

almost all of a drafting nature and moved by the Earl of Onslow, who was in charge of the Bill. In Clause 18 Lord ONSLow moved to provide that the regulations should not permit a member of any class of auxiliary to undertake the extraction of teeth other than deciduous teeth.

The committee agreed to the amendment.

Lord Onslow later moved an amendment to provide that if any member of a class of ancillary dental workers used any title or description to suggest he possessed a status or qualification connected with dentistry other than that which he in fact possessed he should be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50. Where the regulations did not provide for a roll or record of the class in which particulars of professional status and qualifications might be entered the subsection would still take effect.

Lord WEBB-JOHNSON asked whether Lord Onslow thought the use of the word professional was appropriate.

Lord ONSLow thanked Lord Webb-Johnson for bringing up this point. He said the Minister would fully consider it when the Bill went through the House of Commons.

Lord ONSLow moved to insert after Clause 25 a new clause setting out the conditions under which students might undertake dental work. He said the amendment was really a redrafted one to meet a point raised by Lord Webb-Johnson which the Government had accepted in principle on the committee stage. The House agreed to this amendment. Other consequential amendments were made and the report stage closed.

### Prescription Charges

Brigadier FRANK MEDLICOTT, on March 20, asked the Minister of Health what action he was taking on the representations received from the medical profession objecting to the proposed arrangements for the collection of prescription charges by dispensing practitioners. Mr. H. F. C. CROOKSHANK replied that he was about to discuss the matter with representatives of the British Medical Association.

Mr. GEOFFREY DE FREITAS asked what representations had been received from local medical committees in Lincolnshire that dispensing rural practitioners should not be made responsible for the collection of 1s. for medicines dispensed.

Miss PAT HORNSBY-SMITH replied that one of these committees had represented that dispensing doctors should not be responsible for the collection of the charge. Representations made by the Trades Union Congress against the proposed Health Service charges were discussed by Mr. Crookshank on March 19 at a meeting with representatives from the T.U.C.

The National Health Service Bill was discussed on second reading in the House of Commons on March 27 after we went to press.

## The Services

The *London Gazette* has announced the following appointments in recognition of non-operational services in Japan in connexion with operations in Korea:

*O.B.E. (Military Division).*—Major (Temporary Colonel) C. W. Nye, E.D., R.A.A.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Lieutenant (Temporary Major) J. W. F. Lloyd, R.A.A.M.C.

Major-General F. Harris, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Director-General, Army Medical Services, with the rank of Lieutenant-General from April 1, in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Neil Cantlie, K.B.E., C.B., M.C., late R.A.M.C.

Colonel J. E. Rusby, M.C., T.D., J.P., R.A.M.C., T.A., has been appointed Honorary Colonel of a T.A. Unit, in succession to Lieutenant-Colonel (Honorary Colonel) A. C. Haddow, T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., whose tenure has expired and who retains the rank of Honorary Colonel.

Flying Officer G. A. Faux, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., R.A.F., Medical Officer, Royal Air Force Station, Horsam St. Faith, has received the Queen's commendation for brave conduct for helping to remove the crew from a crashed aircraft.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Board of the Faculty of Medicine has co-opted Dr. A. H. T. Robb-Smith for the statutory period of two years from the first day of Trinity Term, 1952.

H. R. Ing, D.Phil., has been reappointed Reader in Chemical Pharmacology from October 1, 1952, to September 30, 1959, and the following have been reappointed University Demonstrators in the subjects indicated in parentheses: Dr. R. Barer (Human Anatomy—part-time); Dr. J. M. Walker (Pharmacology); Dr. D. S. Parsons and Dr. R. H. Nimmo-Smith (Biochemistry).

Dr. C. W. Wheeler-Bennett has been appointed representative of the University on the governing body of Steyning Grammar School.

Sir Howard Florey, F.R.S., Professor of Pathology in the University, has been reappointed a member of the University and Employees Joint Committee for four years from the first day of Hilary Term, 1952.

