

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In a Congregation held on Dec. 12 the following degrees were conferred:

D.M.—R. H. S. Thompson.
B.M.—R. G. White.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The University has been informed that an "Ordinance to govern the Establishment, Incorporation, and Regulation of a University in Ceylon" has been passed by the State Council of Ceylon, and steps are being taken for the early inauguration of the Ceylon University.

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *London Hospital Medical College*: Dr. C. Wilson (Medicine). *King's College Hospital Medical School*: Drs. W. G. Oakley and R. S. B. Pearson (Medicine).

The regulations for the Academic Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Radiology have been amended. Details of the alterations were published in the *University of London Gazette* dated Dec. 4, 1942 (p. 71).

The Sanderson-Wells Senior Prize has been awarded to A. J. Wells Beard, M.B., B.S. (St. Bartholomew's Hospital). The subjects for essays for junior and senior prizes in 1943 are "The Role of Iron in the Nutrition of Man" and "Permanent Stigmata of Dietary Deficiencies during Infancy" respectively.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—H. F. Harwood.
M.B., Ch.B.—13S. M. Green, 12S. E. Keidan, 13R. C. Nairn. *Part III*: D. Annis, Margaret J. Blackburn, H. O. M. Bryant, Eva V. Cooper, K. H. Dalrymple, A. S. Davidson, J. G. K. Dean, J. N. Dearnaley, P. J. Devlin, J. F. Doherty, K. E. A. Donnellan, Ann Donnelly, H. G. Frank, H. Friend, F. D. Griffiths, F. E. D. Griffiths, Elizabeth M. Harper, F. A. H. Inman, A. Jolleys, D. A. Kininmonth, E. D. G. Kirkwood, H. Lewis, R. H. Martin, E. Martinez-Alonso, A. F. Murphy, J. S. Redfern, R. L. B. Roberts, A. J. Robertson, P. L. Robinson, M. J. R. Ryan, J. M. G. Sarson, Betty Schofield, H. R. Shepherd, G. H. Thomas, Doreen M. Watt, H. O. Williams, Margaret Woolfenden. *Passed in Separate Subjects*: Mary A. Allan, Beryl R. Bentley, K. W. Boggis, W. G. Canning, G. Davies, J. J. Lieben, I. P. Madhok, and Margaret L. Magee (Medicine, Obstetrics, and Gynaecology). Muriel C. Andrews, I. H. Foy, Eirwen M. Jones, Jean C. Miller, K. H. Oldfield, K. H. Slater, and Nora Taggart (Medicine and Surgery). E. R. Banner, A. W. Merrick, and E. Scott (Surgery, Obstetrics, and Gynaecology). *Part II*: 5J. Ainsworth, A. M. Brenner, 5Constance M. Davis, P. S. Deardon, Margaret P. Diamond, E. G. Donovan, P. M. Edis, 5K. B. N. Freeman, J. Gould, N. J. Gourdjii, A. Griffith, J. E. Hall, D. A. Harbord, 5Betty Hargreaves, E. T. Harrison, Ethel J. Higitt, H. Holden, Winifred L. Hollick, C. Hopkins, J. G. Jones, J. D. King, R. V. Kinnish, J. W. Langley, Constance G. Lee, V. Leitner, Margaret J. Lezama, A. McPherson, W. E. S. Marshall, J. W. Maybury, J. K. Meiring, Janet B. Mercer, E. W. Parry, Sheila L. Richardson, J. J. Rivlin, 5W. Circus, Margaret Slater, A. Stone, A. H. Swinbank, Barbara K. Thompson, D. W. Townley, J. G. Warbrick, Elspeth M. Whittaker, Margaret A. Williams, 4R. S. Williams, F. B. Wright. *Passed in Separate Subject*: Simone J. van Son (Public Health).

¹ Second-class honours. ² Distinction in Medicine. ³ Distinction in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. ⁴ Distinction in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. ⁵ Distinction in Public Health.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Mr. R. Watson-Jones will deliver a lecture under the auspices of the Dr. John Burns Fund, entitled "Surgical and Rehabilitation Treatment of Bone and Joint Injuries," in the hall of the Faculty (242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow) on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 4 p.m.

The Services

The King has granted permission to Lieut.-Col. M. B. H. Ritchie, D.S.O., O.B.E., late R.A.M.C., to wear the Order of George I, 4th Class, with Swords, conferred upon him by the King of the Hellenes in recognition of services in the cause of the Allies.

Col. (temp. Brig.) E. M. Cowell, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., has been appointed a Director of Medical Services, and has been granted the paid acting rank of major-general.

