

inspired all those who worked with him to give of their best, with the result that we got through an amazing volume of work which was a constant source of wonder to succeeding generations of residents and theatre sisters; all fell under his spell. I acted as his anaesthetist for 21 years, and his death deprives me of a very great friend and valued colleague; his superb technique made my work for him a real pleasure. He was a mine of information on any subject and possessed a keen sense of humour. His axioms and aphorisms uttered during operations will long be remembered and with profit by all colleagues in Aylesbury, and by many generations of residents. In no circumstance of hazard or of exasperation have I seen him lose his head or his temper; he was only intolerant of inefficiency. He carried on his work here until very shortly before his death, which has deprived us of a surgeon difficult to replace. We have the memory of a loyal friend and colleague which time will not readily efface.

We regret to announce the death on Jan. 12 at his home in Dublin of Dr. JOHN AGAR MATSON, a former President of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland and consulting physician to the Richmond and other Dublin hospitals. Dr. Matson studied at Trinity College, Dublin, graduated B.A. in 1886, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. in 1888, and M.D. in 1889; he also obtained a special certificate in gynaecology when taking the licence in midwifery at the Rotunda Hospital. After qualification he spent some time in England as clinical assistant to the Great Northern Central Hospital, London, and house-surgeon to the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool. On returning to Dublin he worked as resident at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital. Dr. Matson took the licence of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland in 1901, the Membership in 1903, and was elected a Fellow in 1904. He served as censor in medicine, held office as Vice-President of the College in 1929, and was President in 1934; he also acted as censor in medicine for the Irish Royal College of Surgeons. He published clinical papers in the *Transactions of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland* and in the *Dublin Journal of Medical Sciences*. Dr. Matson joined the British Medical Association as long ago as 1889.

We regret to record the death on Jan. 24 of DAVID LIVINGSTON HAMILTON at Cambridge. He was born on Jan. 27, 1864, and was educated at Ledwich and Carmichael College, Dublin, and Owens College, Manchester, qualifying L.R.C.P. and L.R.C.S.Ed. and L.R.F.P.S.Glas. in 1887 and L.M. Coombe Hospital in 1886. He obtained the F.R.C.S.Ed. in 1895. In 1902 he was elected honorary anaesthetist to the Southern Hospital, Manchester. Dr. Hamilton practised for many years at Great Missenden, Bucks, and later at Dover. On being evacuated from Dover in 1941 he purchased a practice at Cambridge and continued to work there until a few days before his death. He was a much-loved doctor, and his unfailing kindness caused his patients to look up to him not only as their physician but as their guide and friend. Though his practice was extensive he never failed to keep himself abreast of new advances. For many years he was a keen Volunteer and Territorial officer, and was promoted lieutenant-col. in the R.A.M.C.(T.) in 1911. During the 1914-18 war he commanded No. 82 Field Ambulance in France and was later appointed D.A.D.M.S. to the 1st Army in England. He took a considerable interest in the St. John Ambulance Brigade and was awarded the honour of Serving Brother in 1934. He married in 1885 Miss Helen Ida Bagge, who died in 1903, and in 1922 he married Miss Gertrude Marshall, whose devoted care did much to enable him to carry on a busy practice to the advanced age of 80. His family consisted of three sons, all of whom are now serving in the Forces, and two daughters.

The Services

Lieut.-Gen. Sir James A. Hartigan, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has been appointed Colonel Commandant of the R.A.M.C. for 1945, and Major-Gen. J. P. Helliwell, C.B.E., M.R.C.S., Colonel Commandant of the Army Dental Corps for 1945.

The name of Fl. Lieut. R. V. Robinson, R.A.F.V.R., was omitted from the list of Air Force medical officers mentioned in dispatches (*Journal*, Jan. 20, p. 98).

