re-elected Vice-Chancellor for the year 1936-7, and the title of Reader in Neurological Anatomy in the University was conferred on Miss U. L. Fielding, Ch.M., M.B., in respect of the post held by her at University College.

W. V. Mayneord, D.Sc., has been appointed to the University Readership in Physics tenable at the Royal Cancer Hospital (Free). Since 1927 Dr. Mayneord has been physicist to the radiological department of the hospital, and since 1936 he has also been acting head of the physics department.

#### CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

The centenary of the University will be celebrated next week. On Monday, June 29th, at 2.30 p.m., there will be a reception at the University in South Kensington, with presentation of congratulatory addresses by delegates and conferment of honorary degrees upon a number of distinguished men, both British and foreign. On the evening of the same day the University dinner will be held at Grosvenor House, with the Chancellor, the Earl of Athlone, presiding. On June 30th the Worshipful Company of Drapers will give a ball at Drapers' Hall. On July 1st a procession up Ludgate Hill to St. Paul's Cathedral for a special service will start from Stationers' Hall, Amen Corner, at 10.30 a.m. After the service the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London will give a luncheon party at the Guildhall; in the evening the Lord President of the Council will receive guests at a reception given by His Majesty's Government at Lancaster House. On the afternoon of July 2nd there will be a garden party at King's College of Household and Social Science, Campden Hill, to be followed by conversaciones at Bedford College for Women, and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College in Charterhouse Square. On July 3rd a visit will be paid to the new buildings of the University now being erected in Bloomsbury, when the architect, Mr. Charles Holden, will be in attendance; in the evening Lord Snell, Chairman of the London County Council, will preside over a reception given by the Council at the County Hall, Westminster Bridge.

For the preceding Saturday a garden party has been arranged at the Royal Holloway College, Englefield Green, Surrey, and invitations to dinner or lunch on certain days during the week have been sent to delegates by various colleges and medical schools of the University.

### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

FINAL M.B., CH.B.—Section II: Senta Alkan, B. Isserlin (with distinction in surgery and obstetrics), J. S. W. Little, E. Philipp. In Group I only: Ursula G. Hewitt (with distinction in obstetrics).

The following candidate has been approved at the examination indicated:

M.D.—Bessie V. F. Dawkins.

### UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

M.D.—By Thesis: S. K. Appleton, \*R. Briercliffe, S. J. Firth, \*Fanny Howe (Mrs. Walwyn), \*H. Southworth, \*E. Vernon, C. H. T. Wade, Josephine Walmsley.

\* With commendation.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

The following degrees were conferred at a ceremony of graduation on June 17th:

HON. LL.D.—Thomas Hastie Bryce, M.D.Ed., F.R.S., Emeritus Professor of Anatomy, University of Glasgow; Major-General Sir Leonard Rogers, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.S. M.D.—(1) With honours: J. F. Smith. (2) With high commendation: A. A. MacKellvie. (3) With commendation: G. Krasner. (4) A. Maclean, J. A. Roughead.

## Medical Notes in Parliament

[FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT]

The House of Commons this week discussed foreign affairs and the vote for the Unemployment Assistance Board.

The report by the Joint Committee of Lords and Commons on the Public Health Bill was brought up in the House of Commons on June 23rd and ordered to be printed.

In the House of Lords on June 23rd the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Bill was read the third time, and the Public Health (Drainage of Trade Premises) Bill was passed through committee.

### Pan-African Health Conference

Mr. ORMSBY-GORE stated on June 17th that certain proposals of the Pan-African Health Conference lately held in Johannesburg had been submitted to the Council of the League of Nations by the Health Committee. The proposals for combating malaria, made at this conference, had not yet been considered by the special Malaria Committee of the Health Section of the League. Mr. MATHERS asked whether malaria was described in the report of the Johannesburg Conference as being in effect a poverty disease, and that the economic condition of the natives was a primary cause of malaria.

Mr. ORMSBY-GORE said the primary cause was a bite by a mosquito. He himself, having been in the Tropics, would not call malaria a poverty disease.

### Certifying Unfit for Ordinary Occupation

Mr. JOSEPH HENDERSON, on June 17th, asked if the Minister of Health knew that under the National Health Insurance Act a panel doctor had to certify an individual as fit for work as soon as he was no longer totally incapacitated, whilst some employees, such as railway companies, refused to allow an individual to resume employment until fully restored to health, with the result that he was deprived both of wages and of national health insurance benefit. Mr. SHAKESPEARE replied that insurance medical practitioners and approved societies had been advised that an insured person should be regarded as incapable of work within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts if he was unfit to follow his ordinary occupation but it appeared probable that he would soon be fit to do so. Cases of the kind referred to by Mr. Henderson should not therefore arise.

### Isolation of Diphtheria Carriers

Sir KINGSLEY WOOD announced on June 17th, in reply to a question, that information was not available to show how many children were sent to isolation hospitals during 1935 as being alleged carriers of diphtheria or the period of detention in each case. If after suitable treatment the carrier condition persisted the usual procedure was to return the child to its home. Advice was given to protect persons in the home and elsewhere who were susceptible to diphtheria so that precautions could be taken.

