

retained an ardour and alertness that we all envied. A voyage round the world in a large party is an experiment that few men of 80 would care to undertake, but when the B.M.A. met in Melbourne in 1935 Douglas was there. No one enjoyed the journey more than he, and there was no more popular member of the party. He was a fine chess player with a consummate knowledge of the game which was always at the disposal of us all. At the end of our tour he wished to return overland from Marseilles, and I persuaded him to come with me by air. He only consented on the condition that we should play chess! I shall never forget his boyish delight in every detail of our journey, and perhaps I owed to that that we agreed to draw our game as we came down at Croydon.

Douglas took a deep interest in the Association and in all the problems of our profession, and I have recent letters from him showing that his interest was unabated to the end. We have lost a wise counsellor and a good friend, but he has left behind memories of deep affection and of high regard.

#### ROBERT OWEN MORRIS, O.B.E., M.D., D.P.H.

By the death of Dr. Robert Owen Morris in his 84th year Wales has lost one of her most notable public men. A correspondent sends the following memoir to supplement the notice printed on Dec. 25:

Morris's career began as a shop assistant at Portmadoc, Caernarvonshire, but deciding to enter the ministry under the auspices of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodists, he returned to school, and then passed through Bala College to Edinburgh. After ordination he ministered in North Wales and was a welcome visitor to the pulpits of both Welsh and English Presbyterian Churches, including those in the Liverpool district. He was a powerful and popular preacher in great demand at special services. On the eve of accepting a call to one of the most prominent churches in North Wales, he decided to leave the ministry and return to Edinburgh as a medical student. He continued preaching in the churches of the Scottish Presbyterians, and was offered ministries in Scotland and America. These he did not accept, but went on with his medical studies and qualified M.B., C.M. in 1894 and took the M.D. in 1898.

He began medical practice at Birkenhead in 1895. A year later he was elected to the school board and was actively associated with education in the borough, first as a member of the board and later as a part-time school medical officer. Though not politically minded, he was prevailed upon to seek election to the borough council as a Liberal, and was successful. The Conservatives were in power during his membership, and Morris, always a powerful and tenacious fighter, was continually in opposition to the leading party. To his amazement, therefore, he was approached by members of the Conservative party in 1902 to accept nomination as mayor of the borough. This he accepted, and served in that capacity in the year 1902-3. At the time he was also serving the council as a part-time school medical officer. The passing of the Education Bill in 1902 debarred municipal employees from becoming members of councils by which they were employed. So that Morris might complete his year as mayor, a special clause was inserted in the Bill enabling officers to continue serving on their councils until October, 1903. Nine days before his term of office expired Morris resigned. After this he interested himself in public health, and when over the age of 50 took the D.P.H. of Liverpool University.

In 1911-12, with the passing of the National Health Insurance Act and the establishment of the Welsh National Memorial Association for the Treatment of the Tuberculous, he was persuaded by Mr. David Davies of Llandinam (now Lord Davies) to undertake the campaign in Wales against tuberculosis. For this purpose he toured the whole of Wales, lecturing in city, town, village, and hamlet. His early training as a minister served him in good stead. Wherever he went he drew crowds. He was able to talk to the public in simple but forceful manner, and his illustrations were always to the point. In Morris's later years the writer sometimes accompanied him to meetings on health matters, and was astonished at the hold he always had on his audience, especially an audience of school-children. The campaign ended, he became director of education for the Association and tuberculosis officer for Montgomeryshire, and in 1926 he took over Merionethshire as well. In these two counties he worked until 1931, when he retired as tuberculosis officer but retained his post as director of education. During his work as tuberculosis officer he travelled always by train, and it is said that no train would leave without him if it were known that he was due to catch it.

On his retirement he lived at Aberdovey, later moving to Fairbourne and then to Llwyngwril, where he died. He continued his lecturing and travelled throughout Wales as in his early days, taking part in health weeks, etc. He was the author of many pamphlets on tuberculosis and a part-author of the Red Cross textbook on tuberculosis. His work as a lecturer and writer gained him his election as Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. He was awarded the O.B.E. in 1935, and his public services were also recognized by his elevation to the magisterial bench in the borough of Birkenhead and the counties of Montgomery and Merioneth. He was also appointed High Sheriff for Merionethshire. He served as

a member of the Court of Governors of the University of Wales, Aberystwyth. As a propagandist in health matters Morris was among those few medical men who could speak to the lay public in simple non-technical language. He was equally at home in English or Welsh.

