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PECKHAM HEALTH CENTRE

Health the Unknown. The Story of the Peckham Experiment. By John Comerford. (Pp. 144. 7s. 6d.) London: Hamish Hamilton.

This little book, in which the author describes the work of the Peckham Health Centre, is addressed to the layman, and it contains nothing that will be unfamiliar to medical men who have read Dr. Scott Williamson's books. It is a lively and well-written account which adds a small contribution to the considerable publicity which the Centre is now receiving. In one respect the book is unfortunately misleading. It represents the Centre as likely to be self-supporting, while the truth is that in the latest year's working the expenditure was £29,000 and the members' subscriptions provided but £3,500. It is apparent that the experiment cannot continue without Government support.

To many doctors, as to the reviewer, it has always seemed that the medical work of the Centre was much less important than its sociological activities. The main medical conclusion which emerges from the work at the Centre is that doctors, given time and improved facilities (especially adequate clinical pathology), can do better diagnostic work than is now attained in urban general practice. Moreover, some of its medical publications can be justly criticized. As a sociological experiment, however, it has already proved its value. It has demonstrated the biological importance of the family as a sociological unit: it has shown the need for group activities in the full development of the human being; most important of all, it has provided the only experimental station where mankind can pursue one aspect of his proper study—man in his environment. It would be a pity if this experiment were allowed first to languish and then to die.

D. V. HUBBLE.

PROBLEMS IN LIFE INSURANCE

Transactions of the Association of Life Insurance Medical Directors of America. Edited by Harry E. Ungerleider, M.D. Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting. Volume XXX. (Pp. 378; illustrated. No price given.) New York City: Recording and Statistical Corporation, P.O. Box 594, Newark, N. Jersey.

This is a verbatim report of a meeting which took place in October, 1946. Various topics were discussed in relation to life insurance—rheumatic fever; electrocardiography (136 pages); thrombosis from the physiological viewpoint (Dr. C. H. Best); digestive ulcers, their significance and prognosis (Dr. B. B. Crohn); veterans as a medical underwriting problem; wartime experience with tropical diseases and their future significance; industrial medicine; chemotherapy; and finally an open forum which included a discussion on the insurability of the diabetic. The last 80 pages give membership details, cumulative indices, etc. Here is an extract illustrating the value of the text: "The life expectancy of the peptic ulcer case is impaired in comparison to the normal life expectancy of the control population by about 1½%. In contrast to diabetes, to rheumatic heart disease, and similar chronic maladies the ulcer case offers a low rate of risk. The high incidence of ulcer in the general population (5–10%) creates for the actuary and for the medical director of life insurance companies a material problem. But the overall small risk to life offered by the ulcer applicant for insurance compensates for the magnitude of this number and brings assurance that the risk to life involved by the disease is in inverse proportion to the widespread distribution of the malady."

Physicians will appreciate Dr. Best's short and admirably clear account of the use of heparin and dicoumarol. They will also find the paper on rheumatic fever of considerable interest with its discussion on the significance of systolic and diastolic murmurs, and they will appreciate the account of chemotherapy, in particular the section on the use of streptomycin in urinary infections and infections of the typhoid group, although the figures given are now out of date. In the main this volume will interest the experts, medical and actuarial, at the headquarters of the various life insurance companies.

WILLIAM BROCKBANK.

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25^e Anniversaire de L'Institut d'Hygiène et de Médecine d'Outre Mer de L'Afrique du Nord 1923-1948. (Pp. 206. No price.) Algiers: Imprimerie Nord-Africaine. 1948.

Includes papers on syphilis and tuberculosis in Algeria.

Venins de Serpents et Antivenins. By P. Boquet. (Pp. 157. No price.) Paris: Flammarion. 1948.

A description of snake venoms and the toxic symptoms they cause, with an account of treatment.

Le Corps Médical et L'Assurance-Maladie. Syndicat des Médecins du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg. (Pp. 104. No price.) Luxemburg: Saint-Paul. 1948.

An account of health insurance in Luxemburg.

Über Neurome und Neuro-Fibromatose, nach Untersuchungen am Menschlichen Magendarmschlauch. By F. Feyrter. (Pp. 125. Sch. 35.) Vienna: Wilhelm Maudrich. 1948.

A monograph of the pathology and symptomatology of neuromas and neurofibromas.

Malaria, Filariasis, and Yellow Fever in British Guiana. By G. Giglioli, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.T.M.&H. (Pp. 226. No price.) Mosquito Control Service, British Guiana. 1948.

A report on the control of these diseases by D.D.T.

Science News. Edited by J. L. Crammer. (Pp. 160. 1s. 6d.) London: Penguin Books. 1948.

Recent advances in science described for the layman.

The Biochemical Reactions of Chemical Warfare Agents. Edited by R. T. Williams. (Pp. 73. 5s.) Cambridge: University Press. 1948.

A symposium at which much experimental work done during the war was discussed.

Laboratory Technique in Biology and Medicine. By E. V. Cowdry. 2nd ed. (Pp. 269. 22s.) London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1948.

This edition includes new material, particularly on microchemical technique.

Heart. A Physiologic and Clinical Study of Cardiovascular Diseases. By A. A. Luisada, M.D. (Pp. 653. 55s.) London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1948.

An account of heart disease intended primarily for the general physician.

