

ments in accordance with the existing arrangements. In the case of medical officers these arrangements provided for recommendations to be made by the Central Medical War Committee.

Promotion in F.O.W. Camps.—Sir JAMES GRIGG informed Sir George Elliston on Dec. 13 that he did not consider special arrangements should be made to permit normal opportunities of promotion for medical and dental officers of the R.A.M.C. detained in enemy prisoner-of-war camps for the care of British prisoners. Time promotion was carried out under the normal rules for all officers who were prisoners of war.

Midwives in the Services.—Mr. WILLINK told Mr. Storey on Dec. 14 that he had considered the recommendations sent to him last August by the Northern Branch of the B.M.A. that trained midwives should no longer be accepted for the Services or industry and that those already accepted should be released or directed to their proper work. He had consulted the Minister of Labour and National Service and had communicated with the B.M.A. The nursing services of the Crown had, since May, 1943, been precluded from recruiting practising or newly qualified midwives or midwives with recent experience. Similarly as regards industrial nursing, experienced or practising midwives were not admitted to posts unless they were immobile and there was no prospect of using their services in local midwifery work. A review of all qualified midwives already employed in industry had already been made. Those with good or recent experience were withdrawn, though there was sometimes a little delay. In view of operational needs and the fact that any midwives now in the Services must have qualified some time ago and be scattered over the world, he could not press the Service Departments to release them at present.

Notes in Brief

It is expected that the factory at Speke, Liverpool, for production of penicillin will be completed by the late spring of 1945.

It is hoped that in 1945 8,000 acres in India will be under cinchona. Before the war 4,500 acres were planted with cinchona. The supply of quinine is unequal to the demand, but synthetic anti-malarial drugs are reaching India in large quantities.

Since the increase in cash allowances to fighting men's children, issues at cheap rates of fruit juices and cod-liver oil to children have declined by 15% and 25% respectively comparing August and September with the previous six-months average. There is no evidence that families not entitled to free supplies cannot meet this expenditure. Issues of milk free or at cheap rates have not declined.

The Services

Major-Gen. N. Cantlie, M.C., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the King in succession to Col. (Local Brig.) S. Smith, late R.A.M.C. (ret.).

Cpts. C. T. A. Burgess and A. A. Grierson and Lieut. O. Gray, R.A.M.C., have been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of gallant conduct in carrying out hazardous work in a very brave manner.

Temp. Surg. Lieut. I. R. W. Alexander, R.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches. This name appears in a list of awards for gallantry or good services in the last six months or more of war in certain of H.M. ships.

Majors E. L. Elliott, 4th Btn. Buckinghamshire Home Guard, N. J. Cochran, 8th Btn. Staffordshire Home Guard, P. W. Edwards, 16th Btn. Staffordshire Home Guard, and A. W. Morrison, 3rd Lindsey Btn. Home Guard, have been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of meritorious service in the Home Guard.

Major C. M. Russell, 32nd Btn. County of London Home Guard, has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of meritorious service in the Home Guard.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Died on active service.—Lieut.-Col. Ernest F. Waldemar Grellier, R.A.M.C.

Wounded.—War Subs. Cpts. H. I. C. Bowie and J. C. D. Mellor, R.A.M.C.

Wounded or injured.—Temp. Surg. Lieut. K. V. J. Kearney, R.N.V.R.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Surg. Rear-Adml. THOMAS CREASER, who died on Dec. 15, graduated in medicine at Dublin University in 1904 and proceeded M.D. three years later. After holding house appointments he entered the Navy in 1907. He took part in the Battle of Jutland when serving in H.M.S. *Boadicea*, and was professor of clinical pathology at the R.N. Medical School, Greenwich, in 1924-7; then for two years he held the post of squadron medical officer of the Battle-cruiser Squadron in H.M.S. *Hood*. He was in charge of the R.N. Hospital at Haslar from 1937 until the end of 1940. For more than a year before his retirement Adml. Creaser was Honorary Physician to the King.

Medical News

The Eugenics Society has arranged a meeting at the rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., on Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 5 o'clock, when Mr. Cecil Binney will speak on "Eugenics and Criminal Law." All interested in the subject are invited to attend.

