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Obituary

JUDSON S. BURY, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Dr. Judson Bury, consulting physician to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, died at Chinley, Derbyshire, on June 10, aged 92. He had long retired from active practice, but was president of the Section of Neurology and Psychological Medicine at the Annual Meeting of the B.M.A. in Manchester in 1929.

Judson Sykes Bury was born at Salford the son of Peter Bury. He was educated at Amersham Hall, Reading, at Owens College, Manchester, and at University College Hospital, London. In 1877 he took the M.R.C.S. and the M.B., B.S. of London University, proceeding M.D. two years later, after holding resident posts at U.C.H. He then returned to Manchester, where, after a year as senior resident medical officer at the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, he engaged in general practice and began his long connexion with the Royal Infirmary as non-resident medical registrar in 1885. He became assistant honorary physician in 1899, and remained on the active staff of the Royal Infirmary till 1912, when he reached the age limit. He was a very good teacher, clear and precise, but best on neurological subjects, and he wrote with an excellently lucid pen. He was well read in general literature, and introduced such knowledge with interesting effect into his professional papers. In 1893 he published a *Treatise on Peripheral Neuritis*, comprising a series of observations by James Ross, which Ross had intended to print as a complete monograph. On Ross's death at the age of 55 it was left to Bury to carry out the intention as fully as he could. The first half of the book was written from views expressed by word of mouth to him by Ross; but the rest was his own except the section on diabetic neuritis written by R. T. Williamson. Judson Bury also published in 1894 *Clinical Medicine*, a manual for the use of students and junior practitioners; it met with a good response and a third edition appeared in 1912, written jointly with Albert Ramsbottom, his junior colleague at the Manchester Royal Infirmary. In his *Diseases of the Nervous System* (1912) Bury adopted a clinical classification which he had found the most useful to the student. His method was to give a description of the chief neuron systems, and then illustrate the various forms of paralysis and other nervous symptoms in relation to lesions of the corresponding neurons. He also wrote an article on peripheral neuritis in 1899 for *Allbutt's System of Medicine*. An interesting section of that article is the reference to the epidemic of neuritis caused by arsenical impurity in the beer supplied in the Manchester and Salford districts by a firm of brewers, the cause of which was discovered by E. S. Reynolds.

Judson Bury was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1894 and delivered the Bradshaw Lecture before it in 1901, his subject being "Diagnosis in Relation to Disorders of the Nervous System." He examined in medicine for the College in 1911-15. He took his full share of honours in local scientific work, being president in turn of the Pathological Society and the Medical Society of Manchester, and of the Association of Physicians when it met in that city. He was professor of clinical medicine in Manchester University in 1911-12, and he edited the *Manchester Medical Chronicle* from those years until the disturbances caused by the last war ended its career. During 1914-18 he served with the rank of major, R.A.M.C., and did good work on medical boards in Manchester and Warrington.

Four years ago his friends and colleagues presented him with a book containing selected addresses and papers by him printed in Manchester between 1896 and 1939. Judson Bury bore his octogenarian years very well, never looking his age, his hair and beard scarcely silvering. He was a golfer and had been president of the local medical golf society.

GEORGE WAUGH SCOTT, O.B.E., M.D.

George Waugh Scott was taken ill at the cottage of one of his country patients on June 6; he died a few hours later at his home in Malvern Links at the age of 61. After qualifying at Glasgow University in 1907 and serving as senior house-surgeon at Greenock Infirmary he became medical officer to

the Kamuning, Heawood, Changhat Salak, and Other Estates Hospitals Association, spending the bulk of his professional life in medical practice in Malaya, where his interests were particularly related to tropical medicine and epidemiology.

Since he came to Malvern in 1937 (writes a colleague) he has never rested on his oars; the outbreak of war saw him anxious to help his country, and he offered his services for the East again or wherever they might be required. He was asked to get the Malvern first-aid post going in 1939, and one of the most efficient posts with a happy staff resulted in record time. He made but one stipulation—that he should not be paid for this work; all his staff were unpaid volunteers and he must be treated similarly. In the brief but strenuous years he had resided in Worcestershire the character of the man "always to give of his best" was soon recognized by his patients, so that he gained their confidence and affection in a remarkable way. He was deservedly popular with all practitioners because he was always willing to help in any way and was a delightful companion. At the time of his death he was chairman-elect of the Worcester and Bromsgrove Division of the B.M.A., and in previous years had served on the council and as president of the Malaya Branch. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and the first president of the Vigornian Clinical Society. He showed that it was possible for one busy in general practice to keep abreast of the times, and to participate actively in hospital clinical meetings. These he seldom missed, nor did he fail to promote in them a lively discussion and an atmosphere of friendliness. He carried his Scottish individuality with him and radiated charm. More than one person had been heard to say that his companionship would go far to mitigate the disadvantage of life in the Far East. He is survived by his wife and his son Gavin, who continues in the practice.

