

were accepted in principle by the Government, were under consideration as a whole when the war broke out. It had not been possible under war conditions to complete examination of the field covered by the Commission's report, but he would consider Dr. Morgan's suggestion.

Expenditure on Animal Diseases.—On a Supplementary Estimate for the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, discussed on February 4, Mr. PRICE said the expenditure of £133,000 for animal diseases was mainly for foot-and-mouth disease. Tuberculosis, Johne's disease, and mastitis also caused great losses yearly. He understood the Minister had a scheme which, from technical difficulties, could not for the moment be put into operation. Mr. TOM WILLIAMS, replying for the Ministry, said all milk premiums paid to farmers were intended to clear up tuberculosis. This was a slow process which he would like to see expedited. Mr. DAVID ADAMS asked if it was intended to make the tuberculosis examination of cows a public charge. Mr. WILLIAMS said the cost of examination was borne jointly by two bodies. He could not deal with the question on that vote.

Ministry of Health Estimates.—On February 4 a Supplementary Estimate of the Ministry of Health for measures in England and Wales to deal with casualties and disease and for other services arising out of the war was approved. There was no debate, and a protest against the delayed publication of the Ministry of Health annual report was ruled out of order.

The Services

R.N.V.R. OFFICER'S DECORATION

The King has approved the award of the R.N.V.R. Officer's Decoration to Surgeon Commander James Arthur Kerr, V.D., R.N.V.R.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

ROYAL NAVY

Surgeon Commander ERNEST ROBERT SORLEY, who is presumed to have been killed in H.M.S. *Barham* on November 25, 1941, was the youngest son of the late John Tower Sorley, M.A., and was educated at the University of Aberdeen, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1923. He proceeded M.D. in 1935, having taken the D.P.H. in 1928. He entered the Royal Navy as surgeon lieutenant in 1925, and served in H.M.S. *Malaya* in the Mediterranean and in the *Centurion* until 1928, when he was appointed to Plymouth Hospital. From 1929 to 1932 he was in the *Enterprise* in the East Indies, and for the next three years at the naval hospital at Bermuda. After a year at Chatham Barracks he was appointed to Singapore in November, 1936. He was promoted to surgeon lieutenant-commander in 1930 and to surgeon commander in March, 1936, and joined the British Medical Association in 1937.

Temporary Surgeon Lieut. ARTHUR ERSKINE SHERWELL, R.N.V.R., reported killed in action in H.M.S. *Barham* on November 25, 1941, was educated at the University of Bristol, where he won the Supple gold medal and prize in 1923. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1923 and took the Bristol M.B., Ch.B. in the following year. He held the posts of resident casualty officer at Bristol Royal Infirmary, junior assistant medical officer at Barnwood House Mental Hospital, and house-surgeon at Warneford Hospital, Leamington Spa, before setting up in practice in Dagenham. A few months before the outbreak of war he moved to Stratford, and in February, 1940, entered the R.N.V.R. as temporary surgeon lieutenant. He was the husband of Dr. Mary E. G. Sherwell (née Wilkinson). He had been a member of the British Medical Association since 1937.

Probationary Temporary Surgeon Lieut. ANTHONY RICHARD BARRETT, R.N.V.R., is included as "Missing, Presumed Killed" in an Admiralty Casualty List published on February 4. He was educated at University College, Galway, and graduated M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. of the National University of Ireland in 1938. He had held the post of senior house-surgeon at Caernarvon and Anglesey Infirmary, Bangor, and was senior assistant medical officer at West Ham Mental Hospital, Goodmayes, before recently entering the R.N.V.R.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Missing

Captain William Jenkins Low.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

At a Congregation held on January 22 the following medical degrees were conferred:

B.M.—H. J. Elverson, R. F. Ormrod, J. P. V. Rigby, Helen M. D. Fox, Joan P. Moignard, *R. E. M. Coke Harvey.

* *In absentia*.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Titles of the degrees of M.B., B.Chir. have been conferred by diploma on Mrs. A. Davies of Newnham College.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the College, held on February 3, with the President, Dr. Charles McNeil, in the chair, Dr. James Lockhart Cowan (Penicuik), Lieut.-Col. Alexander Dron Stewart (Edinburgh), Dr. Alexander Joe (Edinburgh), and Dr. John Bishop Borthwick (Edinburgh) were introduced and took their seats as Fellows of the College.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates have passed in the subjects indicated:

SURGERY.—F. G. Brindley, C. N. d'E. Eastes, J. T. Hemmingway, E. R. Jordan, G. C. Kennedy, S. A. MacDonald.

MEDICINE, PATHOLOGY, AND FORENSIC MEDICINE.—E. R. Jordan, G. C. Kennedy, H. Kessel, R. L. Skea.

MIDWIFERY.—D. M. Carnegie, C. R. Deuchar.

The diploma of the Society has been granted to C. N. d'E. Eastes, J. T. Hemmingway, S. A. MacDonald, G. C. Kennedy, R. L. Skea, and C. R. Deuchar.

Medical News

Mr. G. R. Girdlestone of Oxford has been elected president of the British Orthopaedic Association in succession to Prof. T. P. McMurray of Liverpool.

Mr. Price Thomas will deliver a lecture on "Chest Injuries" at the Weston Hotel, Bath, on Thursday, February 19, at 5.30 p.m. All Service medical officers and civilian practitioners will be welcome.

A meeting of the main executive committee of the Medical Superintendents' Society will be held at the Midland Hotel, Derby, on Saturday, February 21, at 11.45 a.m., and will be followed, at 2.30 p.m., by the annual meeting of the Midland Branch of the Society.

The Nutrition Society has arranged a whole-day conference on "Food Production and Distribution in Relation to Nutritional Needs," to be held on Saturday, February 28, at 10.30 a.m., at the London School of Hygiene, Keppel Street, W.C. Papers will be read by Sir John Orr ("The Agricultural Implications of a Food Policy based on Nutritional Needs"), Dr. N. C. Wright ("Rival Claims of Animals and Man for Food"), Mr. E. T. Halnan ("Animals as Food Converters"), and Sir John Russell ("Planning for Agricultural Production").

Application is invited for Leverhulme Research Fellowships and grants in aid of research. They are intended for senior workers who are prevented by routine duties or pressure of other work from carrying out research. They are limited to British-born subjects normally resident in Great Britain. In exceptional circumstances the condition as to residence may be waived. The trustees will also consider applications from groups of workers engaged upon co-operative programmes of research, particularly from those engaged upon long-distance programmes or in institutions in which the normal facilities for research have been curtailed by the war. The duration of the awards will not normally extend over more than two years or less than three months, and the amount will depend on the nature of the research and the circumstances of the applicant. Forms of application may be had from the secretary, Dr. L. Haden Guest, M.P., Leverhulme Research Fellowships, Kingscote House, 1, Watergate, Blackfriars, London, E.C.4. Applications must be received by March 1.