

presence. His manners were frank and friendly. His mind was quick, accurate, and clear-thinking, his speech vigorous and incisive. Wallace had no pretensions as a dreamer of dreams, but he was quick to realize and assert the practical implications of any policy which presented itself. He loved life. Besides his practice and his medico-political ties, sport and social pleasures attracted him. He worked hard and played hard. There was something rather unique in his make-up, and he leaves behind him the memory of a man of integrity and upright purpose.

J. I. C.

#### J. C. REGINALD BRAINE-HARTNELL, F.R.C.S.ED.

The sudden death at Bournemouth on January 17 of Mr. James Christopher Reginald Braine-Hartnell, consulting surgeon to the Cheltenham General Hospital, has removed a widely known and much-loved personality from the medical profession.

He received his medical training at the Middlesex Hospital, where he won the senior Broderip Scholarship. After qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1896 he started with the late Dr. Pruen in 1898 a sanatorium for tuberculosis at Cranham, which afterwards was developed into the present Cotswold Sanatorium. A few years later he gave up the sanatorium for practice in Cheltenham in partnership with the late Dr. G. A. Cardew. He became interested in surgery, took the Edinburgh F.R.C.S. in 1910, and the following year was elected an honorary surgeon to the Cheltenham General Hospital. He threw himself with enthusiasm into his hospital work, and became well known as a reliable and successful surgeon. His practice was wide and he held many appointments, including that of obstetric surgeon to the Victoria Home and surgeon to the Ladies' College. He had been a member of the British Medical Association for forty-two years, and when the Association met at Cheltenham in 1901 he acted as honorary secretary of the Section of Laryngology and Otology.

During the last war he joined the R.A.M.C. in 1915 and was appointed officer-in-charge, surgical division, 30th General Hospital, B.E.F., the duties of which he carried out with conspicuous success. He was a most popular officer and, possessed of a good voice, was a great help at concert parties. In 1929 he retired from practice in Cheltenham and, always fond of travelling, took a post as ship surgeon in the Blue Star Line. A man of active temperament, he felt happier when at work, and he began to practise anew in Norfolk. There he continued to work until a year ago, when he had to give up owing to an attack of coronary thrombosis.

The most outstanding characteristic of B.-H., as he was popularly called, was his genial disposition. His cheery countenance expressed the genuine kindliness of his nature and was an encouragement to all who came in contact with him.

J. R. C.

The death occurred early in December at his residence in University Square, Belfast, of Dr. S. D. DONNAN at the early age of 36. Dr. Donnan, who was a brilliant student of Queen's University, Belfast, graduating in 1933, joined Dr. S. R. Foster in partnership, and by his clinical skill and personal qualities proved a most acceptable member of the team. He was already making his mark and seemed destined to hold an honourable and distinctive position in the medical life of Belfast. As a member of the British Medical Association and a Fellow of the Ulster Medical Society he gave to these bodies the interest of his active mind. He was very popular with patients and colleagues, and to his parents and relatives is extended the sympathy of a very wide circle.

## Medico-Legal

### TRACHEAL DIPHTHERIA

#### *Unsuccessful Action against a Doctor*

A Bristol mother recently sued Dr. N. S. B. Vinter for damages for negligence in the treatment of her 18-year-old son, now deceased. She alleged that the doctor had failed to diagnose diphtheria from a diphtheritic cast which the patient had expectorated. The doctor said in evidence that he had never seen a diphtheritic cast during his attendance on the patient, and only thought of laryngeal diphtheria on the third day. Dr. J. A. Pocock (then senior resident at the Bristol General Hospital) said he had found a membrane when the boy was admitted but not a typical one, and had diagnosed a streptococcal infection until he knew the result of the swab. The disease had started in the trachea, and he had never before seen laryngeal or tracheal diphtheria in an adult. Another medical witness said he had only seen three cases out of 22,000. Mr. Justice Croom-Johnson, sitting without a jury, found that the diphtheria had originated in the trachea and there were no signs which would have put the defendant on his guard. The fact that he had not taken a swab was not negligence, and if he had done so it would not have saved the patient's life. This was an obscure and unusual disorder, and there was no satisfactory proof that, in the existing state of medical knowledge, the doctor had failed in his duty.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In Congregation on January 30 the degrees of M.A. and D.M. were conferred by decree upon Herbert John Seddon, F.R.C.S., Nuffield Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

