

Obituary

SIR EDWARD COEY BIGGER, M.D., M.Ch.

We regret to announce the death in Dublin on June 1 of Sir E. Coey Bigger, the distinguished Irish physician who held many important public offices and was Crown Representative for Ireland on the General Medical Council from 1917 to 1927.

He was born in Belfast in 1861, the sixth son of Mr. Joseph Bigger of Ardrie, and was educated in Liverpool, at Queen's College, Belfast, and at the London Hospital. He graduated



M.D., M.Ch. of the old Royal University of Ireland in 1883 and some years later took the Diploma in State Medicine of the Irish Royal Colleges. In the early part of his medical career he was visiting physician to the Ulster Hospital for Women and Children and to the Belfast Infectious Diseases Hospital, and superintendent medical officer of health for the Belfast Rural District. He moved to Dublin on his appointment as medical inspector under the Local Government Board for Ireland, which later promoted him to be its Medical Commissioner. He had been chairman of the Irish Public

Health Council, of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland, and of the General Nursing Council for Ireland, and was the author of a report to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust on the physical welfare of mothers and children in Ireland. His knighthood, in recognition of long and valuable public service, was announced in the New Year's Honours List of 1921, and from 1925 to 1936 he was a Senator of the Irish Free State. He had been a member of the British Medical Association since 1892.

Sir Edward Coey Bigger married in 1886 the daughter of Dr. William Warwick of Belfast; she died in 1926. His son, Dr. J. W. Bigger, is professor of bacteriology and preventive medicine in Dublin University and Dean of the School of Physic, Trinity College, Dublin; he was honorary local general secretary for the successful Annual Meeting of the B.M.A. held in Dublin in 1933.

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WILFRID KENT HUGHES, M.B., F.R.A.C.S.

The Australian papers announced recently the death of Wilfrid Kent Hughes, a well-known Melbourne surgeon, who carried on his work in two different specialties—orthopaedics, and diseases of the ear, nose, and throat—"below the knee and above the neck," as he was accustomed to phrase it.

Hughes, the son of a grazier, was born in Victoria in 1865. He won an entrance scholarship to Melbourne Grammar School, went on to the University of Melbourne, then came to England and studied at St. Bartholomew's, graduating in 1892 M.B.Lond. Returning to Victoria, he started practice in Collins Street, Melbourne, in premises which he occupied for the rest of his professional life. For about 30 years he served the Royal Melbourne Hospital in the department for diseases of the ear, nose, and throat, and for a like period the orthopaedics department of the Children's Hospital. During the last war he enlisted with the Australian A.M.C., and saw service at Gallipoli. He returned invalided to Australia at the end of 1916, but in the following year sailed again for the scene of hostilities, and went to Petrograd with the British-American Hospital. Owing to the revolution, with consequent lack of supplies, the hospital had to close down, and Hughes made his way home through Siberia, arriving in Australia after having suffered severe privations which affected his health for the rest of his life.

He joined the B.M.A. in 1907, and took an active part in the affairs of the Victorian Branch. For 15 years he was a member

of the directorate controlling the *Medical Journal of Australia*. He was a familiar figure at many Australasian congresses, and at one of them held at Dunedin in 1927 he was vice-president of the Section of Orthopaedics. In public work he was prominent as a member of the Melbourne City Council for some years; he twice unsuccessfully endeavoured to enter the State Parliament. A man of great zest in discussions, professionally most keen, and with sterling qualities of courage, sincerity, and loyalty, he was highly esteemed by his colleagues.

Dr. Hughes was married three times. His first wife was Miss C. Rankin, whom he met at St. Bartholomew's when a student, and who assisted him with translation work for a book on orthopaedics, of which he was joint author. He had ten children, all of whom are living, and two of them—a daughter and a son—are members of the medical profession. Six of the ten are graduates of the University of Melbourne.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a Congregation held on June 5 a Grace was approved for the conferment of the degree of M.A., *honoris causa*, upon Sir S. Rickard Christophers, M.B., F.R.S., who has been engaged for several years in research at the Subdepartment of Entomology. It was also resolved to substitute, after the present term, Tuesday for Monday in three places in the regulation for the dates of the First M.B. Examination.

Titles of the degrees of M.B., B.Chir. have been conferred on E. Rhodes of Girton College.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

At a meeting held on June 1 the President, Mr. Roy F. Young, intimated the receipt of a legacy of £200 from the estate of the late Dr. A. Brown Kelly.

The following were admitted Fellows of Faculty: Alexander Cameron Ewing, William Gray, James Jarvie, Liselotte Lennhoff, John Leslie Markson, David Stenhouse.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidate has satisfied the examiners at the examination indicated:

MASTERY OF M.DWIFERY.—Elien M. T. Colls.

The following candidates have passed in the subjects indicated:

SURGERY.—P. L. McN. Armstrong, R. S. Gunewardena, L. D. Miller, W. C. Salter.

MEDICINE, PATHOLOGY, AND FORENSIC MEDICINE.—L. D. Miller, N. F. Murphy, C. J. O. Taylor, J. J. Wild.

MIDWIFERY.—G. R. S. Jackson, D. S. Jones, F. A. Rutland, R. M. B. Talbot.

The diploma of the society has been granted to L. D. Miller, N. F. Murphy, C. J. O. Taylor, and J. J. Wild.

The Services

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Lieut. STEWART STANLEY MAIR, R.A.M.C., who is included as "Died" in an Army Council Casualty List published on May 30, was born on June 4, 1916, and was educated at the University of Glasgow, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1939. He entered the R.A.M.C. as temp. lieut. in March, 1941.

Missing.—Surg. Lieut. G. S. Cross, R.N.V.R., Temp. Surg. Lieut. W. J. Winthrop, R.C.N.V.R., Capt. R. G. B. Young, R.A.M.C.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Lieut.-Col. JOHN MACFARLANE CADELL, I.M.S. (ret.), died at Kirkliston, Linlithgow, on May 3, aged 80. He was born on March 8, 1862, the son of Henry Cadell, D.L., and was educated at the University of Edinburgh, where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1884. After studying at Vienna he entered the I.M.S. as surgeon in 1885, became lieut.-col. after twenty years' service, and retired in 1913. He served in Burma in 1886-9, with the 4th Brigade at Mogaung (medal with two clasps); on the North-West Frontier in the Hazara campaign of 1891 (clasp); and in Tirah, 1897-8 (medal with two clasps). In 1914 he rejoined for service as a major in the R.A.M.C.(T.A.), and served with the Royal Scots from October, 1914, to February, 1922, and was a member of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force in 1915-16. Most of his service in India, when not on military duty, was passed in civil employ in the United Provinces.