

his keen sense of humour, and often his colleagues would enjoy the sound of his laughter in the intervals of work in the theatre. He took an active part in hospital politics, and was fearless and downright in expressing his views in the board-room: his doggedness was mitigated by his eminent fair-mindedness, and was valued and liked even by his most persistent opponents; by his death his hospital has lost an outstandingly valuable counsellor. Woods did not allow his infirmities to deprive him of one open-air pastime; as a fisherman he excelled, being an expert entomologist making his own flies, and learned in the ways of trout. In spite of his artificial leg he would overcome the difficulties and rough conditions of Welsh trout streams during his scanty leisure. Recent times added to his professional labours, but in spite of advancing years, pain, and disablement, his undaunted spirit carried him on, perhaps to shorten his days, though that would never deter him. Swansea has lost a very notable man; he will not be forgotten.

H. W. G.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In a Congregation held on Feb. 12 the name of R. H. S. Thompson, D.M., Fellow of University College, duly nominated by the Board of the Faculty of Medicine as Dean of the Medical School from Feb. 1 to Oct. 1, 1946 (vice K. J. Franklin, D.M., F.R.C.P., Fellow of Oriel College, resigned) was submitted to the House and approved.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

#### *Postgraduate Courses for Ex-Service Medical Officers*

It is proposed to hold 14-day refresher courses in general medicine for medical officers released from H.M. Forces at the Southend-on-Sea General Hospital commencing April 1, and at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, in July. There will also be a 14-day course in social and industrial medicine at Luton in May. Assistance will be given in procuring accommodation for the Southend course on application to the secretary, Southend-on-Sea General Hospital. General practitioners may attend these courses should vacancies occur. Further particulars and forms of entry may be obtained from Dr. Firth, Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

At a Congregation held on Feb. 9 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—A. C. Cunliffe, J. W. Lacey.  
M.B., B.Chir.—F. T. J. Hobday, \*M. W. P. Ward, \*P. K. Ledger, \*J. H. Gough, \*J. O. P. Edgcombe, \*J. B. Metcalfe, \*P. H. Hewitt, J. E. Blundell, A. C. Elithorn.  
M.B.—\*C. M. Heath.

\* By proxy.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

#### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

The Professor of Anatomy, Mr. J. Z. Young, F.R.S., will give his inaugural lecture on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 5.15 p.m., in the Anatomy Lecture Theatre, with the Provost in the chair. Subject: "Patterns of Substance and Activity in the Nervous System."

### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

At a meeting of the University Council, held on Feb. 8, Charles Herbert Stuart-Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., late colonel, A.M.S., was appointed to the full-time Chair of Medicine in the University.

The Council received the resignations of Prof. Wilson Smith (professor of bacteriology); Dr. Robert Platt (lecturer in medicine, on his appointment to the Chair of Medicine in the University of Manchester); Mr. W. J. W. Sharrard (temporary demonstrator in anatomy); and Prof. A. E. Barnes (of his academic duties), and thanked them for their services to the University.

### UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

In 1944 Sir Robert M'Vittie Grant made a gift to the University of Edinburgh for the foundation of a professorship of dermatology, and the University Court has now appointed Dr. G. H. Percival to this chair, which is named after the donor. The Edinburgh Medical School was a pioneer in this country in providing systematic teaching in diseases of the skin, and the new professorship is the only one of its kind established so far in Britain. The skin department of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary was opened in 1884, and was replaced by new and much larger premises in 1936. Beyond this accommodation the municipal authorities of the city have paid much attention to the provision of beds and the organization of treatment for dermatological cases. Dr. Percival graduated in medicine in 1923, and in 1931 proceeded M.D. and was elected F.R.C.P.Ed.; five years later he was appointed a physician to the skin department

of the Royal Infirmary. He has been responsible for the later editions of Sir Norman Walker's *Introduction to Dermatology*.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the Council held on Feb. 14, with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, President, in the chair, Dr. E. Ashworth Underwood was appointed Thomas Vicary Lecturer for 1946.

The Hallett Prize was awarded to Mr. Rameash Nigam of the University of Lucknow.

Sir Heneage Ogiwie and Mr. L. E. C. Norbury were reappointed as representative members of the Council on the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, and Mr. Eardley Holland was re-elected as the representative of the College on the Central Midwives Board.

Mr. Hedley Whyte, Mr. J. B. Oldham, Mr. M. F. Nicholls, and Mr. Harold C. Edwards were re-elected members and Mr. Julian Taylor was elected a member of the Court of Examiners.

Diplomas of Membership and Diplomas in Public Health were granted jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London to the candidates whose names were published in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London in the *Journal* of Feb. 16 (p. 260).

The main library of the College was not seriously damaged when other parts of the building were bombed, and the books have now been returned to the shelves. Several tons of books had been evacuated to Downton Castle, Ludlow, Alfrick Court, Worcester, and the National Library of Wales. Rearrangement of the Library is now proceeding and the Reading Room is open once more to students from all parts of the world.

Professorial lectures on applied physiology and pathology will be given on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays throughout March (Friday, March 8, in place of Thursday, March 7). The lectures on pathology will be given by Prof. R. A. Willis. The lecturers on applied physiology include Profs. R. J. S. McDowall, Samson Wright, B. A. McSwiney, F. R. Winton, O. G. Edholm, H. P. Gilding, and W. R. Spurrell. Further particulars will be issued later.

### ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

The trustees of the Dr. James Watson Prize Fund invite applications from Fellows of the Royal Faculty to give the James Watson lecture for the year 1946-7. The subject is unrestricted but should deal with an aspect of medicine or surgery to which the lecturer has devoted special study. The lecturer's name must have been on the *Medical Register* for a period not exceeding 15 years; value of lectureship £30. Applications, indicating the proposed subject, should be in writing to the Secretary of the Royal Faculty, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, by March 15.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

At the monthly business meeting of the President and Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, held on Feb. 1, M. L. Abrahamson, J. B. Ryder, and F. S. Stewart were admitted Licentiates and Members of the College.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a meeting of the Council, held in the College House on Jan. 26, with the President, Mr. Eardley Holland, in the chair, the following candidates were elected to the Membership of the College: Constance L. Beynon, E. W. C. Buckell, W. Calvert, R. G. Cross, S. N. Gardé, Perla Greeves, Emilie E. Guthmann, W. P. Hirsch, W. Kearney, A. H. C. Walker, Margaret Weddell, May D. Westerman.

### CONJOINT BOARD IN SCOTLAND

The following candidates, having passed the final examinations, have been granted the diploma of L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.& S.Glas.:

J. B. Bale, G. Brill, J. E. Burdett, E. B. Cowan, R. M. Dykes, A. F. M. El-Nomani, G. W. Farrington, J. L. Fine, Janet H. A. Fleming, A. Foreman, Hanna M. M. Girgis, W. Henderson, Mary P. Hughes, F. J. G. Kinsella, A. K. Kuta-Dankwa, Mirdina Macrae, E. MacSweeney, Almenna M. Maragh, T. A. Morton, R. A. K. Ross, E. De S. Sar, J. S. P. Wilson.

L. Seewald, a graduate of a recognized foreign university, was also admitted a licentiate.

## The Services

The President of the U.S.A. has bestowed the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander, on Surg. Rear-Admiral C. P. G. Wakeley, C.B., for distinguishing services to the United States Medical Service.

Surg. Lieut. D. R. Rigg, R.N.V.R., has been awarded the Czechoslovak Military Medal of Merit, First Class, for service to the Czechoslovak Section of Warwick Hospital.