#### *Parliamentary University By-election*

The Vice-Chancellor has given notice that he will attend in the Senate House on Monday, February 5, from 10 to 11 a.m., to receive nominations for the election of a Burgess to serve in Parliament for the University. If the election is contested the poll will be taken from February 19 to 23. There will be no voting in person. Every vote must be given by the delivery to the Vice-Chancellor, by post or by messenger, of a duly executed voting paper. Professor A. V. Hill, Sc.D., F.R.S., has agreed to stand as an Independent Conservative candidate, and it is understood that Professor J. A. Ryle, M.D., may stand as an Independent Progressive, and Mr. Patrick Ransome in the Federal Union interest.

In Congregation on February 2, on the recommendation of the General Board, Dr. Eric Holmes was appointed deputy for the Professor of Biochemistry and Head of the Department from January 5, 1940, to the end of the present academical year.

The General Board gives notice that if a university lecturer, a university demonstrator, or an assistant director of research is absent on national service when his tenure is approaching an end, the authorities concerned shall not take such absence into account in considering whether to reappoint. During the period of the present emergency all reappointments of university lecturers will be for one year at a time, and the tenure of assistant directors of research on reappointment will be limited in the same way. The General Board requests appointments committees to treat all reappointments of university demonstrators in the same manner as those of university lecturers and assistant directors of research.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

At a meeting of the College on January 25, with the President, Sir Robert Hutchison, in the chair, the election of Dr. F. M. R. Walshe, Dr. George Graham, Dr. Clifford White, Sir John Ledingham, and Dr. Geoffrey Marshall as Councillors was confirmed. Professor J. W. McNee and Sir Arthur MacNalty were appointed representatives of the College on the Council of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and Professor P. A. Buxton was elected an Examiner

in Tropical Medicine. The award of the Jenks Memorial Scholarship to Ian Collie Fisher, late of Epsom College, was announced.

### Membership

The following candidates, having satisfied the Censors' Board, were admitted Members of the College:

Harold Ivor Collingwood Balfour, M.D.Lond., Keith Percy Ball, M.D.Lond., Helen Annan Brown, M.B.Capetown, Vernon Leslie Collins, M.D.Melb., John Patrick Dewsbury, M.B.Oxf., Alexander Peter Dick, M.B.Camb., John Boyd Wallace Dunlop, M.B.New Zealand, Ragab Abdelsalam El Shami, M.B.Cairo, William Eric Gibb, M.B.Oxf., John Cary Gilson, M.B.Camb., Deryck Lake Hepworth Goddard, M.B.Lond., Arthur Isidore Guest, M.B.Camb., Keith Selwyn Harrison, M.B.Sydney, John Denis Nelson Hill, M.B.Lond., Geoffrey Bevan Hollings, M.D.Lond., Eric Gordon Holmes, M.D.Camb., Lieutenant R.A.M.C., James Francis Hughes, M.D.Melb., Robert Roland Hughes, M.B.Liverp., David Ridley Humphreys, M.B.Birm., David Monas Leberman, M.D.Leeds, Geoffrey Ernest Loxton, M.B.Camb., Alan Edward McGuinness, M.B.Sydney, Dermot Henry Graham McQuaide, M.D.Lond., Ardeshir Hormasji Masina, M.B.Camb., Patrick Loudon Mollison, M.B.Camb., Philip Warren Morse, M.B.Oxf., Gregory Bernard Vincent Murphy, M.D.Melb., Maurice Gerald Nelson, M.B.Belf., John Washington Orr, M.D.Belf., Ernest Basil Gladden Reeve, M.B.Oxf., Ian Dowman Riley, M.B.Leeds, Jacob Shafar, M.D.Glasg., Bennie George Shapiro, M.B.Capetown, George Algernon Smart, M.D.Durh., Alan Ford Smith, M.B.Oxf., Walter Somerville, M.D., N.U.I., George North Watson, M.B.Leeds, Captain R.A.M.C., Emily Katharine Williams, M.B.Wales.

