

The House of Commons on March 27 approved the Flour Order of March 5, 1946, increasing wheat extraction. During the discussion DR. SUMMERSKILL reported that the Ministry of Food could not say whether it intended to adulterate bread further with oats, barley, and rye. Whether calcium would again be added to the bread would depend on the advice of the Ministry's scientific advisers. As a doctor she said the extraction rate of 85% had an excellent influence on the nutritional value of the loaf. Other countries were raising the extraction rate. Many had a rate of 90%, and some of 100%. In the United States the extraction rate was going up from about 75% to 82½%.

Notes in Brief

Of 101 county and county borough mental hospitals in England and Wales, eight were wholly or mainly diverted to other uses during the war. Of the eight, one has been completely released, and parts of two others.

Mr. Attlee will not consider appointing a Minister of Sport and Physical Culture.

Returns from the local authority show that the number of cases of diphtheria notified in Darlington in 1944 among immunized children was 30, compared with 122 among children who were not immunized. Of the 10 deaths from diphtheria assigned to Darlington in 1944, 8 were of persons under 15 and 2 of persons over 15; they included no immunized child.

During 1945 the Ministry of Labour placed 2,480 women and 381 men in mental nursing or mental deficiency nursing. In addition employers engaged just over 1,000 nurses by direct contact, making a total of nearly 4,000 persons engaged for mental nursing and mental deficiency nursing during the year. The Ministry's local officers filled nearly 50,000 domestic vacancies in hospitals of all types in the same year.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Sir Francis Fraser, M.D., F.R.C.P., has been appointed director of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, which is being set up to co-ordinate and develop the facilities for postgraduate medical education in London.

Alexander Haddow, M.D., D.Sc., has been appointed to the University Chair of Experimental Pathology tenable at the Royal Cancer Hospital (Free) as from Oct. 1. Since 1940 he has been on the staff of the Chester Beatty Research Institute of the Royal Cancer Hospital.

Alan Carruth Stevenson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., has been appointed to the University Readership in Public Health tenable at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Since 1937 he has been deputy medical officer of health at Wakefield and during the war was on active service with the R.A.M.C.

The title of Reader in Pharmacology in the University has been conferred on H. O. Schild, M.D., in respect of the post now held by him at University College.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

FINAL M.B., Ch.B.—*Part II*: F. G. Anderson, Olive M. Bell, A. J. Borkin, J. H. Brenner, Mary E. Casper, Beryl G. Castell, J. B. Cowie, I. S. J. Crosbie, J. C. Davis, E. Dewsbury, Nancy V. Dilling, W. M. Edwards, W. Ellenbogen, ¹ Jeanne A. Elphick, H. C. Endbinder, D. W. A. Evans, A. J. Farmer, I. L. Francis, Sheila K. Frazer, H. J. Gilbride, T. H. H. Green, G. I. T. Griffiths, Elizabeth Howorth, Joan M. Hughes, D. H. Hyde, E. Jones, Meira Jones, S. Kalinsky, F. D. Kitchin, F. P. Lennon, G. L. Levy, Edith G. Mercer, Alicia J. Middle, J. Moloney, Thelma M. Morgan, Dorothy M. Morris-Jones, ¹ Janet H. Mountford, J. M. Old, W. L. Owen, Dorothy C. Peterson, J. S. Porterfield, J. K. M. Rawlinson, Elizabeth Rhind, ² J. E. Riding, F. L. Sharples, Audrey A. Shone, G. C. Slee, W. B. Smellie, R. J. Smith, Basha Taylor, B. Towers, M. H. Turner, Pamela J. Tyson, D. G. Walker, Barbara Webber, D. J. West, H. H. Whincup, D. P. C. Williams, L. C. Wolfman, Jessie I. Young. *Passed in Separate Subjects*: G. Frew, G. H. Lucas, W. P. Wilson (Public Health); H. Keidanh, W. A. L. Thompson (Forensic Medicine and Toxicology).

¹ Distinction in public health. ² Distinction in forensic medicine and toxicology.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

THIRD M.B., Ch.B.—*Pharmacology*: F. J. Davies, D. D. Hilton, Aelwen Hughes, H. Jackson, G. P. Love, V. T. Mason, J. G. Mathie, Mrs. Barbara Oldham, R. Ormerod, K. Robinson, Margaret E. Thorp, R. J. A. Webb, Doreen Wilkinson.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—H. Cullumbine.
M.B., Ch.B.—D. E. Hobbay, S. M. Patel, Pamela M. Smith.

