

## The Services

The Institute of Aeronautical Sciences of the United States has presented to Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham, Director-General of the R.A.F. Medical Services, its John Jeffries award for 1944.

Temp. Surg. Lieut. G. J. Potts, R.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches for gallantry, determination, and devotion to duty in the assault on and capture of the island of Walcheren.

Lieut. K. C. Stephenson, R.A.M.C., and Jamadar R. D. Chowdhury, I.A.M.C., have been awarded the M.C. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy.

Capt. J. R. O. Thompson, R.A.M.C., has been posthumously awarded the George Cross in recognition of most conspicuous gallantry in carrying out hazardous work. The citation reads:

The award is for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty on board hospital ships since the start of the war, notably on the *Paris* at Dunkirk in May, 1940, and on the *St. David* at Sicily, Salerno, and at Anzio, when in each instance, in spite of repeated dive-bombing attacks and enemy shell-fire, he showed indifference to danger and physical exhaustion in the care of his patients. At Anzio on the night of Jan. 24, 1944, when the *St. David* was sinking rapidly as the result of a direct bomb-hit, he organized parties to carry the seriously wounded to safety in the boats and was thus instrumental in saving many lives. When the ship was obviously about to founder and all were ordered to save themselves, he returned alone in a last effort to save the one remaining helpless patient still lying trapped below. It is presumed that Capt. Thompson went down with the ship.

The *London Gazette* has announced the following appointments, awards, and mentions in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in North-West Europe:

*C.B.E. (Military Division).*—Brigs. (Temp.) H. L. G. Hughes, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.M.C., Reserve of Officers, A. E. Porritt, O.B.E., and Q. V. B. Wallace, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C.

*O.B.E. (Military Division).*—Cols. (Temp.) R. D. Cameron, M.C., and K. A. MacD. Tomory, R.A.M.C., and C. Helm, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.M.C., Reserve of Officers; Majors (Lieut.-Cols.) E. Catford, W. M. Evans, M.C., L. R. H. Keatinge, S. C. H. Lane, A. MacLennan, P. R. Mitchell, and I am M. Paton, R.A.M.C., Col. B. C. Leech, and Lieut.-Col. (Acting Col.) C. D. Gossage, R.C.A.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Major (Temp. Lieut.-Col.) W. S. Harvey; Capt. (Temp. Majors) F. J. S. Bowman, N. R. Butcher, F. O'K. Craven, H. Kennedy, R. L. MacPherson, and H. K. Meller; Capt. F. R. B. H. Kennedy, R.A.M.C.; Majors J. G. Jose, J. C. Luke, and R. A. Mustard, R.C.A.M.C.

*D.S.O.*—Major (Temp. Lieut.-Col.) A. McC. Campbell, R.A.M.C. *Bar to the M.C.*—Capt. F. W. Hayter, M.C., R.C.A.M.C.

*M.C.*—Capt. P. W. Henderson, J. Johnston, and J. M. Murphy, R.A.M.C. Capt. H. L. Handford and W. S. Huckvale, R.C.A.M.C.

*Mentioned in Dispatches.*—Col. (Temp.) C. E. Eccles, O.B.E., and Major (Temp. Lieut.-Col.) C. D. Evans, O.B.E., R.A.M.C.

The *London Gazette* has announced the following appointments, awards, and mentions in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:

*O.B.E. (Military Division).*—Col. C. S. Thompson; Lieut.-Cols. J. P. Laplante and J. A. Noble, R.C.A.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Majors J. L. M. Anderson, A. M. Doyle, and P. A. Scott, R.C.A.M.C.

*D.S.O.*—Col. H. M. Elder, R.C.A.M.C.

*Mentioned in Dispatches.*—Col. G. A. Sinclair, Lieut.-Col. J. H. Palmer, Majors G. M. Bastedo, J. K. Bell, J. A. Bradshaw, D. R. E. MacLeod, E. A. MacNaughton, P. J. Maloney, J. A. Melanson, E. Quehl, L. J. Quinn, J. G. Shannon, F. L. Shipp, P. M. Spence, A. R. Tanner, and P. K. Tisdale, Capt. G. C. Bowes, J. A. Gow and T. Statten, R.C.A.M.C.

