

BROWN replied that he contemplated publishing as soon as practicable a statement of the general nature of the Government's proposals, which would enable everybody (including men and women in the Forces) to see for themselves what was suggested and to discuss and, if necessary, criticize before the stage of legislation was reached.

#### Osteopathy

On May 6 Mr. BAXTER asked the Minister of Health if there was any likelihood of his changing his attitude towards osteopathy in wartime, and if it was his intention to recognize osteopathy as a legitimate branch of medical science. Mr. Brown replied: No, sir. It is not my intention to propose any amendment of the law on this matter.

#### Rehabilitation Treatment for Civilians

Mr. GRANVILLE on May 4 asked the Minister of Health if he would consider providing rehabilitation centres for sick and injured artisans analogous to those provided for the Services, to be worked by, or in conjunction with, factory medical officers. Mr. ERNEST BROWN replied that rehabilitation treatment of the kind referred to was already being provided at or in connexion with a number of hospitals under the E.M.S. scheme, and medical officers of his Department were at present visiting all the larger hospitals in each region to discuss with the hospital authority methods of developing such provision. He understood that the Minister of Labour had decided to set up an experimental centre for certain types of cases needing rehabilitation beyond the stage to which it could reasonably be provided as part of the hospital services, and that he had under consideration the question of extending the experiment in accordance with the recommendation of the Interdepartmental Committee on the Rehabilitation, and Resettlement of Disabled Persons.

*Domestic Staff of Nursing Homes.*—The Minister of Labour and National Service has instructed his local officers not to withdraw domestic staff in nursing homes except after consultation with Regional Officers of the Ministry of Health and with their consent. Mr. Brown has instructed his Regional Officers to consider each case on its merits, and if a particular nursing home is an essential part of the area's hospital facilities, to advise that it should be treated on the same lines as a hospital, so that the domestic staff there would all be reserved. If, however, there are redundant staff by hospital standards agreement would be given to withdrawal of the redundant workers.

## Universities and Colleges

#### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In a Congregation held on May 6 the following medical degrees were conferred:

B.M., B.Ch.—Mr. J. Long, R. Patuck, \*J. C. H. Dunlop, \*G. K. H. Hodgkin, \*D. M. de R. Winsor, \*L. E. D. F. Joubert, \*D. H. Garrow, \*G. D. W. McKendrick, \*E. H. Hillyard, \*T. H. J. Williams, \*Sheila R. Tangye.

\*In absence.

#### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

At a meeting of the University Council held on May 14 Mr. J. T. Chesterman, F.R.C.S., was appointed lecturer in surgical pathology and assistant curator of the museum.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of Council on May 13, with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, President, in the chair, Mr. J. B. Hume was re-elected a Member of the Court of Examiners for the period of one year from June 10, 1943, and Prof. R. V. Bradlaw was elected a Member of the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery for three years from June 10 next. It was decided to recognize the post of resident surgical officer at the Guest Hospital, Dudley, for the six-months surgical practice required of candidates for the Final Fellowship Examination. Mrs. H. P. Herbert, B.A., was appointed a Leverhulme Scholar for the year beginning May 10, 1943, for her research on the metabolism of proteins, especially in relation to their protective properties against disease. Mr. Arnold Sorsby, F.R.C.S., was appointed Research Professor in Ophthalmology at the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal Eye Hospital for the period of five years from July 1, 1943. A Professorship in Experimental Pathology was conferred upon Dr. W. E. Gye, F.R.S., Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund. Prof. Gye and Mr. H. G. Crabtree were appointed Lecturers of the Fund in the College for the ensuing year. Group Capt. G. L. Keynes was nominated external examiner in surgery for the Fellowship examination of the Faculty of Radiologists.

Diplomas of Membership were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians, to the candidates whose names appear in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Physicians published in the *Journal* of May 15 (p. 618), and to Sheila W. Anderson, G. A. James, and M. F. C. Walker.

