

Parkhurst. Dr. Straton studied medicine at St. Mary's Hospital, graduating M.B., B.S.Lond. in 1907 and winning the gold medal at the M.D. examination in 1913. He also took the F.R.C.S.Ed. diploma. Before settling in private practice he had been resident surgical officer at the Wolverhampton General Hospital, senior house-surgeon at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, and resident obstetrical officer at St. Mary's. During the last war he served as temporary captain, R.A.M.C. He had been a member of the B.M.A. since 1911. A warm tribute has been paid in the local press to Dr. Straton's devotion to duty, his kindness and generosity, his robust common sense and ripe wisdom. A former colleague writes: During the years that I lived in the Isle of Wight Dr. Straton was my near neighbour and an intimate friend, and I had a high opinion of him as a family doctor. He will be sorely missed, for he was in the forefront of his profession both as a physician and a surgeon.

We regret to announce the death on April 17 of Dr. HENRY BUIST, one of the best-known medical practitioners in Dundee. He had been a member of the B.M.A. for 40 years, was president of the Dundee Branch in 1926-7, and had also served as president of the Forfarshire Medical Association. Dr. Buist was a native of Dundee, and before taking up the study of medicine at Edinburgh was for some little time a schoolmaster. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1901 and proceeded M.D. in 1928; he was an honorary life member of the St. Andrew Ambulance Association and a J.P. for the city of Dundee.

The death is announced of Prof. PAUL BÉGOUIN, formerly professor of surgery at Bordeaux University and president of the French Surgical Congress in 1927. Most of his publications deal with gynaecology.

The Services

Surg. Cmdr. R. L. Stubbs, R.N.V.R., has been awarded the R.N.V.R. Officers' Decoration.

Temp. Surg. Lieut. C. B. Holland, R.N.V.R., has been awarded the D.S.C., and Temp. Surg. Lieut. J. L. B. MacFarlane, R.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches (posthumously) for bravery in Northern Waters.

Capt. (Temp. Major) T. R. Wilson, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the M.C. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in North Africa.

Capt. E. T. Gilbert, R.A.M.C., has been appointed O.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field.

A *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* dated April 20 announces the award of the Albert Medal in Gold to Temp. Surg. Lieut. M. J. Clow, R.N.V.R., for gallantry in saving life at sea. The announcement reads as follows: "Surg. Lieut. Clow was between decks when H.M.S. *Ibis* was hit and badly damaged. Wounded men were brought to him in the sick bay, among them an engine-room artificer badly burnt about the arm. Surg. Lieut. Clow gave him an injection of morphine, and, as the ship was now sinking, helped the man up the ladder and out on to the upper deck. As the man had no life-belt he put his own on him. Then he got him into the water, and made sure he was free of the ship before he himself abandoned it. In doing this Surg. Lieut. Clow became entangled in the rigging and was taken down some way before he got clear. He then swam for three hours without a life-belt before he was picked up."

The *London Gazette* announces the posthumous award of the Albert Medal to William Chisholm, M.B., ship surgeon. The announcement reads as follows: "The ship in which Mr. Chisholm was serving was torpedoed in darkness and immediately began to sink. A fire broke out, which enveloped the bridge in flames, and orders were given to abandon the vessel. She sank within eight minutes. One of the senior officers, who was on the bridge, was badly injured. He was taken to the surgery, where Mr. Chisholm immediately attended to him, and afterwards, as he was helpless, helped him to the deck in order to get him away from the sinking ship. Mr. Chisholm's efforts, however, were unsuccessful and neither he nor the officer was seen again. Although the ship was sinking rapidly, Mr. Chisholm remained and deliberately sacrificed his chance of safety in a gallant attempt to save the life of another."

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Previously reported Prisoner of War, now reported Wounded and Prisoner of War.—War Subs. Capt. W. E. G. Bradford, R.A.M.C., Capt. A. E. Brewer, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. J. K. Drucquer, R.A.M.C.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Radcliffe Scholarship in Pharmacology, 1943.—This is awarded by the Master and Fellows of University College on the nomination of the Professor of Pharmacology. Candidates must have taken the pharmacology course in Oxford and have passed the examination in pharmacology and principles of therapeutics either in December, 1942, or June, 1943. A special examination in pharmacology for the scholarship will be held in the Department of Pharmacology on Tuesday, July 6, at 10 a.m. Candidates should be prepared to answer questions on pharmacological methods and biological standardization. They may be examined orally as well as by written paper. Those wishing to enter for the examination should send their names to the Department by 12 noon on July 5.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The official *University of London Gazette* reports that regulations for the M.D. and M.S. examinations have been amended by the addition of the following after the reference to the essay: "The essay must be satisfactory as regards literary presentation as well as in other respects." During the war an additional M.B., B.S. examination will be held early in February, which means the holding of this examination three times a year—namely, February, April, and October.

The Senate has appointed a special committee to report on the question of providing further facilities for the medical education of women in London, and on the procedure to be adopted for the provision of such additional facilities.

Mr. George H. Macnab, M.B., F.R.C.S., has been appointed Dean of Westminster Medical School in succession to Sir Adolphe Abrahams, who has retired.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

THIRD M.B., CH.B.—*Pathology and Bacteriology*: S. S. Epstein, G. V. Feldman, Margaret Hedley, Marion B. T. McIntosh, T. M. Martin, Nancy B. Penney, J. A. Shrigley.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Medical Inspection by Women Doctors

Mr. BELLENGER on April 20 condemned the routine medical examination of men in the Army by women medical officers. Dr. MORGAN said the woman medical officer had her duty to do and did it. She had no emotional reaction. About 2% of males and females did not like medical examination by people of the opposite sex.

Mr. ARTHUR HENDERSON said the nation owed gratitude to the women doctors, who to-day rendered most important service. The Army now had a large number of mixed regiments of anti-aircraft artillery, and required women doctors to cater for the needs of women serving in them. The problem did not exist in the Navy or in the R.A.F. These routine medical inspections were designed mainly to detect cases of skin disease or infestation, and had been carried out as a routine on all personnel returned from or proceeding on leave and when men were transferred from one unit to another in the United Kingdom. In future such inspections would be made only when the medical officer in charge of troops or the senior administrative medical officer considered them necessary. They were only required when cases were suspected in a unit and the sufferers were not reporting sick. The inspections had hitherto been known as "F.F.I."—free from infection. In future they were to be called "health inspections," and soldiers and auxiliaries would have the right to be examined by medical officers of their own sex. If this was not immediately possible the full examination would be postponed. In the interim a partial examination would be made at which men would be stripped to the waist and women would wear the equivalent of a bathing costume. At all inspections a third person of the same sex would be present. It was proposed to introduce, so far as possible, the atmosphere of the clinic rather than that of a parade.

Nurses in Scotland

Mr. WATT asked on April 20 whether a Nurses Bill would be introduced for Scotland. Mr. JOHNSTON replied that the Scots committee, presided over by Lord Alness, took views on some aspects of the problem of State recognition of assistant nurses