The *London Gazette* has announced the following appointments and awards in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma and on the Eastern Frontier of India:

*O.B.E. (Military Division).*—Cols. (Temp.) R. A. Anderson and W. J. Officer; Majors (Temp. Lieut.-Cols.) J. A. Baty, J. G. M. A. Brunet, A. D. Davidson, M. H. P. Sayers; Capt. (Temp. Major) A. E. Jowett, R.A.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Capt. H. M. Jamison and K. McCaul, R.A.M.C.; Capt. L. N. B. Raja and Subadars D. Mohd and L. Ram, I.A.M.C.

*M.C.*—Capt. (Temp. Major) (Acting Lieut.-Col.) A. Burns, and Capt. J. W. R. Battram and D. Mitchell, R.A.M.C.; Capt. (Temp. Major) U. S. Sidhu, Capt. K. C. D. Gupta and P. C. Sarkar, Lieut. (Acting Capt.) B. G. Kiddle, and Subadar S. Singh, I.A.M.C.

### CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

*Killed in action in Burma.*—Capt. John Ravenhill Sweeting, R.A.M.C.

*Killed as the result of an accident, while on active service.*—War Subs. Capt. Gerald Arthur Richards, R.A.M.C.

*Wounded.*—War Subs. Capt. S. D. Stock, O.B.E., R.A.M.C.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In Congregation on Feb. 6 the University accepted gratefully from the Rockefeller Foundation £1,200 for biochemical investigations of penicillin during the year beginning March 1, under the direction of the professor of pathology, Sir Howard Florey.

In a Congregation held on Jan. 25 the following medical degrees were conferred:

D.M.—\*W. A. Young.  
B.M., B.Ch.—N. D. Ashe, M. J. T. Hewetson, \*A. G. Beckett, \*M. R. Williams, \*J. T. Wright, \*B. A. Eilenberg.  
\* In absence.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parenthesis: *Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine*: Dr. A. N. Drury, F.R.S. (Pathology). *University College*: Dr. R. A. Gregory (Physiology); Dr. H. O. Schild (Pharmacology). *St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School*: Dr. C. C. N. Vass (Physiology). *St. George's Hospital Medical School*: Mr. J. R. Peacock, F.R.C.S. (Oto-rhino-laryngology). *London Hospital Medical College*: Mr. R. W. Watson-Jones, F.R.C.S. (Orthopaedics); Dr. H. L. Wilson, F.R.C.P. (Mental Diseases). *Royal Veterinary College*: Dr. E. C. Amoroso (Histology and Embryology).

In and after 1945 the first examination for medical degrees held in December will be normally open only to the following:

(1) Candidates who have been "referred" in one subject at a previous examination. (2) Candidates exempted from one or two subjects of the examination. (3) Candidates who produce a medical certificate that they were prevented by ill-health from sitting for the examination in the previous July.

### UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Brian Schofield, M.B., B.Chir., has been appointed demonstrator in human physiology, and N. J. Caldwell, L.M.S.S.A., demonstrator in pathology.

### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

The Council of the University has accepted, with great regret, the resignation of Mr. George Wilkinson, M.B., F.R.C.S., of his post of Lecturer in the History of Medicine, and has thanked him for his valuable services to the University and its forerunners over a period of 51 years.

The Council has made the following appointments: Honorary Lecturer in the History of Medicine, Prof. E. F. Finch, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Temporary Demonstrator in Anatomy, W. J. W. Sharrard, M.B., Ch.B.; Honorary Lecturer in Psychology in the Faculty of Medicine, J. Carson, M.B., Ch.B.; Tutor for Diseases of Children, C. H. Rosenberg, M.B., Ch.B.

### QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—\*H. F. W. Fry, †J. H. Bruce, †T. T. Fulton, †W. McG. Lowry, †W. H. McDaniel, †J. K. Morrison, †M. W. Wilkin, J. T. Boyd, H. E. Busby, M. Byrne, R. S. Casement, W. F. Colburn, Sheelah B. Cosgrove, F. C. McC. Coyne, Eileen M. Craven, T. H. G. Dick, W. J. Elwood, T. P. Fearis, T. Gilchrist, C. J. Gilligan, W. A. Gilmore, G. T. C. Hamilton, F. E. Henderson, F. D. Honneyman, J. C. S. Houston, J. K. Hunter, Lucy M. Hunter, D. B. Kenny, Sophia E. Kernohan, Kathleen M. King, A. Kirkpatrick, Mary A. H. Lawson, Patricia M. Leitch, C. G. Lowry, H. D. C. McCaldin, S. G. McComb, J. A. McHugh, O. K. B. Moreland, Claire E. Morris, B. Mullally, R. A. Nelly, W. J. Patterson, T. W. Roddie, Gladys G. Seymour, M. McK. Shaw, J. T. Shepherd, Elizabeth Sherrard, Jessie H. Sloan, B. T. Smyth, J. Stewart, D. H. Tweedie, A. L. Wells, Mary Williams, P. J. K. Wilson, R. D. Wright.