Remington's Practice of Pharmacy. By E. F. Cook, P.D., Ph.M., M.Sc., and E. W. Martin, Ph.C., B.Sc. 9th ed. (Pp. 1,511. 90s.) London: Interscience Publishers. 1948.

A treatise on dispensing with description of medicinal substances, their properties, uses, and doses.

Gynaecological Histology. By Josephine Barnes, M.A., D.M., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 242. 30s.) London: Harvey and Blythe. 1948.

A profusely illustrated guide to the histology of normal and abnormal tissues seen in gynaecological practice.

The National Health Service Act, 1946. By S. R. Speller, LL.B. (Pp. 497. 42s.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1948.

The Act and a number of regulations are reprinted and annotated.

A Textbook of Clinical Pathology. Edited by F. P. Parker, M.D. 3rd ed. (Pp. 1,023. 50s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1948.

This is a largely revised edition of the textbook formerly edited by Dr. Roy Kracke.

The College Curriculum in Hospital Administration. (Pp. 107. \$2.) Chicago: Physicians' Record. 1948.

The final report by the American Joint Commission on Education.

Medico-Legal

LIBEL ACTIONS BY B.M.A. SETTLEMENT ANNOUNCED

In the King's Bench Division on Dec. 21 before Mr. Justice Hilbery the settlement was announced of two libel actions. The first was brought by the British Medical Association against *Daily Mirror* Newspapers, Limited, and the second by the British Medical Association against Dr. Santo Wayburn Jeger, Mr. Somerville Hastings, Dr. Louis Comyns, and Dr. Hyacinth Bernard Wenceslaus Morgan, who are all members of Parliament.¹

Mr. C. R. Havers, K.C., who appeared with Mr. H. C. Dickens for the Association, in announcing the settlement of the first action, said that in the issues of the *Daily Mirror* of Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, 1948, under the headings "Bevan challenges doctors on open ballot," and "Doctor M.P.s accuse B.M.A. leaders," the defendants referred to the ballot which was then about to take place. The British Medical Association took the view that passages in those two issues were so worded that it would be generally understood that the defendants were accusing the B.M.A. and its officials of so dishonestly conducting the plebiscite that, in spite of the pledge to the contrary given by the B.M.A., the individual voting of practitioners might be divulged, with possible serious consequences to the individuals. These allegations—if they had been intended—were of such a character that a body such as the B.M.A. was bound to refute them, and these proceedings accordingly followed.

Mr. Havers went on to say that he was happy to have it on the assurance of Mr. Milmo, on behalf of the *Daily Mirror* and its editor, which assurance Mr. Milmo would repeat in court, that the defendants never intended by the passages in question to impugn the honesty of the B.M.A. or any of its officers, and had never taken the view that the passages could be construed in that sense. As a token of good faith the defendants had agreed to pay a substantial sum, which the Association proposed to allocate to a medical charity, and to indemnify the Association against its costs. In these circumstances the plaintiffs were glad to accept the defendants' assurances and to bring the litigation to a close by asking his Lordship to allow the record to be withdrawn.

Mr. Helenus Milmo said that the *Daily Mirror* in these two issues of Jan. 30 and Jan. 31 had reported allegations that individual doctors might feel themselves intimidated because it was an open ballot. It was suggested that the B.M.A. would be in a position to gain a knowledge of how individual doctors voted and to use that knowledge to the detriment of those individuals who voted in favour of accepting the terms of the National Health Service. The *Daily Mirror*, having been given an opportunity to study the full arrangements for conducting the ballot, was satisfied that every precaution was successfully taken to ensure that how individual doctors voted would not be divulged. The *Daily Mirror* also wished to make it clear that at no time was it intended to question the integrity of the B.M.A., and as a token of good faith the *Daily Mirror* had agreed with the B.M.A. to pay a substantial sum to a medical charity nominated by them and to indemnify them against their costs.

B.M.A. v. Jeger and others

Announcing the settlement of the second libel action, Mr. Havers said that shortly after the plebiscite voting papers had been sent out to the members of the medical profession by the B.M.A. a letter signed by the four defendant doctors appeared in issues of the *Daily Telegraph*, the *Daily Mirror*, and the *Manchester Guardian*. This letter concerned, among other things, the methods proposed for ascertaining the views of the profession by means of the plebiscite. The B.M.A. took the view that the letter was so worded that it would be generally understood that the defendants were accusing the Association and its officials of so dishonestly conducting the plebiscite that, in spite of the Association's pledge to the contrary, the individual voting of practitioners might be divulged with possible serious consequences to the individuals. That allegation, if it had been

intended, would, of course, have been one which a body such as the British Medical Association was bound to refute. In this case also, however, the Association had the assurance given by Mr. Paget on behalf of the four defendant doctors that they never intended by their letter to impugn the honesty of the Association or of any of its officers, and had never taken the view that their letter could be construed in that sense. In these circumstances the Association was only too glad to accept that disclaimer and to proceed no farther with the action.

Mr. R. T. Paget, K.C., said that the letter to the newspapers which was the subject of these proceedings was never intended to impugn the honesty of the British Medical Association or of any of its officers and officials, and the defendants and their advisers had never taken the view that the letter could be construed in that sense. The defendants were glad to have this further opportunity of saying publicly that this was not and never had been their intention.

