

usual methods of digital (direct or indirect) pressure, pad and bandage, will succeed in most cases; further, that the femoral artery is the principal artery where the tourniquet is most likely necessary; yet some first-aiders have replied to the question, "On which artery would you apply it?" by mentioning nearly every main artery. Circumstances alter cases, and the period for which it is likely to be on too long will vary with the distance the patient is carried; so rigid rules in the absence of some qualified help will be difficult to lay down. It is too often forgotten that the release of a tourniquet will often induce secondary shock by the sudden release of blood pressure in the previously shocked. Where a tourniquet has been applied it is an advantage to raise the lower end of the stretcher, and this should be done before the tourniquet is finally released.

Your correspondents have shown the dangers of the present pattern of the Samway tourniquet. I have seen two nurses struggling to get it tightened on to what was presumably an uncalled-for application of it, and a strong man found it difficult to fit on the catch. In the hands of many first-aiders it is going to be the most costly equipment the Ministry of Health has sent to first-aid posts, so far as lives are concerned. Of made tourniquets the St. John is the only one for first-aiders, but the use of improvised tourniquets by means of elastic types, etc., will be more safely taught. The only way a first-aid-er could keep a limb cold would be to keep it uncovered after dressing where necessary.—I am, etc.,

March 20.

A. G. N.

Napkin Rash

SIR.—I am glad to see that Dr. I. Gordon in his very helpful paper in the *Journal* of March 9 (p. 383) draws attention to the condition of ammonia dermatitis in infancy. This form of "napkin rash" is, I agree, extremely common, but despite this fact it seems only too often to go unrecognized. This is a pity, since appropriate treatment is then unlikely to be applied.

I have experienced no difficulty in the use of perchloride of mercury for this purpose in hospital out-patient practice, and have been in the habit of prescribing a 1 in 1,000 solution, cautioning the mother about its poisonous nature, and advising her to dilute 5 oz. of the solution supplied with three to four times as much water (a 1 in 5,000 solution appears to be as effective as one of 1 in 4,000 strength) and to soak the napkins in this. I, personally, have found boracic acid solution also efficacious, but it is necessary to soak the napkins in a saturated solution before wringing out and drying.—I am, etc.,

Brentwood, Essex, March 20.

KENNETH TALLERMAN.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a Congregation on March 15 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.CHIR.—*A. H. M. Siddons.

M.B., B.CHIR.—*K. P. S. Caldwell, *J. D. H. Iles, *N. B. Eastwood, *J. C. B. Nesfield, *L. M. Reid, T. L. Stoate.

*By proxy.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Professor F. R. Fraser has been appointed a representative of the Faculty of Medicine on the Senate.

The degree of D.Sc. has been conferred on W. H. Newton, M.D., University Reader in Physiology at University College.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—I. D. Riley.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—M. Jeffrey.

FINAL M.B., CH.B.—*Part II*: *H. Petty, *R. B. Zachary, †P. Austin, †S. Long, †E. E. Rawlings, †R. E. Shaw, †W. Thompson, †L. Watson, C. Bremer, G. Margaret Child, G. Collomosse, S. S. Freedman, Margaret D. W. Hamilton, E. G. Hardy, W. R. Heylings, G. H. Illingworth, D. H. Lambert, J. P. Lask, K. G. Marshall, Mary S. Nicholson, L. Rosenthal, R. A.

Stamp, J. N. Stirling, I. M. Vites, W. K. J. Walls, H. D. Whiteley, H. A. Wilson, J. Wilson (a), J. Wilson (b), S. T. Winter, S. Wray.

* With first-class honours. † With second-class honours.

The following scholarship and prizes have been awarded: *Infirmity Scholarship and Littlewood Prize*, J. Davies. *Butterworth, McGill, and Edward Ward Prizes*, R. B. Zachary. *Hardwick Prize*, L. Watson (*proxime accessit*, H. Petty).

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—J. E. Edson, M. J. Pivawer.

FINAL M.B., CH.B.—*Parts II and III*: *J. Wainwright, †R. W. L. Hall, †C. W. Lawson, †A. E. Rides, V. H. Allan, Joy S. L. Allott, V. G. S. Damms, K. H. Hardy, J. E. Healey, J. D. Morgan, E. Robinson, R. A. Trevethick.

* With first-class honours. † With second-class honours.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

At a meeting of the College on March 18 Sir Robert Hutchison was re-elected President.

Diplomas

Diplomas in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery were conferred on the fifteen candidates whose names are printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England published in this column, as are the names of the ten candidates upon whom were conferred the Diplomas in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

Diplomas in Medical Radiology were conferred on L. H. Athle and Margaret G. Bell.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

A meeting of the Council of the College was held on March 14, with the President, Mr. Hugh Lett, in the chair.

The John Hunter Medal and Triennial Prize were awarded to Lionel Ernest Howard Whitby, M.D., M.R.C.S., for his research work in "Bacteriology with Special Reference to the Sulphonamide Compounds."

Mr. Sampson Handley and Mr. W. H. Ogilvie were re-elected representative members of the Council of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund; Mr. Eardley Holland was reappointed as the representative of the College on the Central Midwives Board; and Mr. E. B. Dowsett, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., was appointed as the Visitor of the College to the Dental School of the Egyptian University for the year 1940.

A letter was read from the Medical Director-General of the Navy thanking the College for providing medical and surgical journals at certain naval hospitals.

It was reported that the Barbers' Company had renewed the grant of £10 10s. per annum for the purposes of the Thomas Vicary Lecture.

Diplomas

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following twenty-two candidates:

R. H. F. Brain, H. Spencer, R. McI. Paton, H. W. C. Fuller, A. K. Pardhy, R. T. Johnson, D. A. Richmond, R. V. Coxon, C. A. R. Schulenburg, N. G. Godfrey, J. G. Brown, A. J. Craig, J. S. Darling, W. C. Gledhill, R. A. Mogg, K. A. Moore, A. H. Shaaban, J. Singh, M. J. L. Stening, A. E. Williams, R. Wilson, J. M. Yeates.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to the following twelve candidates:

J. McW. Battersby, H. A. Blackford, G. Clayton, H. R. Hudd, W. L. R. Kenyon, W. R. Lodewyke, L. J. Lopez-Garcia, C. R. Morgan, I. C. B. Pearce, Barbara M. Sibbald, Margaret E. A. Slater, W. P. Sweetnam.

Diplomas in the following special subjects were granted jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London:

TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—P. Baer, G. Brecher, F. C. Collingwood, S. Durham, S. V. Garde, B. Levi Della Vida, E. Nassau, E. L. Ottolenghi, E. Seidenman, S. Tayebbhoy.

OPHTHALMIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY.—S. C. Barory, S. G. Corner, D. J. H. Douglas, W. G. Hutton, A. B. Irani, C. S. Krishnamurthy, Laura H. Macfarlane, H. Mallek, Dorothy Miller, R. L. Naylor, J. W. L. Price, A. C. Reid, S. N. Sen, K. H. Singh, P. Wilson.

Moynihan Lecture

The first Moynihan Lecture will be delivered in the Theatre of the College in Lincoln's Inn Fields on Thursday, April 11, at 4 o'clock p.m., by Mr. Ernest W. Hey Groves, M.S., F.R.C.S., on the life and work of Moynihan. Fellows and Members of the College are invited to attend. Students and others who are not Fellows or Members will be admitted on presenting their private visiting cards. Tea will be served before the lecture.