\* With first-class honours. † With second-class honours.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

Professional lectures on applied physiology, by Prof. John Beattie, at 2.30 p.m., and on anatomy, by Prof. A. J. E. Cave, at 4 p.m., will be delivered at the College, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from Feb. 19 to March 16 inclusive. Details will be published in the diary column of the *Supplement* week by week.

At an ordinary meeting of the Council on Feb. 8, with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, President, in the chair, resolutions of condolence were passed on the death of Sir Buckston Browne and Mr. Cecil A. Joll. Prof. Ernest Finch of Sheffield was elected a member of the Court of Examiners for a period of three years. The Association of Municipal Specialists was admitted to the joint secretariat under the auspices of the College at 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Mr. McAdam Eccles was reappointed a representative of the College on the British Social Hygiene Council for the year 1945. The Council received from Mrs. Braithwaite a portrait by Frank O. Salisbury of the late Leonard Ralph Braithwaite, F.R.C.S., formerly Vice-President of the College.

Diplomas of membership were granted to Diana M. Beyts, R. McK. Laslett, and W. D. G. Tellam, and to the 125 candidates whose names were printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London in the *Journal* of Feb. 10 (p. 203).

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

B. H. C. Matthews, C.B., ScD., will deliver the Oliver-Sharpey Lectures at the College on Tuesday, March 13, and Thursday, March 15, at 4 p.m. His subjects are "The Effects of High Altitude on Man," and "The Effects of Mechanical Stresses on Man," respectively.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the College held on Feb. 6, with the President, Dr. A. Fergus Hewat, in the chair, Dr. W. F. T. Haultain was introduced and took his seat as a Fellow of the College, and Dr. D. R. Maitland and Dr. I. Douglas-Wilson were elected Fellows.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

At the monthly meeting of the College, held on Feb. 2, Dr. Robert Henry Micks, F.R.C.P.I., was elected King's Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy.

The following were admitted Licentiates and Members of the College: J. D. Kennedy, Anne McMahon, W. E. O'C. C. Powell, R. Wilson.

#### WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL

An examination for two entrance scholarships in anatomy and physiology will be held on March 6 and 7. Applications for further particulars should reach the secretary, Westminster Hospital Medical School, 17, Horseferry Road, S.W.1, not later than Feb. 26.

## Medical Notes in Parliament

### National Health Service

Dr. SUMMERSKILL inquired on Feb. 1 whether the Minister of Health could make a statement on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the White Paper on the Health Services. Mr. WILLINK said he was engaged in discussion of these proposals with representatives of the medical profession and others concerned, and was not yet in a position to make any statement.

### Industrial Dermatitis

Mr. IVOR THOMAS asserted on Feb. 1 that medical referees now described by other names conditions which were formerly diagnosed as industrial dermatitis. He said patients were thus deprived of their rights under the Workmen's Compensation Acts. It was a common practice, he said, to describe as eczema or pustular pompholyx what had formerly been described as industrial dermatitis. Mr. HERBERT MORRISON said he was not aware there had been such a change. The statutory definition was "dermatitis produced by dust or liquids." He did not think there was a widespread feeling that this was "an insurance company ramp." He would look into any case which Mr. Thomas had in mind.

### Research on Artificial Limbs

Major BRAITHWAITE asked the Minister of Pensions on Feb. 1 whether he had yet received any recommendations from the Departmental Committee on Artificial Limbs.

Sir WALTER WOMERSLEY: Yes, Sir. I have received an interim report which I will circulate with the official report. It recommends: (1) the appointment forthwith of an officer to undertake research and development work; and (2) the setting up of a standing advisory committee. I have accepted both recommendations, and Dr. A. W. J. Craft, whom I have selected for the research post, will shortly take up his new duties.