T. S. M. writes: Waugh Scott will be mourned by many friends in this country, and by others in the Changi Concentration Camp at Singapore. He was truly a pioneer, and worked in Malaya from 1908 to 1936. His first tour of service was spent on a "jungle-locked" tin mine, in medical charge of some thousands of Asiatics, with only river and sea communications to Singapore. Later he settled in Perah, and became the medical officer for many rubber estates, certain public works, besides engaging in private practice. He was a sound general practitioner, and also an expert in the prevention of malaria and other tropical conditions. Many a poor Asiatic blesses his name, the wealthy companies appreciated his services and advice, and the Government acknowledged his welfare and public work by granting him the O.B.E. During a busy medical career he engaged in many aspects of public life, was a good churchman, president of the local B.M.A. and a member of most central medical and welfare bodies. In public he was a clear, thoughtful, and fearless speaker not always to his own advantage.

The Services

Surg. Cmdr. G. M. Tanner and Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. H. E. Holling, R.N.V.R., have been awarded the R.N.V.R. Officers' Decoration.

Col. (Temp. Brig.) E. A. Sutton, C.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C., to be a D.M.S., with the acting rank of Major-Gen.

Wing Cmdr. C. A. Rumball, R.A.F., was appointed O.B.E. (Military Division) in the Birthday Honours List published on June 8. This name was omitted from the list of medical honours published in the *Journal* of June 17 (p. 823).

Acting Wing Cmdr. C. C. Barker, R.A.F., has been awarded the A.F.C.

Fl. Lieut. G. D. Graham, M.B.E., R.A.F.V.R., has been awarded the D.S.O. in recognition of distinguished services in air operations.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Wounded.—War Subs. Capt. C. Cronin and A. D. Parsons, M.C., R.A.M.C.

Killed.—Major T. P. Ward, R.A.M.C.

Died.—Major V. H. Sarland, R.A.M.C.; War Subs. Capt. C. W. Williams, R.A.M.C.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Col. EDWIN THOMAS FAIRWEATHER BIRRELL, C.B., C.M.G., died on May 29 at Penicuik, Midlothian, at the age of 80. He was educated at Trinity College, Glenalmond, and Edinburgh University, where he graduated with the M.B. in 1895. He entered the Army Medical Service in the following year and reached the rank of colonel in 1917. During the Balkan war of 1912-13 he served as British Red Cross Society Commissioner for Bulgaria and received several foreign orders. During the war of 1914-18 he served at the headquarters of the British Expeditionary Force, and later with the British Salonika Force and with the British Military Mission to South Russia. He received the C.M.G. in 1915 and the C.B. in 1917. He retired in 1923 and was recently serving in the Home Guard.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

On the recommendation of Senate the Council of the University has elected Mr. R. St. Leger Brockman, M.Chir., F.R.C.S., to the chair of surgery. Prof. Brockman served from 1914 to 1919 as a surgeon in the Royal Navy, after an undergraduate course of distinction at Cambridge and St. Bartholomew's Hospital. After the war he first went to Sheffield as a resident surgical officer at the Royal Infirmary; then followed a period in London as chief assistant at Bart's; after which he returned to Sheffield, where he has been an honorary surgeon at the Royal Infirmary, consultant to the City General Hospital, and lecturer at the University.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

At a meeting of the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland held on June 2 the following were admitted:

As Fellows: Agnes Savill (*in absentia*), S. Simms, C. F. McConn, R. C. Sutton (*in absentia*), T. D. O'C. Donelan, E. B. McEntee, J. G. Gallagher, and W. J. E. Jessop.

As Members: M. J. O'Malley and M. D. Hickey.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

BOXWELL MEMORIAL

The teaching staff of the Schools of Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, has decided to institute a memorial to the late Prof. William Boxwell, who occupied the chair of pathology from 1916 to 1943. All Fellows and Licentiates of the College, and all other medical or non-medical persons who wish to associate themselves with this effort, are asked to subscribe to the memorial fund which is being formed. The fund will be devoted to providing some additions to the Department of Pathology which will further the study of that subject, and it is hoped that the appeal will meet with a generous response. Subscriptions should be sent to Prof. W. N. Rae, ScD., Registrar, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Opium for Straits Settlements

During the debate on colonial administration on June 6 Mr. W. W. ASTOR expressed regret at the announcement of the Colonial Office that they would not allow opium in any form to return to the Straits Settlements. This decision would have the opposite effect to that desired by the Colonial Secretary, because it was quite certain that drug addiction would be far worse since the Japanese had been there. If opium were cut off entirely, with these large numbers of addicts there would be a tremendous black market, and smuggling and law evasion, bringing in drugs in much more dangerous forms, such as cocaine and heroin. This would lead to a worse drug problem, which would have to be tackled again.