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Died from injuries.—Lieut.-Col. Martin Patrick Conroy, I.M.S.
Prisoner of war.—Capt. J. W. Logan, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a Congregation held on Jan. 26 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.B., B.Chir.—J. D. Andrew, E. L. Arnold, D. V. Bates, *T. C. Beard, W. M. Bennett, J. H. E. Bergin, I. J. Carré, W. R. Cole, *C. H. de Boer, E. D. Dyson, T. P. S. Frew, S. A. M. Garibian, H. McC. Giles, P. F. Haggart, F. G. J. Hayhoe, P. R. Headley, J. G. Holmes, D. G. James, E. G. Jenner, E. D. Jones, J. D. S. Knight, A. G. Leatham, P. F. Lucas, E. T. G. Meade-Waldo, J. M. Morgan, M. W. L. Mutch, E. W. Nation, W. J. Naumton, G. A. Newsholme, D. A. Pond, P. K. Robinson, G. H. Searle, K. W. Symons, *J. M. Thomas, W. E. W. Tilleke, *J. Updell, D. P. Wheatley, R. A. Womersley, K. A. A. Wray, M. F. T. Yealland.
B.Chir.—R. O. Lee.

* In person.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a meeting of Council held on Jan. 27, with the President, Mr. Eardley Holland, in the chair, the following candidates were elected to the Membership:

Amelia E. Burch, J. P. O. Erskine, E. Garland-Collins, A. B. Hay, J. Karnicki, Gladys E. Keith, Dorothea M. Kerslake, Sybil G. Mocatta, Dorothy M. Shotton, B. G. G. Spiers, Dorothy J. Thompson.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

At a quarterly comitia of the Royal College of Physicians of London held on Jan. 25, with the President, Lord Moran, in the chair, it was announced that a committee was being set up to consider the problems arising out of demobilization. A memorandum was received on the future organization of the psychiatric services.

The following candidates, having satisfied the Censors' Board, were elected Members of the College:

J. F. Ackroyd, M.B.Brist.; *G. M. Barrett, M.B.Camb., Lieut., R.A.M.C.; *M. P. Bhagat, M.D.Bombay; Georgiana M. Bonser, M.D.Manch.; R. J. Cairns, M.B.Lond.; *P. L. C. Carrier, M.D.Lond., Lieut.-Col., R.A.M.C.; *L. B. Carruthers, M.D.Kingston, Ontario; *P. K. Chattopadhyay, M.B.Calcutta; *N. S. Clark, M.B.Aberd., Major, R.A.M.C.; *A. M. Dawes, M.B.Lond., Capt., R.A.M.C.; D. P. Degenhardt, M.B.Ed.; C. E. Dent, M.B.Lond.; M. A. Foyer, M.B.Camb.; *R. H. Girdwood, M.B.Ed., Capt., R.A.M.C.; T. A. Grimson, M.B.Lond.; R. H. R. Hartley, L.R.C.P.; C. F. Hawkins, M.B.Lond.; T. C. Highton, M.B.Liverp., Temp. Surg. Lieut., R.N.V.R.; *J. C. Houston, M.B.Lond., Capt., R.A.M.C.; E. A. Hunter, M.B.Lond.; *M. R. Jeffrey, M.B.Camb.; A. T. Jones, M.D.Liverp.; *M. R. Joseph, Major, R.A.M.C.; *A. C. Kendall, M.B.Birm., Capt., R.A.M.C.; *H. S. Khandheria, M.B.Bombay; H. Levy, M.D.Berne; C. M. Little, M.B.Camb.; S. Locket, L.R.C.P.; *D. Macaulay, M.B.Glas., Capt., I.A.M.C.; *J. G. McGill, M.D.Belf., Capt., R.A.M.C.; W. A. Maclure, M.B.Glas., Surg. Lieut., R.N.V.R.; W. Mayer-Gross, M.D.Heidelberg; *J. K. Mehta, M.D.Bombay; *A. B. Mukerjee, M.B.Calcutta; J. M. Naish, M.B.Camb., Surg. Lieut., R.N.V.R.; *M. J. Parsonage, M.B.Manch., Capt., R.A.M.C.; *S. Renfrew, M.B.Glas., Capt., R.A.M.C.; *J. L. Reynolds, M.B.New Zealand, Capt., R.A.M.C.; *E. N. Rowlands, M.D.Manch., Major, R.A.M.C.; R. D. W. Schofield, M.B.Lond.; *S. M. Shah, M.B.Bombay; E. G. Sita, M.B.Camb., Surg. Lieut., R.N.V.R.; J. Sondheimer, M.B.Lond.; *R. Subramaniam, M.D.Madras; G. I. M. Swyer, B.M.Oxon.; Margaret D. Thompson, M.B.Birm.; R. D. Tonkin, M.B.Lond., Fl. Lieut., R.A.F.; *W. D. Wallace, M.B.Sheffield, Capt., R.A.M.C.; *M. Ware, M.B.Lond., Capt., R.A.M.C.; B. G. Wells, M.B.Lond.; J. R. F. Williams, M.B.Lond.; *A. W. Woodruff, M.D.Durham, Squad. Ldr., R.A.F.