Mr. Justice Hilbery directed that the record in each action should be withdrawn.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The degree of M.A. has been conferred upon Joan M. Boissard, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., University Assistant Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

The following medical degrees were conferred on Dec. 11:

M.B., B.CHIR.—*H. L. J. Wilson, *Mrs. Camilla B. P. Bosanquet, Pamela E. Davis.

* By proxy.

D. Russell Davis, M.D., M.R.C.P., has been appointed a Manager of the Pinsent-Darwin Fund for three years from Jan. 1.

An election to the Pinsent-Darwin Studentship in Mental Pathology will be made in March. The studentship is of the annual value of about £250 and is tenable for three years. The student must engage in original research into any problem having a bearing on mental defects, but may carry on educational or other work concurrently. Applications should be sent before Feb. 28 to the secretary, Pinsent-Darwin Studentship, Psychological Laboratory, Cambridge. Applicants should state their age and qualifications and the general nature of the research that they wish to undertake. No testimonials are required, but applicants should give the names of not more than three referees.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

FINAL M.B.—Part I (Surgery, Midwifery, and Gynaecology): K. P. Abel, C. A. M. Aitken, G. K. Barker, A. Bates, H. H. G. Bell, J. F. Boyle, B. I. Brown, P. Bryan-Brown, D. Bulmer, J. F. C. Callow, C. C. Clapham, P. B. Corston, W. G. Dawson, G. H. Dunkerley, J. V. Earle, R. W. Fairhead, P. A. Freeman, A. C. Gibson, J. R. Gough, G. A. Gresham, B. M. Grimmer, E. C. B. Hall Craggs, G. F. Hargreaves, G. E. Heald, A. R. H. Hicks, R. N. T. Higgins, B. J. Hockey, F. W. Huddy, L. B. Hunt, I. P. James, M. J. Kehoe, D. S. Kerr, H. P. Kilner, D. G. A. Leggett, H. K. N. Lister, H. P. Lottenberg, C. McCance, A. McGregor, R. B. McGrigor, T. C. K. Marr, J. D. Marsh, M. Marshall, H. M. Michaelson, E. Monkhouse, A. D. Moore, W. P. L. Morrison, J. E. Naylor, J. H. Neame, D. H. Nixseaman, B. W. Peckett, P. T. Perkins, S. T. H. H. Pilbeam, M. T. Pym, P. J. Roffey, C. A. Rogerson, R. A. Rowan, K. H. L. Scougall, I. H. Seppelt, M. J. Smith, J. F. Soothill, J. Stevens, R. A. Struthers, T. J. Sullivan, M. K. Sykes, C. D. Thompson, P. W. Thompson, A. C. Townsend, T. L. H. Wade, D. P. Wagstaff, C. B. Walker, J. F. Watkins, E. J. Watson-Williams, D. D. Webb, E. K. Westlake, J. L. Whitby, M. Wilkinson, J. P. Williams, P. O. Williams, E. J. C. Wynne, J. G. O. W. Yerburch. **Part II (Principles and Practice of Physic, Pathology, and Pharmacology):** R. D. Allen, P. J. Andrew, J. A. Balint, G. B. Barker, D. A. A. Beardsmore, G. P. Blanshard, T. B. Boulton, A. Brook, J. C. Burne, M. L. Cox, R. D. Cundall, P. G. R. Dench, J. R. Edsall, H. E. Flint, J. M. Gibson, J. G. Gill, R. V. Grange, J. Halford, D. R. Harrocks, E. W. Heining, G. R. Hervey, J. B. Howells, W. P. Kelly, W. I. N. Kessel, T. C. Langdon, G. A. D. Lavy, K. W. Leech, D. E. Lewin, L. Linder, J. D. Llywelyn-Jones, P. H. Lord, C. B. McKerron, J. W. MacLeod, B. K. Madden, G. Melvill Jones, J. L. Millard, A. D. Moore, T. H. Morgan, G. C. Myddelton, J. E. Naylor, A. E. Neill, P. C. J. Nicholl, D. N. Phear, M. I. M. Pines, T. M. Robinson, R. A. Rowan, F. R. Ryle, F. D. Schofield, M. E. Sidaway, R. S. Smith, T. H. H. Wade, T. J. D. Walker, J. C. Wardill, A. L. Wells, R. B. Wright, J. G. O. W. Yerburch.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

The University of Edinburgh gave a dinner on Dec. 10 in honour of the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges, which has now been incorporated in the Medical Faculty of the University. Professor Sydney Smith, Acting Principal of the University, was in the chair, and there were also present the President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges, other representatives of the Colleges, former members of the teaching staff of the Medical School, and members of the University Faculty of Medicine.

¹ *The Times*, Dec. 22, 1948.