Medical News

A meeting of the Middlesex County Medical Society will be held at Hillingdon County Hospital on Saturday, April 13, at 3 p.m.

A meeting of the London Association of the Medical Women's Federation will be held at B.M.A. House (Tavistock Square, W.C.) on Friday, May 3, when Dr. V. Mary Crosse will speak on "The Care of the Premature Baby."

The Association of Port Health Authorities of the British Isles has decided to revert to the peacetime practice of holding its annual meeting over a period of three days, and this year the meeting will take place at Edinburgh on May 28, 29, and 30. The hon. secretary of the Association is Dr. H. C. Maurice Williams, Civic Centre, Southampton.

The meeting of the Institute of Almoners which Sir Ernest Rock Carling addressed on March 15 was the first annual meeting of the new body incorporating the Institute of Hospital Almoners and the Hospital Almoners Association. The function of the new Institute is to take over and extend the activities of these two bodies, to select and train suitable candidates for almoners' posts, to grant certificates to qualified almoners and keep a register, and to improve the standard of technical and professional knowledge. Sir Alfred B. Howitt has become president in succession to Sir Farquhar Buzzard, and it was announced at the meeting that Prof. Alan Moncrieff had consented to become chairman. Over 200 appointments to almoners' posts were made last year.

Mr. James Phillips, consulting surgeon to the Bradford Royal Infirmary, was entertained on March 21 to a complimentary dinner by the Spensborough Urban District Council to mark nearly thirty years of devoted service to the cripples and those in need of orthopaedic treatment in Spensborough, at the Ellison Clinic, Cleckheaton. Sir Bernard Sugden, who took the chair, handed an inkstand to Mr. Phillips.

The Council of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis at its March meeting passed a resolution very strongly urging the maintenance of treatment allowances for tuberculous patients, with special reference to the new National Insurance Scheme.

On April 2 Walton House, the British Legion's home for paraplegics (spinal injury cases), was opened at Aylesbury. The object is to restore to as normal a life as possible ex-Servicemen paralysed from the waist downwards. It is the Legion's aim to let these men, with their wives and children, stay at Walton House for a month in order that the whole family can adjust themselves to the new conditions. Wives will be given expert tuition in the care of their disabled husbands, and during their stay they will run the place as if it were their own home. It can accommodate two families at a time. Bed-sitting rooms, bathroom, and kitchens are on the ground floor. Doors are wide enough to allow wheel-chairs to pass freely through, and there are ramps to let the disabled man have smooth passage to the street.

Our advertisement pages this week contain announcements by the Church Missionary Society inviting applications for posts as assistant physician to the C.M.S.

The War Office announces the following release programme for medical officers in the Army: April 1 to 30.—General duty medical officers, Groups 41 and 42, and specialists and graded specialists, Groups 29 and 30. May 1 to 31.—General duty medical officers, Groups 43 and 44, and specialists and graded specialists, Group 31. June 1 to 30.—General duty medical officers, Groups 45 to 47 inclusive, and specialists and graded specialists, Groups 32 and 33.

The Central Council for Health Education, which is holding a residential summer school at Somerville College, Oxford, during August, 1946, regrets that as all places for this school are already filled no further bookings can be taken.

The following statement has been issued in Belfast by the Ministry of Health and Local Government for Northern Ireland: "The National Health Service Bill presented to the United Kingdom Parliament by Mr. Bevan does not relate to Northern Ireland. The Northern Ireland Government is not yet in a position to announce its policy with regard to the future hospitals and other medical services. No announcement on this will be made until after the Minister of Health and Local Government (Mr. William Grant) has had consultations with the appropriate bodies."

Tuberculosis Index and Abstracts of Current Literature is a new quarterly journal published by the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis (Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, W.C.1) for the Tuberculosis Educational Institute. It will provide a complete list of articles on tuberculosis in world scientific and medical literature, and also abstracts of the more important contributions. The entries and abstracts will be current. Each number of the index will review articles published in the preceding three-