In a Congregation held on March 1, the following degrees were conferred:

D.M.—W. H. H. Andrews, R. I. K. Elliott, H. A. W. Forbes, \*A. Batty Shaw, \*E. A. Spriggs.

B.M.—\*Mrs. Pauline O'Neill.

\*In absence.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Denis Haigh Marrian, Ph.D., has been appointed an Assistant Director of Research in Radiotherapeutics, from January 1 for five years. (*Corrected announcement.*)

Dr. Vincent Brian Wigglesworth, F.R.S., Reader in Entomology, has been appointed Quick Professor of Biology in the University for the period October 1, 1952, to September 30, 1955, in succession to Professor David Keilin, F.R.S.

Dr. K. C. Dixon has been reappointed University Lecturer in Chemical Pathology from October 1, 1952, and Dr. M. M. Bull University Lecturer in Anatomy from April 1, 1952, both to the retiring age. Dr. C. C. D. Shute has been appointed University Demonstrator in Anatomy from April 1, 1952, for three years.

In Congregation on March 8 the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—\*J. G. Selwyn, \*J. P. Henry, S. C. Gold, A. S. Mason, C. F. Barwell.

M.B., B.CHIR.—\*T. H. Morgan, J. H. F. Batstone.

\*By proxy.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—*London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine:* P. A. Cooper, E. B. Harvey, J. Newsome.

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY (DIAGNOSIS).—*Part I:* D. A. B. Ashcroft, A. Berezowski, M. E. Berk, A. S. Bligh, D. Brink, N. L. Bucky, H. Fateh, B. C. Hale, M. A. Harris, K. N. Kamdar, J. K. Lundie, G. A. Medhurst, J. L. Morris, D. MacK. K. Muir, I. A. H. Munro, E. Price, L. J. Sandell, J. V. Tillett, L. E. Wolpert, M. Ziman, I. Yentis.

Dr. W. D. M. Paton has been appointed to the University Readership in Pharmacology and Therapeutics tenable at University College and University College Hospital Medical School.

### UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

At the annual meeting of the Court of Governors held on February 21 Dr. H. Thwaite was appointed a Life Member of the Court, and the title of Emeritus Professor was conferred upon Dame Hilda Lloyd, formerly professor of obstetrics and gynaecology in the University.

Professor T. L. Hardy has been invited by the Council to continue to hold his University appointment as part-time Professor of Gastroenterology for a period not exceeding three years after he has ceased to hold his hospital appointment next month.

Dr. David Mendel has been appointed National Coal Board Research Fellow in the Department of Medicine from January 1.

The University is founding an additional special lectureship in the Faculty of Medicine to be known as "The Leonard Parsons Memorial Lectureship."

A bronze head of Dame Hilda Lloyd has been completed by Mr. Jacob Epstein, R.A., and a presentation ceremony is being arranged.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., "Detachment of the Retina," by Miss M. Savory.

#### Friday, April 4

EUGENICS SOCIETY.—At 26, Portland Place, London, W., 5 p.m., "The Genetics of Mental Deficiency," Galton Lecture by Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts.

●INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST AND INSTITUTE OF CARDIOLOGY.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., "Cardiac Trauma," by Mr. Norman Barrett.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "After Fifty-six Years," Lister Oration by Sir James Learmonth.

SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS OF SOUTH WALES.—At Cardiff Royal Infirmary, 7.30 p.m., films on anaesthetics.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL SOCIETY, Whipps Cross Hospital, London, E.—8.30 p.m., "Diarrhoeas of Bacterial Origin," by Dr. Joan Taylor.

### APPOINTMENTS

CONNOLLY, EUGENE V., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.C.H., County Medical Officer of Health, Longford, Eire.

DEWAR, R. DUNCAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health for the Metropolitan Boroughs of Bethnal Green and Poplar.

GRAY, H. M.D., D.P.H., Assistant County Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health, Bulmer Combined Area, Yorkshire.

HAGGER, A. O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Eastern Region, British Railways.

NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—*Part-time Consultant Anaesthetist, Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children*, Mrs. Dorothea B. I. Halstead, M.B., Ch.B., D.A., D.C.H. *Full-time Consultant Pathologist, Group Laboratory, Mile End Hospital*, W. D. Linsell, M.D. *Part-time Consultant Physician, St. Andrew's Hospital, Billericay*, I. Gilbert, M.D., M.R.C.P. *Part-time Consultant Physician, St. George-in-the-East Hospital*, A. S. Mason, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P. *Part-time Consultant E.N.T. Surgeon, East Ham Memorial and Runwell Mental Hospitals*, N. A. Punt, F.R.C.S.Ed., D.L.O. *Part-time Consultant Surgeon, St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow*, G. A. Barclay, M.B., B. Chir., F.R.C.S. *Full-time Consultant Surgeon, Colchester Group of Hospitals*, R. N. Jones, M.Chir., F.R.C.S. *Maximum Part-time Consultant Surgeon, North Middlesex Hospital and Annexes*, K. A. Moore, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. *Part-time Consultant Surgeon, Prince of Wales's and St. Ann's Hospitals*, E. E. O'Malley, M.Ch., F.R.C.S.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

Clayton.—On March 17, 1952, at the Garrett Anderson Maternity Home, London N.W., to Barbara E. Clayton, Ph.D., M.B., Ch.B., wife of William Klyne, a son.

Manson.—On February 25, 1952, at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, to Jocé, wife of Dr. John M. S. Manson, of Kanye, Bechuanaland Protectorate, a daughter.

Morel.—On March 22, 1952, at Barnstaple, Devon, to the wife of Mervyn Morel, M.B., F.R.C.S., a daughter.

Muir.—On February 25, 1952, in London, to the wife of Ian Muir, M.B.E., F.R.C.S., a son.

Naidoo.—On February 18, 1952, in London, to Sandhya Bose, M.A., wife of Dr. D. Naidoo, a son—Satyadatta.

Powell-Tuck.—On March 20, 1952, at Netherwood, Solihull, to Catherine, wife of Dr. G. A. Powell-Tuck, 7, Milverton Road, Knowle, Warwicks, a brother for Jeremy.

#### MARRIAGES

Jenkins—Evans.—On March 18, 1952, at Gilfach Goch, Glam., Ritchie T. Jenkins, M.B., B.Ch.; M.R.C.P., to Eileen Joyce Evans, M.B., B.Ch.

#### DEATHS

Berkeley.—On March 17, 1952, Augustus Frederic Millard Berkeley, L.R.C.P.&S Ed., L.R.F.P.S., of 183, Kennington Road, London, S.E., aged 83.

Black.—On March 15, 1952, at 4, Anglesey Road, Alverstoke, Hants, Francis George Hamilton Rollic Black, M.B., Ch.B., Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired, aged 69.

Bramwell.—On March 21, 1952, at 29, Ormidale Terrace, Edinburgh, Edwin Bramwell, M.D., Hon. LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.Ed., aged 79.

Consul.—On December 26, 1951, Bishambar Dayal Consul, L.M.S.S.A., of "Vidya," Colchester Road, Harold Park, Romford, Essex.

Costello.—On March 17, 1952 at "Clare," Hulham Road, Exmouth, Devon, James Joseph Costello, L.R.C.P.&S.I. & L.M.

Coullie.—On March 17, 1952, at Dimplecroft, Alton, Staffs, Alexander Glover Coullie, M.D., F.R.C.S Ed., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., retired.

Crosfield.—On March 20, 1952, at Old Tolmers, Broadstairs, Kent, Arthur Mellor Crosfield, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., formerly of Belgrave, Leicester, aged 79.

Ellis.—On March 18, 1952, at Gorleston Hospital, Edward Alfred Ellis, M.B., B.Ch., of 147 Lawn Avenue, Great Yarmouth, aged 49.

Ellison.—On March 19, 1952, at the Royal Northern Hospital, Philip Oswald Ellison M.B., B.S., of Buckhurst, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

Ferguson.—On March 20, 1952, at his home, 29, Coudray Road, Southport, Lancs, James Ferguson, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.