The Acting Principal proposed the toast of the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges, which was replied to by Dr. W. D. D. Small, President of the Royal College of Physicians, Mr. J. M. Graham, Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Mr. W. J. Stuart, Chairman of the Board of Governors of the School of Medicine. Dr. John Orr, formerly Dean of the School of Medicine, proposed the toast of the Faculty of Medicine. Professor T. J. Mackie, Acting Dean, replied on behalf of the Faculty. The Acting Principal, in proposing the toast of the School of Medicine, said that the school had been formally established only in 1895, but that its history went back to a much earlier time. The Guild of Barber Surgeons, which received its Charter in 1505, had been responsible for training its members, and from their foundation the Royal College of Physicians (1681) and the Royal College of Surgeons (1778) had interested themselves in the advancement and teaching of medicine and surgery. Before and after the formal establishment of the Faculty of Medicine within the University in 1726 classes were given by private individuals, who formed an extra-mural group of teachers more or less under the auspices of the Royal Colleges. This extra-mural school proved both a rival and a stimulus to teaching within the University. The brilliance of its teachers attracted students from many parts of the world, and, free from formalities, it was instrumental in introducing certain courses of study long before lectureships in the same subjects were provided within the University. Throughout the nineteenth century, also, many of the most distinguished professors in the University made their reputations as teachers in the extra-mural school. In later as in earlier years much of the renown of the Edinburgh Medical School was due to the work of the extra-mural school, and the University gladly acknowledged its debt to the School of Medicine of the Royal Colleges with which it had worked in friendly rivalry and co-operation for so long. Now, however (Professor Smith continued), circumstances had changed. With the progress of medical science and the increasing expense of providing medical teaching it was no longer possible to continue two teaching institutions in a city the size of Edinburgh, and the Colleges had shown wise statesmanship in deciding to merge their school with the Medical Faculty of the University. For the future, therefore, there would be one institution only for undergraduate teaching, and the Royal Colleges—relieved of their responsibilities at the undergraduate stage—would be free to concentrate on higher medical education through their interest in the Joint Board of Postgraduate Medical Studies. Concluding, the Acting Principal expressed the confident hope that with the combination of interests represented on that Board, and with the same co-operation between the University and the Colleges which had for so long been a feature of the Edinburgh School, the Postgraduate School would be no less renowned than had been its undergraduate predecessor.

At a Graduation Ceremony on Dec. 17 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—J. M. Alston, W. J. Matheson, Helen R. Neve.
C.M.—E. A. Jack.
Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: I. F. Sommerville.
M.B., Ch.B.—Dores Baxter, H. Cameron, Isabel A. Cossar, J. Darnborough, J. C. Edie, W. D. Elliott, A. C. Ferguson, I. G. P. Fraser, G. B. Goodman, A. Gordon, P. F. Green, D. H. Haworth, S. P. A. Henderson, J. W. Herries, C. F. Hogg, J. T. Lamb, M. H. Lawrence, A. C. MacRae, Ann H. Miller, M. M. Milne, P. A. Moffat, Agnes C. D. Penman, T. R. Preston, M. L. Roden, B. H. Shiel, Catherine B. G. Sinclair, D. M. W. Smith, C. C. R. Walker, D. C. M. Wilcox.

Medical diplomas were granted as follows:

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—S. R. A. Messih.
DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS.—L. D. Keegan, L. D. Philp, P. St. G. Robinson.
DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOTHERAPY.—J. A. Caskey, W. B. Dawson, Mary A. J. T. Douglas, J. F. Riley.
1 Awarded medal for thesis. 2 Highly commended for thesis. 3 In absentia.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

SCHOOL OF PHYSIC, TRINITY COLLEGE

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—E. Howitt, A. H. Isaacson, F. M. Lanigan-O'Keeffe, J. B. Ryder, Sheila Sheehan.
M.A.O.—J. D. Llewellyn-Jones.
M.B.—D. W. Kyle, 2Dorothy I. Ogden, 2J. S. P. Lane, 2Ivy P. Robinson, C. G. H. Charlton, M. H. Fruithof, Peggy Moore, B. J. O'Reilly, G. N. Constable, Germaine H. Ross, E. W. Eppel, P. F. Eustace, W. A. McGaw, H. Parsons.
B.Ch.—K. C. Mullen, T. M. W. Redman, E. M. Clein, Winifred D. Eadie, E. A. Jackson, W. H. Lefcovich, J. K. McCall, S. F. Shilliday, S. D. Boland, M. D. Bamber, Olivia M. Welsh, J. Diamond.
B.A.O.—J. P. B. Tuohy, H. Parsons, N. Furlong, Olivia M. Welsh.
1 First-class honours. 2 Second-class honours.

The following medical degrees were conferred on Dec. 9:

M.D.—E. Howitt, Sheila Sheehan.
M.A.O.—J. D. Llewellyn-Jones.
M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—M. D. Bamber, S. D. Boland, E. M. Clein, G. N. Constable, J. Diamond, Winifred D. Eadie, P. F. Eustace, M. H. Fruithof, E. A. Jackson, J. S. P. Lane, W. H. Leon, J. K. McCall, Peggy Moore, K. C. Mullen, Dorothy I. Ogden, T. M. W. Redman, Ivy P. Robinson, S. F. Shilliday, Olivia M. Welsh.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

The following candidates have satisfied the examiners at the examination indicated:

FINAL M.B., B.S.—G. L. Anderson, Anne R. Boon, P. G. Buck, Maureen T. Cunningham, June Dickson, Irene N. Dodd, Mildred C. Gardner, Sheila L. Harrison, Elizabeth J. Hunter, Alix P. M. Hurst, Eileen Hutton, Hazel E. Jopling, R. N. C. Loeckey, J. McManners, J. G. Noble, Edith M. Robertson, D. Smith, J. D. R. Smith, Joan Stephens, A. E. Wright.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The title of Professor of Pathology in the University has been conferred on Howard William Copland Vines, M.D., in respect of the post held by him at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

The title of Professor of Chemical Pathology in the University has been conferred on Jocelyn Patterson, Ph.D., M.Sc., in respect of the post held by him at Charing Cross Hospital Medical School.