* In absentia.

Licences to practise were granted to the following 125 candidates (including 19 women) who had passed the Final Examinations in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery of the Conjoint Board, and have complied with the necessary by-laws:

Hildegard C. Abraham, R. A. Allen, Alison H. C. Alwyn-Smith, R. Andrew, E. A. Balls, W. A. D. Barwise, M. A. Bernays, A. E. Bernstein, K. A. Bhagan, F. J. A. H. Blackwood, R. A. Boland, Daphne V. Bousfield, R. G. L. Brittain, B. H. Brock, A. S. V. Burgen, J. S. Campbell, R. J. F. Campbell, A. A. Cohen, D. H. P. Cope, H. J. P. Davies, Margaret E. Davies, R. De Vere, D. Dooley, E. J. Dowling, J. M. Drew, M. W. Eddings, K. A. Elliott, T. Ellis, Edith M. Evans, T. A. Evershed, R. C. Farrow, Ruth M. Fawcett, N. R. Fenton, W. N. Fitzpatrick, M. W. Fordham, W. P. Foster, A. T. H. Glanville, F. J. Goodey, M. V. Guilment, K. J. Gurling, J. Harding Cox, Mary L. Hare, J. E. Holgate, J. G. Holmes, E. H. Hopkinson, Dorothy I. Howes, Mary P. Hughes, M. F. Hunt, Flavia Z. L. B. James, R. M. Jenner, Moyra P. C. Johnson, E. D. Jones, S. Jones, I. M. Kahan, A. P. Kalra, W. de M. Kellock, D. R. Laurence, S. Levine, D. O. Lloyd, H. R. Lomax, Margaret D. T. Lord, G. E. Luke, R. P. C. MacDonald, Kathleen M. M. McDougall, J. R. Macintyre, C. B. McKerrow, D. MacKinnon, Nora S. McRaith, H. B. Marsden, J. D. Martin, S. Mason, G. Mizbah, M. G. Moore, A. V. Morse, E. W. Nation, G. F. Newbold, D. R. L. Newton, D. P. Nicholson, T. M. Nott-Bower, P. R. Ormrod, G. P. Oxborough, G. Pollitt, Jean P. Popple, R. W. Povey, T. H. Powell, I. H. Pratt, J. M. Reed, A. P. Roberts, J. M. Roberts, J. H. Robinson, G. J. Romanes, G. A. Rundle, E. L. N. S. Sack, R. G. H. Salkeld, A. O. Sankey, H. Schwartz, M. G. Scott, Elizabeth M. Sefton, J. Sharp, A. F. Sheldon, D. W. S. Sheldon, C. B. Sherer, J. P. Shillingford, S. Shubsachs, D. B. Spanton, J. Stafford, G. W. Storey, H. D. Symon, S. D. Tejani, A. E. Thomas, Betty Thomas, J. L. Thomas, N. A. Thorne, C. Todd, G. Twynholm-Mason, Vivian M. N. Osborne, P. H. Vernon, P. Watson, P. Weinstein, D. P. Wheatley, P. J. Wilkinson, Olwen D. Williams, D. H. Woodhead, M. F. T. Yealland, G. Yerbury.

