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their work, or to a combination of these two factors; and I would be bold enough to say that these modifying influences upon a practitioner's work, being almost peculiar to his own branch of practical medicine, must be experienced to be adequately measured.

I have already given one reason why the warning notice issued in April appears to have had little effect, and why the leading article in your recent issue will likewise probably have such a result. The main reason for this supposition is, however, in my humble opinion, that adverse criticism, so easily made, is valueless unless accompanied by proposals for constructive improvement, and these have been sadly lacking. Without such constructive proposals, any number of warning notices and editorial articles will only touch the fringe of the problem. Finally, in considering that 75% of your readers are general practitioners, one may, I think, be pardoned for having expected from your leader writer, if not any constructive proposals for improvement, at least some form of apologia for the harassed practitioner.—I am, etc.,

Barnsley.

S. CURRY, M.D.

\*\* We repeat: "Those who have to carry this additional and vexatious burden deserve our sympathy."—ED., *B.M.J.*

### National Wheatmeal Flour?

SIR,—Dr. S. W. Swindell's timely letter (December 6, p. 822) makes it clear that the Ministry of Food is content to leave the nutritive value of the nation's staple food—bread—to the discretion of the millers. This seems to be unfair to both miller and public. Some millers put back all the germ into the flour, others sell it separately; yet the latter can still turn out the so-called national wheatmeal flour. The separated germ either goes to feed stock or is sold to milling firms who incorporate it into their particular brands of loaf, or it comes on the market as "bemax," etc. This is indeed a pathetic and humiliating outcome of all the months of endeavour by the Ministry of Food to produce a protective loaf. Your correspondent asks when the Minister altered his standard from that approved by the Ministry of Health. Still more important to the public is surely the question: Why were the millers not told clearly exactly what to do?

There are two other points that call for serious consideration. First, the presence of germ affects the storing qualities of the flour, especially in hot weather. Secondly, the infection known as "rope," little known to the public but a nightmare to the baker, can, I understand, be controlled by the use of vinegar. Has the necessary provision been made for an adequate supply of this compound when the bakers want it?—I am, etc.,

Cross-in-Hand, Sussex.

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### Discharged Soldiers and Civilian Practitioners

SIR,—It is no doubt the experience of other practitioners that when men, discharged from the Army on medical grounds, present themselves for treatment the only history available is from the patient himself—namely, that he has had "chest trouble," or "heart trouble," or "gastric." Where special investigations have been carried out in a military hospital one would imagine on general grounds that, as is the custom with civilian hospitals, steps would be taken by the military authorities to ensure that the findings should reach the civilian practitioner in the shortest possible time. But no: investigations may have to be carried out all over again, thus involving unnecessary expense and delay before treatment can be started. Here it appears to me that the simple measure of handing to a man on his discharge a report addressed to his doctor would materially help the rehabilitation of the soldier to civilian life.—I am, etc.,

Farnham Common.

W. GORDON ROBSON.

The National Baby Welfare Council has issued two new publications recently—"A Dozen Reasons why Mothers should Breast-feed their Babies," and "The Care of Milk in the Home." The Council will also have ready shortly a leaflet on "Droplet Infection and the Baby." These three leaflets can be obtained from 29, Gordon Square, W.C.1, price 2s. per 100. A specimen copy will be sent on receipt of a penny stamp.

## Obituary

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Dr. Robert Dawson Rudolf, who died in Toronto on November 2, 1941, was one of the leading physicians of Canada, and had many friends in this country, as well as in the United States. He had been a member of the British Medical Association for forty-three years and was honorary secretary of the Section of Medicine when the Association held its Annual Meeting at Toronto in 1906. Throughout a large part of the last war he was consulting physician to Canadian Forces in England with the rank of Colonel C.A.M.C.

The son of William Norman Rudolf, he was born at Pictou, Nova Scotia, in 1865; he was educated at Birkenhead School and the University of Edinburgh, qualifying as M.B., C.M.Ed. in 1889 and proceeding to the M.D. in 1896 after postgraduate study in Paris and Berlin. He took the M.R.C.P.Lond. in 1899, was elected F.R.C.P. in 1910, and in 1932 was one of the first to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada. After leaving Edinburgh, where he had been senior President of the Royal Medical Society, Dr. Rudolf spent five years in India, and then returned to Canada, where he made his home in Toronto and reached the highest positions in the medical world of that city. He was for many years physician to the Toronto General Hospital and the Sick Children's Hospital, and professor of therapeutics in the University of Toronto. He was an emeritus member of the Association of American Physicians, a Fellow and Past President of the American Therapeutic Society, and the Canadian Government appointed him expert adviser under the Proprietary and Patent Medicine Act. His book *Medical Treatment*, first published in 1921, reached a fourth edition in 1934. This well-written book conveyed for the benefit of students and young practitioners the conclusions drawn from a large experience at the bedside. It was a happy blend of traditional teaching with the most recent knowledge, striking a personal rather than an encyclopaedic note. Its popularity was well deserved, for it was the outcome of sound common sense and a long apprenticeship to clinical medicine.