A special University lecture in dentistry will be given by Professor G. Toverud, Director of the Department of Pedodontia in the Dental School, Oslo, in the Senate House of the University (entrance from Russell Square or Malet Street) on Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 5.30 p.m. His subject is "The Influence of General Health Supervision on the Frequency of Dental Caries in Groups of Norwegian Children." The lecture is addressed to students of the University and to others interested in the subject. Admission is free, without ticket.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

FINAL M.B., Ch.B.—Margaret Armitstead, Mary P. Armstrong, J. M. Bernstein, P. H. Bracewell, V. Broadhurst, R. B. Charnock, M. Cohen, J. L. Cotton, B. Gill, Doreen M. Ginever, Barbara Hall, B. Hendy, Muriel M. Hughes, H. McIntyre, C. A. Mays, K. Rawnsley, W. R. Riley, Beatrice E. Sleight, R. V. Sykes, Ruth Tattersall, D. B. S. Taylor, J. G. Taylor, Helen L. S. Tennent, J. B. D. Torr, J. D. Villiers, J. M. Watt, H. L. Wayne, Doreen Wilkinson. Part I: H. G. Arnall, P. Feingold, H. Holgate, J. R. Jaffe, B. P. Jones, G. Kettlewell, H. A. Mitchell, Margot Nelken, J. A. Platt, C. W. M. Pratt, I. A. Susman, R. M. Thomson, C. A. Unsworth, J. M. Watt.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—Part II: E. Gostynski, H. F. Jarvie.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

FINAL M.B., Ch.B.—R. J. Carey, Anne B. Cousins, Vera H. M. Dowling, D. N. Fitzgerald, Margaret Ford, Anne M. French, B. T. Hale, G. A. Hanks, Kathleen J. Harrison (with distinction in public health), Joan A. Higginbottom, Una P. Jones, A. H. Laxton, A. J. Lee, D. B. Peacock, Elizabeth Preston-Thomas, C. T. Salter, P. J. Speller, Maro A. Wells. Group I (completing examination): G. D. Teague, A. S. Wallace. Group II (completing examination): Pamela L. C. Watson. Group II only: June Morgan, J. S. R. R. Old.
DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—Part II: M. A. X. Cocheme, V. G. Crotty, W. A. Heaton-Ward.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

The Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has arranged a series of lectures on anatomy, applied physiology, and pathology in their application to dental surgery and in dental histology, to be given at the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.) at 5 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. on various dates beginning on Jan. 24 and ending on Feb. 18. The Faculty has also arranged a series of lectures on general, oral, and dental surgery to be given at the College at 5 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. on various dates beginning on Feb. 21 and ending on March 18. The fee for each course is £10 10s. (one lecture 10s.); Fellows and Members of the College and Fellows and Licentiates in Dental Surgery of the College, £6 6s. (one lecture, 7s. 6d.). Admission cards may be obtained from the secretary of the Faculty at the above address.

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on Dec. 9, with Lord Webb-Johnson, President, in the chair, the award of Mackenzie Mackinnon Research Fellowships to Mr. W. J. Atkinson and Dr. C. F. Hawkins was reported. Dr. Horace Evans was elected a Hunterian Professor.

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following successful candidates:

K. MacK, MacLeod, M. Ellis, E. Troensegaard-Hansen, A. B. Dempsey, E. P. Clarke, C. L. Clinton-Thomas, M. Glick, C. T. A. Burgess, L. F. W. Salmon, C. R. Savage, T. Fenwick, D. H. Campbell, P. W. Hunt, K. P. S. Caldwell, J. L. Temple, R. N. Grant, J. S. A. Linton, M. F. Pilcher, D. P. B. Turner, D. A. Barley, B. I. N. Morgan, L. B. Cohen, A. C. Higgitt, J. V. Morris, J. H. E. Verdon, G. B. R. Walkey, R. D. Wilkins, H. M. Jones, E. H. M. Foxen, E. Haigh, J. G. Brocks, J. A. L. Davies, J. C. Fulford, O. Daniel, R. N. Ticehurst, J. F. R. Withycombe, G. W. Taylor, D. H. Randall, P. H. Huggill, P. F. Jones, P. G. Large, B. W. T. Pender, J. M. Davis, J. Andrew, K. E. D. Shuttleworth, R. J. Williams, R. L. B. Roberts, E. J. M. W. Saver, D. L. B. Farley, M. J. Roper-Hall, G. J. Hadfield, J. A. MacDougall, A. Sinnatamby, I. W. Ball, F. J. Damato, S. J. H. Miller, J. M. G. Nixon, J. L. Wright, A. Young, P. F. Howden, G. C. Jennings, T. H. Wilson, P. L. Brunnen, E. M. Cortis, W. Gordon, G. H. Levien, C. W. D. Lewis, A. K. Saha, Jean R. C. Burton-Brown, C. T. Collins, J. G. Gow, T. S. Gregory, J. D. Morgan, C. Parish, D. L. Shaw, T. H. Tweedy, C. B. R. Mann, H. G. Smith, M. Ahmad, H. M. Bradmore, J. W. E. Raine, S. Rajanayagam, J. B. Blacklay, B. H. Courtice, J. R. Kirker, K. R. L. Lethian, I. Monk, E. H. Paterson, D. A. Sarsfield, R. E. Shaw, P. Ahluwalia, R. D. Anklesaria, K. D. Koshal, W. A. McAlpine, Marion J. Phillips, J. V. Ellis, P. G. Lang, D. Toombs.