## Medical News

The annual banquet of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, London, on Wednesday, July 8th, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. The honorary secretaries are Mr. James Kemble, 128, Harley Street, and Dr. W. K. McKinstry.

The annual dinner of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Ninth Decennial Contemporary Club will be held at the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, on Wednesday, July 8th, at 7.30 p.m. for 8 o'clock. (Price 10s. 6d.) The honorary secretaries are Mr. R. C. Elmslie (1A, Portland Place, W.1) and Dr. C. M. Hinds Howell.

Messrs. Edward Arnold and Co. announce for publication next month *Legal Problems in Medical Practice*, by D. Harcourt Kitchin of Gray's Inn, barrister-at-law. The book consists mainly of articles which have appeared in the *British Medical Journal* and are reproduced by permission of the Council of the British Medical Association.

The Health Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held at Southport from July 6th to 11th in the Floral Hall, the Municipal Buildings, the Temperance Institute, the Congregational Schoolroom, the Trocadero Cinema, the Prince of Wales Hotel, and at Hesketh Park. The Minister of Health will deliver the inaugural address on the first afternoon. The seven sections are respectively those of preventive medicine; engineering, architecture, and town planning; maternity, child welfare, and school hygiene; veterinary hygiene; national health insurance; hygiene of food; and tropical hygiene. There will also be conferences of sanitary authorities, medical officers of health, engineers and surveyors, sanitary inspectors, and health visitors. Among the topics to be considered are the future of the isolation hospital; the public health aspect of the disposition of the dead; rural hygiene in the East; water and sewage schemes in rural areas; the salaried midwives scheme; the sanitation and planning of flats; the health services of Scotland; extensions of the national health insurance scheme; and the packing of food. A joint meeting of health visitors and the section dealing with maternity, child welfare, and school hygiene will discuss child guidance, and also the part played by the public health nurse in the reduction of maternal mortality. A public health exhibition is being organized. The congress dinner will be held on July 9th, and a very large number of visits to places of beauty and interest have been arranged. Further detailed information may be obtained from the secretary of the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1.

The first International Congress of Sanatoria and Private Nursing Homes will be held in Budapest at the end of September next. Special invitations will be sent in due course to all parties concerned. Brief particulars of papers, proposals for discussions, etc., should be sent to the following address as early as possible, in order that they may be included in the official programme: Committee of the International Congress of Sanatoria and Private Nursing Homes, Budapest, Margitsziget Sanatorium.

The second International Semaine Médicale in Switzerland will be held at Lucerne from August 31st to September 5th. Its organization is in the hands of the staff of the *Journal Suisse de Médecine*. Copies of the programme which has just been published may be had from the secretary of La Semaine Médicale Internationale, Klosterberg 27, Basle.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces the following courses: proctology at St. Mark's Hospital, July 6th to 11th; dermatology at Blackfriars Skin Hospital, July 13th to 25th; urology at All Saints' Hospital, July 13th to August 1st; diseases of the heart and lungs at Victoria Park Hospital, July 11th and 12th. Special ophthalmic demonstrations for M.R.C.P. candidates will be given at Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, on June 29th at 4.45 p.m., on "Fundus of Medical Interest"; on July 1st at 5 p.m., "Some Points

in Medical Ophthalmology"; and at West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Gloucester Gate, N.W., on July 7th at 8.30 p.m., "Fundus Oculi."

Lord Hambleden has been elected Chairman of the Committee of Management of King's College Hospital in succession to the late Earl Beatty after being a member for seven years, during which he has acted as Chairman of the Development Committee as well as of the newly constituted Centenary Committee.

As a result of closer co-operation between English and French blind organizations a system of interchange of English and French books in Braille is being discussed between the National Institute for the Blind and the Association Valentin Haüy, its Paris counterpart. The medical director of the Paris Massage School will shortly visit London to inspect the National Institute's training centre and the Eichholz Clinic, where blind masseurs carry out electrotherapeutic and other treatments.

A lecture on the "Theory and Practice of Contraception" will be given to medical practitioners and medical students on Friday, July 24th, at 6 p.m., at the Walworth Women's Welfare Centre, 153A, East Street, S.E.17. Information about this lecture and the demonstrations on July 31st may be obtained from the secretary.

The German hay fever association has organized a scientific centre at Cologne for the study of allergic diseases.

Professor Ludwig Aschoff of Freiburg in Breisgau has been awarded the Silver Carl Ludwig Medal of Honour by the German Society for investigation of the circulation.

Dr. Gomoiu of Bucarest has been elected president of the International Society of Medicine for a period of five years.

The Bordeaux Faculty of Medicine has decided that the text of the Oath of Hippocrates shall be printed at the end of each thesis, and that the candidate should be asked to read it at the day of examination.

## Letters, Notes, and Answers

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## QUERIES AND ANSWERS

### Spa Treatment

Dr. D. MARGARET WILKINSON (Tewkesbury) writes: A patient of mine who suffers from migraine and hepatic insufficiency wishes to combine a holiday with treatment at one of the German spas. I should be very grateful if any of your readers could give me particulars of suitable spas. Merkenheim has been mentioned to me, but I know nothing of its merits.