### Licences and Diplomas

Licences to practise physic were granted to the following 150 candidates (including eight women) who had passed the Final Examinations in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery of the Conjoint Board, and have complied with the necessary by-laws:

J. C. Angell, J. L. Barnado, R. H. Bhanji, G. G. Bisley, J. J. Brenner, W. E. R. Budd, P. M. Burton, G. H. D. Channing, I. W. H. R. Cran, R. J. R. Cureton, L. D. De Launay, R. J. Edney, M. Elias, A. J. Evans, A. S. Fairbairn, A. C. Franks, H. Gimpelson, Ada Glynn, A. Goldberg, D. S. Grant, A. D. M. Greenfield, K. W. G. G. Heathfield, S. L. Henderson, H. B. Hewitt, W. P. Hirsch, N. Hochman, C. A. Holman, W. B. Howell, J. J. Human, G. E. Hyson, I. S. Jacklin, L. H. James, H. M. Jamison, T. A. Kemp, W. S. Killpack, P. N. Kohiyar, B. S. Leibel, J. Lieber, I. B. Mackay, H. L. Maclure, H. O. P. McSheehy, J. D. Manning, K. W. Martin, R. P. M. Miles, B. R. Mitchell, R. Moore, B. L. N. Morgan, M. D. M. O'Callaghan, G. B. Oliver, N. P. Orchard, C. F. C. Parkinson, J. J. Pritchard, J. Rabinowitch, K. O. Rawlings, B. C. M. Reed, F. Riley, P. S. Robinson, B. Schwartz, G. F. Smart, J. M. Smith, M. G. Sutton, J. Van A. Steytler, D. V. Stott, H. J. M. Stratton, R. B. H. Tierney, F. R. Turner, A. J. Walker, J. A. E. Watts, R. F. Welch, W. H. J. Weston, Elizabeth Whatley, L. G. White, A. H. Williams, W. Wohlfarth, M. W. W. Wood, F. L. D. Young, A. Ackroyd, S. S. Alexander, L. A. Atkinson, A. H. W. Babington, Elizabeth K. Baker, W. R. Barrington, D. L. Bayley, Eileen Bayley, J. C. Brass, Barbara J. H. Broadwood, P. H. Cardew, H. L. Catchlove, M. A. Cave, I. L. W. Clancey, H. J. S. Coldham, J. Collins, R. E. W. B. Comerford, J. A. Cosh, K. W. Cross, C. D. Cruickshank, A. G. Davies, C. W. Davies, P. R. Day, J. M. Ellis, W. J. G. Evans, O. C. Fung, I. Gilbert, P. Greenstreet, J. J. Hamilton, J. A. Harpman, D. H. Hennessy, J. C. Heny, D. W. Higson, E. C. Hoff, A. G. Hooker, R. C. Howard, R. J. F. Howe, J. H. Jacobs, C. C. James, D. L. Johnson, J. Joyce, H. Karn, W. N. Kenrick, P. R. Latham, J. L. Lawrence, B. Levin, A. A. G. Lewis, M. B. Longinotto, C. D. L. Lytett, C. L. T. McClintock, R. Macpherson, W. B. D. Maile, J. V. Mitchell, O. Morrey, Sheila M. Newstead, P. L. Nicolle, J. B. O'Meara, J. A. Perkins, E. H. Rees, A. F. Rushforth, C. J. St. Cin, A. Sakula, R. Shoulman, M. H. Small, J. F. Smith, G. E. Spear, A. G. Stephenson, E. E. T. Taylor, D. E. Thompson, K. M. Tomlinson, Helen P. Wainwright, C. E. Waterman, H. B. Whitmore, J. Wills.

Diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, as follows:

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—Agnes W. Black, I. J. Cruchley, Kathleen M. Hart, D. M. Lyon, H. S. Murray, K. Nadarajah, Margaret M. O'Connor, N. J. W. Thompson, Agnes H. Thomson.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY.—L. H. Athle, Margaret G. Bell.