Diplomas of Fellowship in Dental Surgery were granted to thirty-one candidates, including the following members of the medical profession: N. J. Ainsworth, G. A. Cowan, H. H. Kenshole, O. H. Wicksteed, J. W. Mansie, J. H. Hovell, M. P. Graham, and T. Cradock Henry.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to T. McKendrick and D. A. G. Williams.

Diplomas were granted jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London as follows:

TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—B. N. A. Beetles, M. A. Chowdhry, Joan E. Jermyn.

MEDICAL-RADIO-DIAGNOSIS.—J. W. Pierce.

ANAESTHETICS.—O. H. E. Bayles, O. D. Bhati, J. Bullough, L. Clement, Patricia F. de C. Coles, Elsa R. Cooper, J. A. L. Cooper, D. H. Couch, J. Davidson, Eleanor Davies-Jones, E. Fowler, Ilse R. Hadelmayr-Kuhn, W. K. Jones, E. J. Leighton, Bertha A. McDougall, T. Magner, J. M. Marchant, A. J. Merry, A. A. McC. Miller, L. E. Mossrop, G. P. Murtagh, D. K. W. Picken, W. L. Price, Silvia W. Pyddoke, L. W. Ritchie, F. L. Robertshaw, J. G. Robson, J. E. Schofield, W. R. Scott, Doris N. A. Smith, J. K. Sugden, J. H. Wakely, Pamela Westhead, D. Zuck.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH.—J. W. Webb.

The following hospitals were recognized under the F.R.C.S. regulations: District Infirmary, Ashton-under-Lyne (resident surgical officer, until Dec. 31, 1950); Kent and Canterbury Hospital (additional recognition of ear, nose, and throat and ophthalmic house-surgeon and orthopaedic house-surgeon); the West Kent General Hospital (one house-surgeon); Boundary Park General Hospital, Oldham (resident surgical officer); the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth (additional recognition of senior house officer (surgical) at Freedom Fields).

Medical Notes in Parliament

Capitation Fee

Sir WAVELL WAKEFIELD on Dec. 16 asked the amount of capitation fee doctors were receiving for their patients.

Mr. BEVAN said there was a fund of 18s. multiplied by 95% of the civil population. From this an agreed deduction was made for mileage payments, making the distributable fund about 17s. 5d. multiplied by 95% of the civil population. The actual payment per person on a doctor's list in any particular executive council's area varied with the proportion of the population who were on the lists of that area. He would not be able to say until after the end of the financial year what was the actual rate payable in each executive council's area. The representatives of the British Medical Association never expected that the rate would not be less than 18s. They knew that there would be certain agreed deductions from this. Sir WAVELL WAKEFIELD said the majority of doctors were suffering from this misapprehension.

Colonel STODDART-SCOTT asserted that the amount of money available for the doctors had been agreed on when it was thought 18,000 practitioners would come into the scheme. Now that 19,000 had come in, should not a larger amount of money be made available?

Mr. BEVAN said Colonel Stoddart-Scott's information was incorrect. The doctors were adequately represented and discussions were taking place between the Ministry of Health and representatives of the profession. He hoped members would await the result of those discussions before organizing a "single pressure lobby."

There were protests at this. Colonel ELLIOT asked Mr. Bevan to avoid making inflammatory and insulting speeches as he had done when the previous discussions were under way.

Mr. BEVAN said that the Opposition would probably seek an opportunity of discussing these matters. He reminded them that they could not seek to increase each item and expect the total to be low.

Amending Bill

Mr. BEVAN told Mr. COLLINS on Dec. 16 that he proposed to accept the recommendations of the Legal Committee on Medical Partnerships. So far as legislation was required, proposals would be made in the forthcoming Bill to amend the National Health Service Act. He hoped there would not be much delay in introducing this legislation.

Public and Private Prescribing

On Dec. 16 Sir WAVELL WAKEFIELD asked Mr. Bevan to indicate the administrative difficulties which prevented the disallowing of prescriptions prescribed at the public expense, but not conforming to required conditions, by doctors in the State service for private patients, while similar prescriptions by the same doctors for State patients could be disallowed.

Mr. BEVAN said a doctor in the Service who prescribed for patients treated under the Service substances which were afterwards found not to be drugs or not to be necessary for the proper treatment of the patient was subject to the disciplinary procedure provided in the regulations. The regulations did not, however, apply to private patients, for whom there was no prescribing at the public expense.

Replying later to Mr. ASTOR, Mr. BEVAN said he was unaware of any general abuse of medical prescriptions under the Health Service. There were a number of individual cases. Disciplinary procedure was provided to deal with them. He wanted it to be firmly and promptly used.

Cost of N.H.S.