Dr. Rudolf married Rosa Marguerite, daughter of J. T. Danson of Grasmere, and had one son and one daughter. His son, Major R. G. Rudolf, C.A.M.C., is now at the Canadian Military Headquarters in London.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In a Congregation on December 13 the degree of D.M. was conferred on H. de B. Kempthorne and E. C. O. Jewesbury.

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<sup>1</sup> Distinction in pharmacology and general therapeutics. <sup>2</sup> Distinction in forensic medicine and toxicology. <sup>3</sup> Distinction in public health.

### UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

At a graduation ceremony on December 17 the following medical degrees and diplomas were conferred:

M.D.—W. R. Topping.

M.B., CH.B.—D. G. Bisset, H. W. Booth, D. MacB. Brodie, J. K. A. Burn, S. Cameron, A. Currie, W. H. Escoffery, F. S. A. Forbes, T. B. Foubister, I. K. Hay, H. G. Laing, J. C. Leask, Morna C. Macdonald, W. G. Meldrum, D. A. Milne, Catherine G. R. Peebles, J. Scott, N. L. B. Singleton, W. L. Walker.

D.P.H.—C. D. Allan.

### UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

At a recent meeting of the University Court it was decided, on the recommendation of the Senatus and the Faculty of Medicine, that a professional examination in psychiatry, forming part of the final professional examination, should be held, beginning in March, for medical students in their fourth year, with a supplementary sitting at the beginning of the autumn term of the fifth year.

Profs. T. J. Mackie and J. C. Brash were reappointed to represent the University on the board of managers of the Royal Infirmary for 1942. Prof. Brash was also appointed to succeed Sir Norman Walker as representative of the University on the Scottish Universities Entrance Board.

The annual report of the adviser to Indian students recorded that one diploma in public health and one diploma in medical radiology had been awarded to Indian students; the M.R.C.P.Ed. had been conferred on three men; the F.R.C.S.Ed. on six men and one woman; and the Scottish triple qualification on one man.

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES

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\*With distinction.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh held on December 16, with Mr. J. W. Struthers, President, in the chair, the Liston Victoria Jubilee Prize for the greatest benefit done to practical surgery in the preceding four years was awarded to Prof. J. R. Learmonth for his contributions to the surgery of the autonomic nervous system; and to Mr. Robert McWhirter for his contributions to the radiotherapy of malignant disease.

The following, having passed the requisite examinations, were admitted Fellows:

H. E. Blake, J. H. Brownlee, L. S. Corner, W. B. S. Crawford, J. S. Davidson, C. W. A. Falconer, R. D. Ferris, J. D. T. Jones, A. R. Leask, F. R. Miller, E. T. Owen, G. Rigby-Jones, M. V. Sheehan, G. M. Sleggs, G. C. Tweedie, P. J. M. Wright.

## The Services

### R.N.V.R. OFFICERS' DECORATION

The King has approved the award of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Officers' Decoration to Surgeon Commander David Cook Wilson, R.N.V.R.

### CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

#### ROYAL NAVY

##### Missing

Surgeon Commander Douglas Arnold Newbery, R.N.

#### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captain CLIFFORD STUART HUMPHRIES, who was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Humphries of Alsager, Cheshire, has died of wounds. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1935 and took the Cambridge degrees of M.B., B.Chir. two years later. He had held the post of house-physician at the Royal Berkshire Hospital. Entering the R.A.M.C. on the outbreak of war in 1939, he became captain a year later. He had been a member of the British Medical Association since qualification.

### DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Lieut.-Colonel JOHN CARMICHAEL, R.A.M.C. (ret.), died at Lahore on December 7, aged 87. He was born in Dublin on May 5, 1854, was educated in the school of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, and took the L.R.C.S.I. in 1877, the L.R.C.P.Ed. in 1878, and the F.R.C.S.I. in 1889. Entering the Army as surgeon in 1881, he became lieutenant-colonel after twenty years' service and retired in 1909. He had recently been living at Srinagar in Kashmir. He leaves a widow.

Lieut.-Colonel WILLIAM MOORE BELL SPARKES, D.S.O., R.A.M.C. (ret.), died at Scarborough on December 5, aged 69. He was born on September 9, 1872, received his medical education at King's College Hospital, took the M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1899, and, after acting as house-surgeon at King's, entered the R.A.M.C. as lieutenant in 1900. He became major in 1912, lieutenant-colonel in 1918, and retired in 1925. In 1908-10 he was on special duty in Uganda. He served throughout the war of 1914-18, being A.D.M.S. in North Persia in 1918-19, was four times mentioned in dispatches, and received the D.S.O. and later a bar to the D.S.O. After the war he held for some years a post at the Royal Hospital at Kilmainham, Co. Dublin.

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