Diplomas in Child Health and in Anaesthetics were granted jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England to the candidates whose names were published in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the *Journal* of Dec. 30, 1944 (p. 871) and Diplomas in Public Health, in Psychological

Medicine, and in Laryngology and Otology were granted jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England to the candidates whose names were published in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the *Journal* of Jan. 27 (p. 135).

CONJOINT BOARD IN SCOTLAND

The following candidates, having passed the requisite examinations, have been admitted L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.&S.Glas.:

W. C. Adam, J. H. Beckford, M. G. Blackwood, G. W. Blueglass, W. J. Connelly, A. W. Craig, B. Cutler, A. A. Donaldson, L. P. Eaton, J. Fegan, T. M. Glaister, S. M. Harris, Cecilia M. Hofer, Jean Hughes, J. D. Jack, S. Jesner, Helen T. Kilpatrick, S. J. MacKinnon, A. McKirdy, W. D. MacLennan, A. B. Marshall, A. L. Nowell, D. Peebles, D. R. L. Peill, F. C. Place, W. Roberts, J. Rubin, D. G. Scott, A. A. El Serougi, B. M. Steen.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

Mr. Eardley Holland, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, will deliver a lecture on "The New Obstetrics and Gynaecology" at Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, E.C., on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 2.30 p.m. Members of the medical profession and senior students are invited to attend.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Relief for Channel Islands

In the House of Lords on Jan. 30 the EARL OF MUNSTER, replying to Lord Portsea, said that the Government was doing everything it could to supplement the basic rations of the civil population in the Channel Islands. Representatives of the International Red Cross, who had visited the islands, stated that the unloading and disposal of the supplies taken in her first voyage by the *Vega* had proceeded satisfactorily, and he took it that the supplies were now in the hands of the civil population. The *Vega* was damaged in harbour in Guernsey, and repairs had become necessary, but she would sail on her second trip on Feb. 1. When she sailed again she would carry as many as possible of the articles which were recommended by the Red Cross representative. The stores she would carry would include soap and salt, medical supplies and drugs, and more food parcels, and would do a great deal to alleviate the position. The question of evacuating seriously ill persons who could not receive proper medical attention in the islands was discussed by the Red Cross representatives, and the matter was being actively pursued by the Government.

Medical Care of Returned P.O.W.

On Jan. 30 Sir ERNEST GRAHAM-LITTLE asked the Minister of Health whether he would inquire into the medical accommodation supplied to prisoners of war on their return to this country with a view to its improvement; and if he was aware that the conditions provided for prisoners with tuberculosis were such as to disturb Service welfare workers. Mr. WILLINK: Returning prisoners of war have the benefit of all the resources of the Emergency Hospital Scheme, where the Service Department concerned requests that they be treated under that scheme. As regards those suffering from tuberculosis whose condition calls for sanatorium treatment, special measures are taken to secure their admission to a sanatorium, but in the present difficulties of limited accommodation it is not always possible to avoid a short waiting period at home, during which the patient is under the expert care of the tuberculosis officer. If Sir Ernest Graham-Little has in mind any particular case for which he considers that inadequate provision has been made I shall be glad to make inquiries.

Women Doctors in Government Departments

On Jan. 23 Capt. PRESCOTT asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether there was a general ban on the employment in Government Departments of married women doctors; and whether, in view of their special qualifications, especially for employment in the Ministry of Health, he would consider action to secure their employment in suitable cases. Sir JOHN ANDERSON: The normal rule is that married women are ineligible for appointment to established posts in the Civil Service, and that women holding such posts should be required to resign on marriage; but an exception may be made, upon application by the woman concerned, in any case where it is considered that the employment of a married woman is advisable in the light of her special qualifications, or special experience in relation to the duties required of her, or of the special requirements of the Department concerned. In view of the power to make exceptions in such cases, no special action seems to be needed in relation to women doctors.