Answering Colonel STODDART-SCOTT on Dec. 16, Mr. BEVAN recorded that the total amounts paid out of public funds since July 5 and up to Nov. 30, 1948, in respect of hospital services, general medical services, pharmaceutical services, general dental services, and ophthalmic services were as follows:

| | £ |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Hospital services | 58,000,000 |
| General medical services | 7,982,994 |
| Pharmaceutical services | 5,438,709 |
| General dental services | 5,541,658 |
| Ophthalmic services | 4,047,568 |

He added that the total liability incurred in that period could not be stated.

Statements of probable expenditure for the financial year 1948-9 had recently been received from all regional hospital boards and were being examined. None had yet been approved. All regional hospital boards had also submitted estimates for the financial year 1949-50. Gross expenditure as shown in these estimates as received was £157,680,000; of this, £10,236,000 represented capital expenditure. Income was given as £9,021,000.

Artificial Insemination

On Dec. 16 Mr. ERIC FLETCHER asked the Minister of Health what instructions he proposed to issue as to the entries to be made in registering births resulting from human artificial insemination A.I.(D.).

Mr. BEVAN said no fresh instructions were necessary. Registrars already had instructions to ask every birth informant for the name of the child's father. If the informant could not give this information the columns of the birth entry containing particulars of the father were to be left blank. So far as he knew, this procedure had no bearing on the legitimacy of the child.

Cardiff Doctors

Mr. BEVAN stated on Dec. 16 that fourteen doctors in Cardiff each had more than 4,000 registered patients. The highest number of people registered with one doctor in Cardiff was 7,190. This doctor practised in a partnership employing two assistants. Seventeen Cardiff doctors had applied for the basic salary of £300.

Mr. GEORGE THOMAS asked whether Mr. Bevan knew of the difficulty caused in Grangetown, Cardiff, by four doctors operating from one small surgery, having closed their other surgery when the National Health Service started; and whether, in view of the daily queue caused, he would ensure that another surgery was made available.

Mr. BEVAN replied that a doctor was required under the regulations to provide proper and sufficient surgery and waiting-room accommodation for his patients. This case had been considered by the Cardiff Executive Council, who had drawn the practitioners' attention to the need for full compliance with the terms of these regulations.

Dental Estimates

Sir HUGH LUCAS-TOOTH on Dec. 16 inquired what was the total value of estimates approved by the Dental Estimate Board in Eastbourne for each of the months July, August, September, October, and November.

Mr. BEVAN replied that the total values of the approved estimates included in schedules sent for payment to executive councils were:

| | £ | s. | d. |
|-----------------|-----------|----|----|
| July | 51,253 | 3 | 0 |
| August | 303,677 | 2 | 3 |
| September | 997,125 | 7 | 9 |
| October | 1,882,608 | 13 | 3 |
| November | 2,461,134 | 17 | 2 |
| Total | 5,695,799 | 3 | 5 |

He added that not all these schedules would have reached executive councils in time for payment to have been made to the dentists by Nov. 30.

There was a decrease of 18 in the notifications of measles. Notifications of diphtheria fell from 21 to 10 in Glasgow, but this was compensated for by a rise of 12 in the remainder of the western area.

In *Eire* a fall was reported in the notifications of measles 39 and scarlet fever 24, while a rise of 16 was recorded for whooping-cough.

In *Northern Ireland* a decrease of 9 in the notifications of scarlet fever and an increase of 5 for diphtheria were the chief changes in the trends of infectious diseases.

Week Ending December 18

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 1,426, whooping-cough 2,471, diphtheria 124, measles 9,800, acute pneumonia 1,082, cerebrospinal fever 35, acute poliomyelitis 28, dysentery 54, paratyphoid 1, and typhoid 7.

Medical News

Chadwick Medals

The Chadwick Trust recently awarded Chadwick Medals to the nominees of nine provincial universities where sanitary science is taught, or where the Diploma of Public Health is given. The inscription on each medal was as follows: "Chadwick Medal for excellence in the study of Hygiene and of the Sanitary Idea." The names of the nine recipients are as follows, with the universities indicated in parentheses: C. R. Lowe, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Birmingham); William Nicol, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Bristol); G. W. Knight, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Leeds); H. O. M. Bryant, M.B., Ch.B. (Liverpool); D. G. Crawshaw, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Manchester); William Watt, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Aberdeen); Gerald O. Mayne, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Edinburgh); Angus N. MacPhail, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Glasgow); Sheena M. Allardice, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (St. Andrews).

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

The Langley Memorial Prize, which is open to competition among officers, past and present, of the Colonial Medical Service who are serving, or who have served, in West Africa, has been awarded to Dr. D. G. Fitzgerald Moore for his paper entitled "Nutritional Eye Disease and Effects of Nutritional Retrobulbar Neuritis."

University Grants Committee

The following medical men are among the members of the University Grants Committee, which has been reconstituted: Professor E. D. Adrian, O.M., F.R.S., Professor G. W. Pickering, and Professor J. C. Spence.

Dr. S. L. Simpson

Dr. S. Leonard Simpson has been elected an Honorary Corresponding Member of the French Society of Endocrinology.

"Agene" Process Prohibited in U.S.A.