McElligott.—On March 19, 1952, Maurice Gerald McElligott, F.R.C.S.I., D.P.H., of Mount Rivers, Listowel, Co. Kerry, late of Bushey Heath, Herts, aged 83.

Reid.—On March 14 1952, Henry Charles Cecil Reid, M.B., B.Ch., of "Elstow," Hartley Park Villas, Plymouth.

Tacey.—On March 22, 1952, at Woodford, London, E., Dalton William Tacey, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 76.

Talbot.—On March 20, 1952, at Prospect House, Mottram, near Manchester, Ernest Talbot, M.C. M.B., Ch.B.

## Any Questions?

Correspondents should give their names and addresses (not for publication) and include all relevant details in their questions, which should be typed. We publish here a selection of those questions and answers which seem to be of general interest.

### Aetiology of Coronary Disease

Q.—What aetiological relationship, if any, has mild but prolonged hyperpiesia to coronary artery disease?

A.—The exact aetiology of coronary artery disease, meaning obliterative coronary sclerosis, is unknown. A number of factors, some of which are perhaps no more than contributory, are well recognized. For instance, there are hereditary aspects, coronary disease at certain ages being twice as common amongst the parents of those stricken with a coronary thrombosis than amongst controls. Similarly, coronary disease is common in those of "stocky build." There is evidence to suggest that a certain psychological background—the successful "go-better" type—prepares the way for coronary mischief. It is also claimed, probably with more justification, that arteriosclerosis is a biochemical disorder involving cholesterol, phospholipids, and uric acid. Hypertension may have a similar background. At all events hypertension is found in approximately 50% of men and 75% of women handicapped by angina pectoris, which is the commonest manifestation of coronary disease. On the other hand, hypertension is unusual amongst males stricken with myocardial infarction before the age of 40 years. It therefore appears that hyperpiesia is not an essential factor in the production of coronary sclerosis. It is, however, a very common associate. Even mild but long-continued hypertension must impose a strain on the arteries and aggravate, if it does not indeed predispose to, intimal vascular damage. It is usually true that to the individual the sclerosis, which is not necessarily an irreversible process, is more harmful than the hypertension.

### Diet in Toxaemia of Pregnancy

Q.—What dietetic treatment is advised nowadays in toxaemia of pregnancy?

A.—Of recent years the importance of diet restriction has been emphasized not only in the treatment but also in the prevention of pregnancy toxaemia. By controlling the weight of a woman during pregnancy the incidence of toxaemia can be reduced. It is the sudden and rapid increase of weight that is the danger sign. Some obstetricians view an increase of more than  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. (227 g.) a week as abnormal and try to limit the total gain throughout pregnancy to 20 lb. (9.08 kg.). The abnormal weight gain in many pregnant women is due to perversion of appetite and the excessive ingestion of food of high caloric value (carbohydrate and fat). When there has been a too rapid increase in weight the mother should be carefully questioned about her diet. She should be told not to use salt in cooking or at table, not to take bicarbonate of soda as a medicine, and not to take any "salts."

The following diet\* can be taken as an out-patient, and has a caloric value of 1,800:  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pints of skimmed milk daily. *Breakfast*: tea or coffee with milk, no sugar;  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz. salt-free bread;  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. salt-free margarine; 1 egg; 4 oz. orange or fruit juice. *Mid-morning*: tea or coffee with milk, no sugar. *Lunch*: 3 oz. lean beef, 6 oz. potato, 6 oz. green vegetable,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. rice with milk, 4 oz. fruit. *Tea*: tea with milk (no sugar), 2 oz. salt-free bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. salt-free butter, 4 oz. fruit. *Supper*: 4 oz. white fish, 5 oz. root vegetables, salad (2 oz. lettuce, 3 oz. tomato, 1 oz. water-cress),  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz. salt-free bread,  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz. salt-free butter, 4 oz. fruit. *Bed-time*: any milk left from  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pints. Alterna-

\*One ounce avoirdupois=28.4 g. One fluid ounce=28.4 ml.