### Medical Care during Sick Leave

Sir GEORGE JEFFREYS asked the Secretary of State for War whether he was aware that wounded officers and other ranks on sick leave were ordered to attend before medical boards at the hospital in which they were treated on their first return to this country, regardless of the distance from their homes or places of residence; and whether he would arrange in future for such officers and men to attend both for any necessary treatment and for medical boards at the nearest suitable hospital to the address at which they were residing while on sick leave. Sir JAMES GRIGG said that whenever possible medical boards on wounded officers and other ranks returning to this country

were held before they were sent on leave, whether it was disembarkation leave, normal privilege leave, or, in the case of officers, sick leave. If at any time, owing to the numbers involved, this was not possible, the rule was that the patient should have his medical board at the hospital to which he was assigned for treatment. This should be as near to his home as possible, except in cases where he required special treatment and must be sent to a hospital with the appropriate facilities. He was aware that in a few cases this procedure had not been properly carried out, and that some men had been returned unnecessarily to the hospital where they were first treated on return to this country. Steps were being taken to prevent this.

### Water Bill

The Water Bill, 1945, which was introduced in the House of Commons on Feb. 2, for the first time places on the Minister of Health the statutory duty of providing adequate water supplies and conserving of water resources throughout England and Wales. Among the main proposals of the Bill are the following: The Government's Central Advisory Water Committee is to be reconstituted as a statutory body. Surveys of bulk needs of large areas are to be continued where necessary in England and Wales by Joint Advisory Water Committees. The Minister of Health is to have power to call for information and statistics from all water authorities and other users of water. Existing local organization is to be retained, but the Minister's powers of direction and powers in cases of default are to be strengthened; amalgamation of undertakings and joint action are to be encouraged and, if necessary, enforced to secure efficiency and economy. Special steps are to be taken to protect water resources, especially underground ones, against misuse, waste, and pollution. In some instances a licence will be necessary in future before new wells can be made or existing ones enlarged. There will be penalties for pollution of water used for human consumption. Statutory undertakers are to be permitted, subject to proper safeguards, to take water from rivers and streams on reasonable conditions, and to acquire land by agreement or compulsorily. Local authorities are required to see that mains are brought wherever practicable to a suitable point which will enable a house to be connected at a reasonable cost, and that a piped supply is brought into the house.

### Refresher Courses for Service Doctors

On Feb. 6 Sir E. GRAHAM-LITTLE asked the Minister of Health whether he would include in his scheme to provide refresher courses for serving medical officers, qualified and registered practitioners now serving in His Majesty's Forces not as medical officers. Mr. WILLINK: Yes, Sir.

### Medical Officers of Health for Europe

On Feb. 6 Sir H. MORRIS-JONES asked the Minister of Health how many medical officers of health for counties, county boroughs, or urban district councils were at present being enrolled for work in the freed countries of Europe; how many had agreed to take up this work; and what arrangements were being made to look after the public health of this country in view of the present scarcity of medical personnel in civilian life. Mr. WILLINK said that 40 local authorities had been invited to consider the temporary release of medical officers for service with the civil affairs organizations in the liberated countries of Europe. So far 14 authorities had signified their consent. When a medical officer was being seconded in this way, arrangements for carrying on his public health duties in the area concerned were made by reorganization of the authority's medical staff or, in some instances, by transferring or sharing the services of a medical officer of another authority.

### Fatal Smallpox Cases in Scotland

On Feb. 6 Mr. LEACH asked the Secretary of State for Scotland whether his Department made any inquiry into the deaths from vaccination or associated with vaccination performed during the smallpox outbreak in 1942; how many of such deaths were eventually discovered; the areas in which they occurred; and where the 10 deaths from vaccination or post-vaccinal encephalitis mentioned in the report on the Edinburgh smallpox outbreak occurred. Mr. JOHNSTON said that medical officers of his Department were in close and constant touch with medical officers of health during the period of this outbreak, and paid special attention to deaths associated with vaccination. During the period 21 such deaths were reported. Of these 10 were in Edinburgh, 5 in Fife, 4 in Glasgow, 1 in Lanarkshire, and 1 in Midlothian. The 10 deaths mentioned in the recently published report by the Edinburgh public health department all occurred in Edinburgh.