Flight Lieut. Thomas Henry Cullen, R.A.F.V.R., has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division). The citation in the *London Gazette* of Dec. 29 reads as follows:

"A few days before the German invasion of Crete, this medical officer fell sick with dysentery at Maleme. When the heavy air attack on Maleme began, although too weak to walk properly, he immediately attended to the wounded and continued to do so under fire until his post was captured. Fl. Lieut. Cullen then established a first-aid post in a near-by village and worked alone and without sleep for the next three days, when he was joined by two doctors of the New Zealand Forces. Over 1,000 wounded were passed through

this medical post before it was finally taken over by an Australian field ambulance. Fl. Lieut. Cullen displayed devotion to duty and courage of the highest order."

Temp. Surg. Lieut. R. McF. Kirkpatrick, R.N.V.R., has been awarded the D.S.C. for great gallantry, leadership, and devotion to duty in the raid on Tobruk in Sept., 1942.

Surg. Lieut. A. L. Johnson, R.C.N.V.R., has been mentioned in despatches for services in action with enemy submarines while serving in H.M. Canadian ships.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Lieut. DAVID WALTON FELL, R.A.M.C., who died of wounds in North Africa in November, was the third son of Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Fell of Colchester. He was educated at the University of London, graduating M.B., B.S. in 1938, also taking the M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in the same year. He held posts at St. Mary's Hospital and St. Bernard's Hospital, Southall, before entering the R.A.M.C. in February of last year. He was a member of the B.M.A. He leaves a widow.

Wounded and Prisoner of War.—War Subs. Capt. A. C. P. D. Thomson, R.A.M.C.

Missing.—Capt. C. W. Peck, R.A.M.C.

Prisoners of War.—War Subs. Capt. G. A. Anderson, R.A.M.C., Capt. M. G. Braham, R.A.M.C., Major J. W. D. Bull, R.A.M.C., Lieut. R. G. Drummond, R.A.M.C., Major D. W. Gillies, R.A.M.C., Capt. J. B. Hannah, R.A.M.C., Capt. W. R. Jackson, R.A.M.C., Capt. E. R. S. Phillips, R.A.M.C., Capt. H. Silman, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. B. J. Smith, R.A.M.C., Lieut. J. C. T. Sykes, R.A.M.C.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Call-up of Doctors and Protection of Practices

Sir E. GRAHAM-LITTLE inquired on Dec. 17 in how many instances the Minister of Health had overruled resolutions taken by the Central Medical War Committee on allocations of medical man-power. Mr. BROWN answered that in a comparatively few cases he had decided that recruitment of individual doctors for the Forces should be postponed for varying periods. With negligible exceptions the Committee had on reconsideration concurred in his view. No formal appeals were involved in this procedure. A doctor could apply for postponement of calling up on grounds of personal hardship or for registration as a conscientious objector in the same way as any other person.

Mr. Brown further stated that he had no power either to interpret or to enforce private arrangements made between practitioners for protection of the practices of their colleagues, although he had recommended insurance committees to assist in the operation of the scheme so far as it related to insurance practice. The right of a registered practitioner to join an insurance medical list could not be limited to participants in the Protection of Practices Scheme. The private scheme was enforceable by agreement between participating practitioners, and its general administration was undertaken by Local Medical War Committees. The scheme did not involve any infringement of the provision of the National Health Insurance Regulations as to free choice of doctor.

Medical Certificates.—Mr. ERNEST BROWN stated on Dec. 17 that insurance practitioners were required to give medical certificates only for the purposes of the National Health Insurance Acts. They were not forbidden to give and charge for certificates required for other purposes. Mr. HIGGS, who raised the matter, said that charges of 1s. or 2s. 6d. for each certificate of ill-health were made when these certificates were demanded by an employer.

Free Insulin.—Mr. ERNEST BROWN on Dec. 17 pointed out that a person insured under the National Health Insurance Acts was entitled to obtain insulin as part of his medical benefit if prescribed by the doctor attending him. Local education committees might provide insulin free or at reduced rates for children and young persons attending schools and educational institutions if the necessary sanction had been obtained. A general sanction was now being given. Local authorities had power, with the approval of the Minister of Health, to provide temporary supplies of insulin for poorer inhabitants of their districts. Mr. Brown said he was conveying his approval to the exercise of this power for the period of the war and issuing a circular drawing attention to it.

Treatment of V.D. in the Army.—Sir JAMES GRIGG stated on Dec. 17 that all soldiers returning from leave were medically examined, and if found to be suffering from venereal disease were admitted to the venereal disease departments of certain military hospitals, none of which was designated as a venereal disease hospital.

Diphtheria.—Between Jan. 1, 1940, and June 30, 1942, approximately 5,000 cases of diphtheria were notified in England and Wales among immunized children under 15. The number of deaths from diphtheria among immunized children between Jan. 1, 1942, and June 30, 1942, was 17.