He was a most lovable personality, jolly and entertaining company, kind and considerate, and a fearless and tenacious fighter when the cause was just. His passing is mourned by many throughout the breadth of Wales.

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## The Services

Temp. Surg. Lieut. J. Saint-Martin, R.C.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches.

Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. J. D. Lendrum, R.N.V.R., appears in a list of names published by the *London Gazette* as mentioned in dispatches for gallantry or good services in the last six months or more of war.

Wing Cmdr. J. P. Huins, O.B.E., A.A.F., and Acting Wing Cmdr. H. P. R. Smith, R.A.F.O., have been awarded the Air Force Cross.

Acting Wing Cmdr. C. C. Barker, R.A.F., has been commended for valuable services in the air.

The following appointments in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East have been announced in the *London Gazette*:

*C.B.E. (Military Division).*—Col. J. R. Boyd, M.C., N.Z.M.F.; Brig. (local) G. W. B. James, M.C., Brig. (temp.) R. F. Walker, O.B.E., M.C., Cols. (temp.) R. H. Lucas, O.B.E., M.C., and D. C. Scott, O.B.E., R.A.M.C.

*O.B.E. (Military Division).*—Col. (temp.) R. McKinlay, Capt. (temp. Major) (acting Lieut.-Col.) R. J. V. Pulvertaft, R.A.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Capt. (temp. Major) R. B. Robertson, R.A.M.C.

The *London Gazette* announces the appointment to O.B.E. (Military Division) of Major (temp. Lieut.-Col.) R. E. Tunbridge, R.A.M.C., and to M.B.E. (Military Division) of Capt. J. R. Bolton and J. J. Kempton, R.A.M.C., in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malta.

#### DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

By the death of Lieut.-Col. ALFRED ERNEST JOHN LISTER, I.M.S., on Dec. 21 at Stroud, Gloucestershire, the Service has lost a man of sterling worth. He studied medicine at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and in Vienna and passed both the London University M.B., B.S. and the conjoint examinations in 1900, held the Brackenbury Scholarship in Surgery and took the F.R.C.S.Eng. in 1902, and in the same year was placed first in the entrance examination for the Indian Medical Service. At the end of the Netley Army Medical School course he gained prizes in hygiene, surgery, and clinical medicine. Early in his career in India Lister saw active service in East Africa and Somaliland and gained a medal and clasp, and he was also on service during the war of 1914-18. He next entered the civil department of the I.M.S. and worked in various stations until he rose to be ophthalmic surgeon to the King George's Medical College at Lucknow when that school was opened. There by his sound professional knowledge and unassuming manner he gained the respect and affection of his colleagues, though he was handicapped by poor health, which led to his early retirement in March, 1920, before which he was appointed Hon. Surgeon to H.E. the Viceroy of India. For eight years he wrote the ophthalmic section for the *Medical Annual*. After his final return to England he settled in Bristol and was appointed honorary consulting surgeon to the Bristol Eye Dispensary and did some consulting practice, though still far from being robust in health; once more he gained the respect of his colleagues. He will be much missed by his many friends and admirers. Latterly he gave up his work in Bristol and went to live at Stroud. His wife and a daughter survive to mourn his loss.

## Universities and Colleges

#### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In a Congregation held on Dec. 18 the following medical degrees were conferred:

D.M.—P. M. F. Bishop.  
B.M., B.Ch.—J. M. Hastings, A. I. M. Neill, W. B. Jack, R. H. M. Baines, J. V. Garrett, S. J. G. Spencer, R. W. Fynn, B. I. Johnson, J. Evans, D. W. K. Kay, F. I. Flint, W. L. B. Leese, G. I. M. Swyer, J. L. Insley, I. R. Stillman, Marcia I. P. Harvey.