Diplomas in anaesthetics were granted to the twenty-three persons whose names were published in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the *Journal* of December 23, 1939 (p. 1255); and Diplomas in Psychological Medicine were granted to the sixteen persons and Diplomas in Laryngology and Otolaryngology to the eleven persons whose names were published in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons in the *Journal* of January 23 (p. 113).

## The Services

### CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

#### ROYAL NAVY

Surgeon Lieutenant KNUT ERIK OLOF RINGDAHL, R.N.V.R., died on active service at Hong Kong on January 19. He was the elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Ringdahl, and took a commission in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve on July 22, 1935. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1935 and joined the British Medical Association in the same year.

The official list of casualties issued by the Admiralty of the officers and men who lost their lives when the destroyer *Exmouth* was sunk includes the name of Surgeon Lieutenant GEORGE ALEXANDER MAXWELL SMITH, R.N. He was educated at the University of Edinburgh, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1934. He held the post of house-surgeon at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary before joining the Royal Navy. He had been a member of the British Medical Association since 1935.

### DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

#### MAJOR-GENERAL W. E. JENNINGS

Major-General William Ernest Jennings, I.M.S. (ret.), died as the result of an accident at Mentone, France, on January 11, aged 75. He was born at Bangalore on January 1, 1865, was educated at the University of Edinburgh, where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1887, proceeded M.D. in 1903, in the same year took the D.P.H. of the Irish Colleges, and in 1924, after his retirement, the D.O.M.S. of the London Colleges. He entered the Indian Medical Service as surgeon on October 1, 1887, became colonel on October 1, 1910, and major-general on January 11, 1919, retiring as surgeon general with the Government of Bombay in 1922. He was appointed Honorary Physician to the King on January 11, 1919. He held several important appointments, including the civil surgeoncies of Poona and Hyderabad, physician to St. George's Hospital, Bombay, health officer of the Port of Bombay, and for several years chief medical officer for plague operations in the Bombay Presidency, and was deputed to write a book on plague, a work which was used in all hospitals and dispensaries in India. He served in the war of 1914-18 as Assistant Director of Medical Services of the 6th (Poona) Division, and was mentioned in dispatches in November, 1918. Among unofficial appointments he was for several years the Bombay editor of the *Indian Medical Gazette*, president of the Bombay Branch of the British Medical Association in 1922-4, president of the Bombay Medical Council, president of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay, and president of the Bombay Nursing Association. He was general secretary of a world-wide medical congress on tropical diseases held at Bombay in 1907 and joint honorary secretary of the Bombay Branch of the Imperial War Relief Fund during the war of 1914-18, and wrote the report of all the proceedings. As a musician he was interested chiefly in sacred music, having acted on several occasions as organist of the Bombay Cathedral, and he composed and published church services. He was also interested in Masonic work, having obtained before retirement the position of Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch under Scotland in India, the Sovereign Generalship 33rd and last degree under Scotland in India, and honorary rank in the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. He had been a member of the British Medical Association for forty-one years, and at the Glasgow Meeting in 1922 acted as representative of the Bombay Branch.

Lieutenant-Colonel SAMUEL ANDERSON, I.M.S. (ret.), died suddenly at Paignton on January 16, aged 65. He was born on May 22, 1874, and was educated at the University of Glasgow, where he graduated B.Sc. in 1894 and M.B., C.M. in 1896. He subsequently took the Cambridge D.T.M. and H. in 1906. Entering the Indian Medical Service as surgeon lieutenant on July 28, 1897, he became lieutenant-colonel after twenty years' service, and retired on January 20, 1922. He served in the China war of 1900, medal; in the Waziristan campaign on the North-West Frontier of India in 1901-2, medal with clasp; and in the war of 1914-18, in Iraq, for four years, when he was mentioned three times in dispatches. He received a brevet lieutenant-colonelcy on January 1, 1916. He was the author of a small book, *Hints to Dressers*, in 1910.