

Dr. GEORGE PERNET, who died in retirement on January 6 at the age of 78, was formerly well known in dermatological circles. Born in London and educated at the Universities of Bonn, Edinburgh, and Paris, he qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1891, and graduated M.D. of Paris in 1908. He was for many years pathologist to the Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars, dermatologist to the West London Hospital, and lecturer in dermatology to the West London Postgraduate Medical College. He was elected a corresponding member of the Dermatological Societies of Paris, Madrid, and Copenhagen, and published many papers in these columns and elsewhere on diseases of the skin. When the British Medical Association met at Sheffield in 1908 he was honorary secretary of the Section of Dermatology, and two years later held office as vice-president of the same Section at the Annual Meeting in London.

Sir SAMUEL BRIGHOUSE, the oldest coroner in the country, died at Ormskirk on January 15 aged 90. He had been coroner for South-West Lancashire since 1884, and during that long period conducted some 25,000 inquests. He was born in August, 1849, at Lathom, a village three miles from Ormskirk, and at the age of 17 was articled to a firm of solicitors in Liverpool; after a year in London he was admitted a solicitor in 1871, and spent the rest of his life at Ormskirk. He was created a knight in 1934, and in the following year celebrated his golden wedding.

News has been received from Philadelphia of the death at the age of 58 of Dr. HENRY LOCKE PADDON, senior medical missionary associated with the Grenfell Foundation in Labrador for the past twenty-seven years. Harry Paddon went from Repton to Oxford as a medical student, and completed his studies at St. Thomas's Hospital, qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1911, in which year he joined the British Medical Association. After holding house appointments at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, he joined Sir Wilfred Grenfell in 1912, founded the North-West River Mission, and became head of the hospital school and of the industrial work of the Grenfell Foundation at Indian Harbour. In the course of his work on the Labrador coast Dr. Paddon covered thousands of miles by dog team, and gave medical help to Eskimos and Indians in the most isolated spots. He died on Christmas Eve while on furlough in the United States.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Parliament reassembled after the Christmas holiday on January 16.

Domiciliary Medical Service for Injured Civilians

On January 16 Mr. GROVES asked the Minister of Health whether, having regard to the dissatisfaction known to exist among general medical practitioners with regard to the distribution of work, some more satisfactory and impartial method than the procedure adopted for medical treatment of unaccompanied children in reception areas would be decided on, to obtain the cordial co-operation of general practitioners under the proposed domiciliary medical service for civilians who sustained war injuries in this country. Dr. ELLIOT said that, as would be seen from a memorandum shortly to be issued, the arrangements for the domiciliary treatment of uninsured civilians who sustained war injuries necessarily differed in certain respects from those made for unaccompanied children. He was not, however, aware of any dissatisfaction with regard to the distribution of work in relation to the medical treatment of these children in the reception areas; on the contrary, he had received the most cordial co-operation of the medical profession.

Silicosis Investigation by M.R.C.—On January 16 Captain WATERHOUSE told Mr. J. Griffiths that the investigation by the Medical Research Council into industrial pulmonary disease among workers in the South Wales coalfield had suffered some slight delay as a result of the war, but it was nevertheless hoped that sufficient evidence would be available for an interim report in the early summer.

Universities and Colleges

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

A meeting of the Council was held on January 11, with the President, Mr. Hugh Lett, in the chair.

Sir Humphry Rolleston, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund since 1924, and Sir Thomas Dunhill, Serjeant-Surgeon to the King, were admitted to the Honorary Fellowship. It was reported that Sir Hugh Devine, President of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, had accepted the Honorary Fellowship, subject to the condition of personal attendance at the College at some future date.

The Hallett Prize, granted on the result of the Primary Fellowship Examination, was awarded to James Grayton Brown of Melbourne.

The Council decided to institute a new series of lectures in physiology and a new series of demonstrations in pathology. Mr. D. H. Patey was elected Erasmus Wilson Demonstrator and Mr. Gwynne Williams has agreed to give six demonstrations in pathology before May next.

The Council accepted with very grateful thanks an offer from the American College of Surgeons to present a lecturer's table for the lecture theatre.

Mr. Arthur H. Burgess was appointed Hunterian Orator for 1941.

Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson was appointed Bradshaw Lecturer and Dr. Arnold Chaplin Thomas Vicary Lecturer for 1940.

The following hospital was recognized for the six months' surgical practice required of candidates for the Final Examination for the Fellowship: Clayton Hospital and Wakefield General Dispensary, Wakefield (resident surgical officer and house-surgeon).

Diplomas

Diplomas in Psychological Medicine and in Laryngology and Otolaryngology were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to the following candidates:

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—A. L. Abëwardene, C. D. Amarasingha, G. F. Andrews, P. L. Backus, J. L. Barford, D. R. Davis, P. E. F. Frossard, D. W. T. Harris, A. J. Matheson, A. G. Moore, F. D. Paterson, T. P. Riordan, H. R. Rollin, Alice I. Roughton, A. M. Spencer, R. F. Tredgold.

DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY.—J. H. Appleton, R. Chignell, C. S. David, A. H. Farid, A. T. George, W. C. Gledhill, M. O'Regan, D. Y. Richardson, A. Russell, H. C. Saksena, G. S. M. Wilson.

Museum Demonstrations

A course of museum demonstrations in the theatre of the College begins on January 23, when Mr. R. Davies-Colley will discuss tumours of the bones. He will speak on the same subject again on January 30, and on diseases of muscles on February 9. On January 25 and February 1 and 8 Mr. D. H. Patey will discuss specimens illustrating the pathological effects of trauma. All the demonstrations begin at 3 p.m., and are open to advanced students and medical practitioners.

Medical News

The annual general meeting of the Harveian Society of London and the Buckston Browne Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, January 31, at 12.45 p.m., at the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, W.

The British Institute of Philosophy announces that the sixth address of the special series of free public addresses entitled "The Deeper Causes of the War and the Issues Involved" will be given by Sir William Beveridge in the Assembly Hall (entrance in Craven Street, Strand, W.C.2) of the Royal Empire Society at 2 p.m. on Thursday, January 25. Subject: "Peace by Federation." Further addresses will be given by Sir Richard Gregory and Professor Ernest Barker on dates to be announced.