The use of nitrogen trichloride to improve and bleach flour (the "agene" process) is to cease in the U.S.A. from Aug. 1 as the result of an inquiry set up under the Food and Drug Administration. Sir Edward Mellanby, F.R.S., first showed that agenzified flour causes hysteria in dogs; his paper appeared in 1946 in this *Journal* (Dec. 14, p. 885). Chlorine dioxide is to be allowed instead of nitrogen trichloride.

Wills

Colonel Sir Harry Edwin Bruce Bruce-Porter, K.B.E., C.M.G., left £42,618. Mr. Cyril Alban Raison, of Birmingham, left £29,557 and bequeathed £2,000 to the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Birmingham to endow "The Cyril Raison Prize" in surgical diseases in children. Dr. Thomas Gwynne Maitland, late medical superintendent, Cunard White Star Line, left £3,611.

COMING EVENTS

Legislation and the Family

A conference on "The New Social Legislation and the Family" will be held at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London, W.C.1, on Jan. 20 and 21, 1949, by the British Social Hygiene Council and the Town and Country Planning Association. It is intended mainly for representatives of local authorities, but social workers and others may be interested. Information may be obtained from the British Social Hygiene Council, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Society of Anaesthetists of South Wales

A Society of Anaesthetists of South Wales is in the process of formation and a meeting with this end in view will be held at Cardiff Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 1949, at 8 p.m. All those whose main interest is in anaesthesia are invited to attend the meeting.

Lecture-demonstrations

A series of lecture-demonstrations on psychiatry and neurology will be held in the large lecture theatre of St. George's Hospital Medical School, Hyde Park Corner, London, S.W., on Thursdays at 4.30 p.m., from Jan. 6 to March 17. They are open, without fee, to all postgraduates and senior medical students.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

Tuesday

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—Jan. 4, 5 p.m. "*Zoonoses (Parasitic Infections)*," by Dr. M. Sydney Thomson.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., Jan. 4, 11 a.m. "*Some Aspects of Leucorrhoea*," by Dr. W. N. Mascall.

Wednesday

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., Jan. 5, 11 a.m. "*Gonorrhoea in the Female*," by Dr. W. N. Mascall.

LONDON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Furnivall House, Chelmondeley Road, London, N., Jan. 5, 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting. Address by the retiring president, Mr. J. R. M. Whigham.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: NUTRITION PANEL OF THE FOOD GROUP.—At Gas Industry House, 1, Grosvenor Place, London, S.W., Jan. 5, 6.30 p.m. "*The Sausage as Food*," discussion to be opened by Mr. H. P. Blunt, Mr. Osman Jones, Mr. M. G. Read, and Dr. Magnus Pyke, Ph.D.

Thursday

FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—At Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C., Jan. 6, 5 p.m. "*Head Hunters in Great Ormond Street*," by Drs. W. Lees Templeton and Charles O. Kennedy.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—Jan. 6, 5 p.m. "*Cutaneous Tuberculosis*," by Dr. G. B. Dowling.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., Jan. 6, 11 a.m. "*Local Complications of Gonorrhoea in the Female*," by Dr. W. N. Mascall.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Hyde Park Corner, London, S.W.—At Large Lecture Theatre, Jan. 6, 4.30 p.m. Lecture-demonstration: Psychiatry.

Friday

MAIDA VALE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Maida Vale, London, W.—Jan. 7, 5 p.m. Case demonstration by Dr. D. McAlpine.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Apley.—On Dec. 16, 1948, at Woking Maternity Home, to Janie, wife of A. G. Apley, F.R.C.S., West Lodge, West Byfleet, a son.

Barry.—On Dec. 15, 1948, at March, Wilmslow, to Monica (née Craig), wife of C. T. Barry, M.D., D.A., a third son.

Ffrench.—On Nov. 28, 1948, to Marjory and Geoffrey Ffrench, of Pleasant Street, Woodside, Halifax County, Nova Scotia, a daughter.

Parker.—On Dec. 15, 1948, to Kath'een (née Hewlett Johnson), wife of Geoffrey Parker, D.S.O., F.R.C.S., a son—Nicholas James.

Watson.—On Dec. 13, 1948, at the County Hospital, Bangor, to Megan (née Wynne Jones), wife of Claud C. M. Watson, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., a son—David.

DEATHS

Bennett.—On Dec. 21, 1948, at Mildenhall, William Fay Bennett, M.R.C.S., of Barrow, Suffolk.

Bennett-Jones.—On Dec. 14, 1948, at 5, Gambier Terrace, Liverpool, William James Bennett-Jones, M.D., M.R.C.S., F.F.A., aged 75.

Bhat.—Recently, at Karkala, India, Kasargod Somanath Bhat, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 63.

Bunting.—On Dec. 15, 1948, William Hartley Bunting, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., of Middleton Cottage, Salwarpe, Droitwich, aged 80.

Colledge.—On Dec. 19, 1948, at 2, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W., Lionel Colledge, F.R.C.S.

Jamieson.—On Dec. 16, 1948, at Thorne Bank, Great Eccleston, Lincs, Alexander Brown Jamieson, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.

Logie.—On Dec. 20, 1948, at 15, Craigholm Crescent, Burntisland, Fife, John Moffat Logie, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.

Morrison.—On Dec. 17, 1948, at 19, Cromer Road, North Walsham, Norfolk, Henry Morrison, M.D., aged 54.

Sutton.—On Dec. 20, 1948, at Guildford, David Carlyle Sutton, M.D.Ed.

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