Vitamin D for Europe

On June 6 Viscount SUIRDALE asked the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Economic Warfare in what quantities vitamin D was now being imported into German-occupied countries. Mr. G. H. HALL, who replied, said that the Government agreed to the dispatch of ten kilogrammes of vitamin D in December, 1943, and again in March this year. These twenty kilogrammes were for distribution to children in Belgium, France, Holland, Yugoslavia, and Poland. In addition we agreed, in October, 1943, to let one kilogramme go to Belgium, and last April a quarter of a kilogramme was sent for distribution in the Channel Islands. Before a concession was made in regard to vitamin D, none was imported with our consent into any part of enemy-occupied Europe except Greece, where all the demands of the Neutral Commission had been met.

Voluntary Hospitals in an N.H.S.

Mr. WILLINK told Dr. Russell Thomas on June 8 that he could not then say how frequently routine and special inspections of voluntary hospitals participating in a national health scheme would take place. Details of the arrangements for inspections were matters to be considered at a later stage. Mr. Willink further informed Dr. Thomas that he had not estimated what average proportion the Exchequer grant and the payments of joint local authorities towards the cost of maintenance and treatment of patients would be to the total

cost of maintenance and treatment of patients in voluntary hospitals participating in a national health scheme. In the White Paper it was contemplated that, in the hospitals' interests, the aggregate of the central and local payments would be such as still to leave an opportunity for voluntary support. How this could best be arranged remained for discussion with the hospitals' representatives. The British Hospitals Association seemed to think that an opportunity for voluntary support was desirable.

Medical News

Next year will be the bicentenary of the foundation of the world-famous Lying-in Hospital, Dublin, more usually known as the Rotunda Hospital. It has been decided that, on account of war conditions, it would be impossible to commemorate this date in a fitting manner in 1945, and it is proposed to hold in July, 1947, under the auspices of the Rotunda Hospital, a Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Dublin, which it is hoped that world conditions by then will allow to be of an international nature.

Prof. F. A. E. Crew of the University of Edinburgh will give a lecture under the auspices of the Polish Medical Association in the United Kingdom on "New Problems of Social Medicine," on Tuesday, June 27, at 5 p.m., at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C. Visitors will be welcome. The lecture will be followed by a discussion.

The fourteenth annual general meeting of the Paddington Medical Society will be held on Tuesday, June 27, at 9 p.m. in the Board Room of St. Mary's Hospital, W. The title of Dr. Z. Green's presidential address is "Medicine in the Post-War Era."

A meeting of the Nutrition Panel of the Society of Chemical Industry will be held at 2.30 in the rooms of the Chemical Society, Burlington House, W., on Tuesday, June 27, when a series of four papers will be presented on "The Taste and Quality of Food in Relation to Nutrition" by Prof. H. Hartridge, Dr. G. W. Scott Blair, Dr. D. R. Davis, and Mr. R. R. Plowman.

The annual general meeting of the Fever Hospital Medical Service Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will be held at Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, on Friday, June 30, at 3 p.m. The subject for discussion will be penicillin, and the principal speakers will be Sir A. Fleming ("The Penicillin Content of Blood following Administration by Various Routes") and Dr. A. Dolphin ("Penicillin in the Treatment of Septicaemias and Meningitis").

The Lord Mayor paid an official visit on June 5 to the London Chest Hospital, Victoria Park, E., and before touring the wards inspected plans for rebuilding the hospital, which suffered severe damage during an air raid. The plans provide for a modern building with greatly increased accommodation.

The Oxford Ophthalmological Congress, which was to have been held in July, has been postponed. It is hoped it may be possible to arrange a meeting later in the year.

The meeting of the School Medical Service Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health to have been held on July 21 has been postponed until further notice. The President of the Board of Education has promised to offer a date for his address to the Group as soon as circumstances permit.

Mr. F. G. Wells, of Hanwell, has been elected president of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. Mr. Wells is vice-chairman of the Middlesex Pharmaceutical Committee.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NOTES

Discussion of Table

In England and Wales the only infectious disease that increased markedly in incidence was measles, with 96 more notifications than last week. Notifications of the other infectious diseases decreased by the following amounts: scarlet fever 374, whooping-cough 154, dysentery 87, diphtheria 36.

Diphtheria notifications fell to the lowest weekly total yet recorded. This disease is relatively more prevalent in the north than in the south, and 41% of the total cases were notified in the counties of Yorks West Riding, Lancashire, Durham, and Northumberland, where 70, 69, 34, and 30 cases respectively were recorded. The decline in scarlet fever was general, and the number of notifications was the smallest for over one year. In Lancashire, Warwickshire, and Yorks West Riding whooping-cough notifications fell by 65, 40, and 37 respectively. In London the incidence of whooping-cough rose by 42. The largest increases in measles were in London 54 and Lancashire 47, while the largest fall was in Durham 30.

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