The following meetings of the British Institute of Radiology have been arranged for January and will take place in the Reid-Knox Hall, 32, Welbeck Street, London, W. Thursday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m., ordinary meeting followed by a "Symposium on Clinical Photography." Speakers: Mr. T. Pomfret Kilner, Mr. Stevenson Clark, Miss Shaw, Mr. F. W. Coppin. Friday, Jan. 19, at 5 p.m., meeting of medical members.

The Diagnosis Section of the Faculty of Radiologists will hold a meeting on Friday, Jan. 19, at 2.15 p.m. at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, when Surg. Rear-Adml. Robert Milne is to read a paper on "Avascular Necrosis with Joint Trouble in Caisson Workers."

At a general meeting of the Tuberculosis Association to be held at 26, Portland Place, London, W., on Friday next, Jan. 19, at 3.30 p.m., papers will be read by Dr. E. T. Fletcher on ankylosing spondylitis and tuberculosis; by Dr. R. B. Illing on the prognosis of chronic military tuberculosis in children; and by Dr. M. C. Wilkinson on the nature of resistance in tuberculosis.

The Food Education Society (29, Gordon Square, W.C.1) announces that Dame Louise McIlroy, M.D., will lecture on "Food and Maternal Morbidity and Mortality," on Jan. 22, at 2.30 p.m., at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C.

A meeting of the Scottish Group of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m. prompt in the Institute of Hygiene, University of Glasgow. The business of the meeting, at which Dr. H. M. Roberts will preside, will be general, and all interested in industry are invited.

The British Federation of Social Workers has arranged six lectures on "The Background to Health," to be given in Alliance Hall, Palmer Street, Westminster, S.W., on Wednesdays, Jan. 24 and 31, Feb. 14 and 28, and March 14 and 28. The January lectures will be by Prof. J. M. Mackintosh, on "What is Social Medicine?" and Mr. R. Watson-Jones, on "Rehabilitation." Application for tickets (1s. 6d. each lecture, 7s. 6d. for the course) should be made to the hon. secretary of the Federation (5, Victoria Street, S.W.1).

A meeting of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers will be held in Birmingham on Thursday and Friday, Jan. 25 and 26. Programme: Thursday, 8.30 p.m., business meeting, Queen's Hotel, New Street Station. Friday, 9.30 a.m., organized visits to iron foundries in the area. 2.30 p.m. at gymnasium of the Birmingham Accident Hospital, Bath Row, papers will be read by: (1) a representative of the Council of the Iron Foundries Association, on "Iron Foundries"; (2) Dr. G. F. Keatinge, medical officer, The Butterley Co. Ltd., Derby, "Health in Iron Foundries." After the papers there will be a discussion.

The Association of Clinical Pathologists will hold a meeting in London on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 26 and 27, at 9.30 a.m. at the Westminster Hospital School of Medicine.

The Royal Sanitary Institute announces the following sessional meetings: Jan. 27, at 10.30 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Sheffield; papers on "Some Aspects of Water Supply," by Mr. J. Noel Wood, general manager and engineer, Sheffield Corporation Waterworks; and "A Review of the Treatment of Cerebro-spinal Fever," by Dr. J. M. Kennedy, medical superintendent, Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield. Feb. 14, at 2.30 p.m. at the Institute (90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1), papers on "Ventilation of Dwellings," by Dr. T. Bedford, of the Industrial Health Research Board, and Dr. J. Greenwood Wilson, M.O.H. Cardiff. March 2, at 3 p.m. at the Public Library, Turners Hill, Cheshunt, papers on "Post-War Housing Requirements."

Mr. Desmond MacCarthy, LL.D., will deliver the Lloyd Roberts Lecture at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, S.W. Subject: "Psychology in Literature."

Doctors will shortly receive a copy of the Ministry of Food's new booklet (M.E.D.2), which supersedes earlier issues, on special rations and allowances to invalids and persons requiring special diets. Further copies may be obtained on application to the Ministry of Food, Welfare (Foods) Branch, Mount Stewart Hotel, Colwyn Bay.

The Ministry of Food announces that dried bananas are available in amounts up to 14 lb. a month, for adult patients with steatorrhoea. Applications should be made to the local Food Office, accompanied by proof that steatorrhoea is present, such proof including an analysis of the patient's stools for fat.