Capt. PRESCOTT: In view of the shortage of doctors at the present time—a shortage which is likely to continue in the future—and of the special adaptability of women doctors for certain branches of the Service, ought not the general ban to be lifted? Sir JOHN ANDERSON: The case of doctors is certainly very special, and, as I have just explained, the general rule can be relaxed. I know of no case in which permission has been refused to a woman doctor. Capt. PRESCOTT asked why the ban should be retained, and if it was not redundant. But Sir JOHN ANDERSON replied that that was a matter of debate.

Nurses Bill

In the House of Lords on Jan. 23 the EARL OF LISTOWEL moved the second reading of the Nurses Bill, the object of which is to correct a drafting error in the Nurses Act and the Nurses (Scotland) Act. He explained that these Acts were intended to protect private patients or hospital authorities from unfair treatment—such as demands for excessive fees or the ministrations of unqualified nurses—on the part of nursing agencies to which they applied for assistance in cases of illness. Certain conditions to which these agencies, or nurses' co-operations, had to conform were laid down in the two Acts, in order to prevent these abuses, but the expression "agency for the supply of nurses" was so drafted that it might be taken to cover innocuous organizations like county and district nursing associations. The only way to safeguard these associations and the district nurses, as well as to apply the necessary control to the nurses' co-operations, was to narrow down the meaning of "agency for the supply of nurses" and exclude from the regulations those excellent bodies with which no one had ever desired to interfere. This the Bill did. The Bill was read a second time.

Sale of T.T. Cattle.—Mr. TOM WILLIAMS on Jan. 25 told Gen. Clifton Brown that cows which had passed a tuberculin test were being sold at markets as such, though they had not come from tuberculin-tested herds. The only markets subject to official regulation as to the classes of cattle that might be sold were those authorized under the Tuberculosis (Attested Herds) Scheme. At such markets the only cattle that could now be sold were cattle from herds within this scheme, and cattle from herds licensed for the production of tuberculin-tested milk.

Notes in Brief

In 1943, 5,796 people were killed on the roads and 116,740 were injured. In the first 11 months of 1944 the corresponding figures were 5,807 and 112,833.

A scheme is under consideration for the control of malaria in Mauritius involving capital expenditure estimated to amount to £1,500,000. Antimalarial work is being carried out in the island.

Medical News

Sir John Boyd Orr, M.D., F.R.S., has resigned the post of director of the Rowett Research Institute, Bucksburn, Aberdeenshire, and the vacancy will be advertised at an early date. The post carries with it the directorship of the Imperial Bureau of Nutrition and the editorship of *Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews*.

At the next meeting of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, to be held at 26, Portland Place, W., on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 3 p.m., Prof. P. A. Buxton, F.R.S., will read a paper on the use of the new insecticide D.D.T. in relation to the problems of tropical medicine.

A meeting of the Middlesex County Medical Society will be held at Staines County Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m., when papers will be read by Dr. A. Barham-Carter on "The Treatment of Some Hysterical Manifestations," and Mr. N. M. Matheson on "The Diagnosis of Urinary Tuberculosis." A discussion will follow.

The Chadwick Trust has arranged the following lectures: Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2.30 p.m., at Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 26, Portland Place, W., Dr. J. D. Rolleston, "The War and Infectious Disease." Tuesday, March 13, 2.30 p.m., at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., Dr. Albert Parker, "Atmospheric Pollution." Tuesday, April 10, 2.30 p.m., at Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., Mr. A. Trystan Edwards, "Sunlight and Sanitation in Relation to the Planning of Buildings." Tuesday, May 8, 2.30 p.m., at Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Mr. Eardley Holland, "On the Importance of a Maternity Service in the Life of the Nation." Thursday, June 14, 4 p.m., at Chelsea Physic Garden, Swan Walk, S.W., Mr. C. J. Layton, "Health and Horticulture." Admission to all the lectures is free and tickets are not required.

Dr. Simon Wigoder has been elected alderman and returning officer for the North Ward of the Borough of Morley.