## The Services

A Supplement to the *London Gazette*, dated May 14, announces the appointment to O.B.E. (Military Division) of Acting Squad. Ldr. Frederick Thomas Moore, F.R.C.S., R.A.F.O., and the award of B.E.M. to Leading Aircraftman B. V. Icke. One night in March, 1943, an aircraft crashed on an R.A.F. station and immediately burst into flames. Squad. Ldr. Moore (the duty medical officer) saw the accident and, accompanied by L/A Icke, a medical orderly, proceeded to the scene. Squad. Ldr. Moore directed the removal of the rear gunner, who was dazed and sitting amongst the burning wreckage, to a place of safety. The aircraft was now enveloped in flames and ammunition was exploding. Nevertheless, despite the intense heat and the danger from exploding oxygen bottles, this officer and airman entered the burning wreckage in an attempt to rescue another member of the crew who was pinned down. Without any protective clothing they lifted aside the burning wreckage and, with great difficulty, succeeded in extricating the injured man. Squad. Ldr. Moore rendered first aid to the rescued man and sustained burns to his chest and hands in carrying out the operation. This officer and airman both displayed courage and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the Royal Air Force.

#### CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

*Prisoner of War in Japanese Hands.*—Capt. M. F. Smith, R.A.M.C., Cambridgeshire Regt.

*Died.*—Lieut. Sheila Dorothy Markham Brown, R.A.M.C.

## Medical News

A paper on identification of animal fibres will be read by Dr. J. L. Stoves before the Medico-Legal Society at 26, Portland Place, W.1, on Thursday, May 27, at 5.30 p.m. Members may introduce guests to the meeting; tea at 5 o'clock.

At a meeting of the London and South-Eastern Counties Section of the Institute of Chemistry, to be held at 30, Russell Square, W.C., on June 16, at 6 p.m., Dr. W. T. J. Morgan of the Lister Institute will lecture on "Some Recent Advances in Immuno-chemistry."

An opportunity for Roman Catholic doctors to discuss future medical services is being provided by the Sword of the Spirit Movement at a meeting to be held in the Essex Hall, Essex Street, W.C.2, on Saturday, June 5, at 3 p.m. The subject is "Catholics and the Future of Medical Services" (Assumption B of the Beveridge report), and the speakers will be Dr. Charles Hill, Dr. E. E. Larkin, and Dr. Letitia Fairfield.

A special film session for doctors has been arranged by the Bristol Medical Officer of Health in collaboration with the Ministry of Information to take place at the Odeon Cinema, Union Street, Bristol, on Sunday, June 6, at 10.45 a.m. Two films will be shown: "Scabies"—the new film just issued for the Ministry of Health—and "Neuropsychiatry." An address on "Scabies—a Present Problem" will be given by an assistant medical officer, Bristol Health Department. Doctors will be admitted on presentation of their professional cards or by the invitation folder available on application to the Bristol Public Health Department, Kenwith Lodge, Westbury Park, Bristol, 6.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Cancer Control Organization for Edinburgh and South-East Scotland, the objects of which include the investigation, care, and cure of cancer, was held in Edinburgh recently. Among the subjects discussed was the fuller use by medical practitioners of the system of the organization whereby practitioners may arrange for the issue of travel vouchers to enable persons suffering or suspected of suffering from malignant disease to attend at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary for treatment or for examination. The honorary treasurer of the organization is Prof. William Annan, C.A., 22, Charlotte Square, Edinburgh, to whom subscriptions, donations, or bequests by way of legacy should be sent.

The U.S. Office of War Information announced on May 10 the formal opening of the American Library, which has been operating for several months as a special reference library at the American Embassy, 1, Grosvenor Square, W. The library is designed for American, British, and other United Nations' officials, agencies, for research institutions, associations, business, and for the Press. The American Library Association, the Library of Congress, learned societies, and many other American associations, and their opposite numbers in Great Britain, have been consulted constantly in building up this modest but potentially important centre and cultural focus.