

colleagues over a wide area, for he was a true and steadfast friend. In 1948 he was elected chairman of the Barnstaple Division of the B.M.A. Dr. Bush was a keen supporter of the Chulmleigh branch of the British Legion, and did much to consolidate its position, becoming the first chairman of the branch—an office he held to within two years of his death. He was awarded the Legion's highest honour, a life certificate and the Legion gold badge. Dr. Bush was a justice of the peace, and until a few weeks ago he was chairman of the Chulmleigh Cricket Club. He was also a keen follower of the Eggesford foxhounds, being vice-chairman of the committee, and for many years he was the oldest member of the hunt. He married Miss Olive G. Richmond-Smith, of Flaxton, Yorkshire, in 1907, and she survives him.

Medico-Legal

MEDICAL PRACTICE A "BUSINESS"?

[FROM OUR MEDICO-LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

Mr. J. H. Williams, being anxious to provide for the future of his son, made a will in which, in addition to giving him a determinable life interest in nine-tenths of his residuary estate, he empowered the trustees to advance up to a quarter of that share to the son, after he had attained the age of 35, for the purpose of starting him in business or for the advancement of any business with which he might be concerned.

Mr. Williams died in 1937. In 1942 the son qualified as a doctor. In 1943 he reached the age of 35. He was now anxious to buy a house partly to live in and partly as a base for his medical practice, and wanted the trustees to advance the purchase price under the power in the will.

The trustees applied to the Chancery Division of the High Court to determine whether under the will they had the power to do so, and the matter was heard by Mr. Justice Danckwerts on February 6, 1953.¹

In his judgment Mr. Justice Danckwerts said that the clause in the will should not be narrowly construed and that its object was to help the son to maintain himself in a gainful occupation. From the authorities and the dictionaries the word "business" seemed to be capable of including a profession, and plainly included the profession of doctor. Referring to the B.M.A.'s *Medical Practitioners' Handbook*, he said that the evidence showed that it was often a condition of success that a doctor should be able to take over a house where he could have a surgery and where he could be available. Therefore it would be a proper thing for the trustees to buy a house for the son to reside in, provided it was bought not only for him to live in with his family but with a view to advancing his prospects in medicine.

He made a declaration accordingly.

¹ *The Times*, February 7.

The Services

A Supplement to the *London Gazette* has announced the following appointments in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Korea during the period July 1 to December 31, 1952:

O.B.E. (Military Division).—Lieutenant-Colonel C. B. Caswell, M.C., 37 Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C.

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Major B. D. Jaffey, 37 Field Ambulance, R.C.A.M.C.

NAVAL MEDICAL COMPASSIONATE FUND

A meeting of the subscribers of the above fund will be held on May 4 at 3 p.m., at the Medical Department of the Navy, Queen Anne's Mansions, St. James's Park, London, S.W.1, to elect six directors of the fund.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Dr. Frank Howarth has been reappointed University Lecturer in Pharmacology from October 1 to the retiring age, and Dr. F. H. Grundy has been appointed University Demonstrator in Pharmacology from January 1 for three years.

In Congregation on January 24 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—K. B. Dickson, A. C. C. Hughes, P. F. Lucas, T. A. Kemp, D. G. James.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

In Congregation on December 19, 1952, the following medical degrees were conferred:

Ch.M.—M. J. Roper-Hall.

M.B., Ch.B.—Monica A. Axson, A. G. Clews, Anthea M. S. Connell, Sylvia J. Darke, J. A. H. Davies, G. F. Devey, J. Edgington, J. E. Evans, C. R. B. Hooper, T. H. Howells, R. C. B. Ngaronye, A. C. Pelides, A. G. Pitchford, E. C. Raybould, M. B. Skirrow, J. Wassell.

The title of University Research Fellow has been conferred on Dr. J. C. Howell, a cancer research worker.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

At a Special Degree Congregation to be held on June 26 a number of honorary degrees will be conferred, including that of D.Sc. on Sir Ernest Finch, Professor of Surgery in the University from 1934 to 1944.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH.—G. H. Cussen, Livinia H. M. Donnelly, Irene B. Finnegan, Mary G. Larnihan, Deirdre M. F. MacHale, A. Waldron.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—D. M. Brady, Alice M. Creamer, Mary B. Furlong, B. S. Kale, P. J. O'Connor.

CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—J. J. Ambrose, W. J. Bushe, D. N. Connolly, J. G. Cooney, L. F. B. Delany, E. Desmond, Carmel P. Dooley, M. J. Doyle, Margaret M. Farrell, T. M. Fitzgerald, T. Fleming, Hanora H. Forde, J. V. Gallagher, J. K. Heagney, Malachy Heenan, M. E. Kennedy, R. P. King, E. Lacy, A. Loftus, J. B. H. Lusk, E. J. McArdle, D. M. McCarthy, B. St. J. McCartie, Frances M. McCauley, T. C. McGrath, Ita McMahon, D. J. McNamara, B. Maguire, S. P. Maurer, D. E. Mellon, J. J. Molony, Madeline E. Moran, Mary I. Murphy, B. T. A. Murray, O. P. M. Murray, J. J. O'Brien, E. O'Connor, T. J. O'Dea, M. O'Dwyer, P. K. O'Flynn, J. P. O'Sullivan, A. C. O'Toole, M. J. Reilly, Eva Roith, M. T. Rynne, T. E. Scully, T. Simpson, Clare M. H. Smith, T. J. Timmons, J. H. Walsh.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

Arthur Oliver Chick and Ephraim Joshua Field, M.D., M.S., Lecturer in Anatomy in the University, have been approved at the examination for the degree of Ph.D. in the Faculty of Medicine.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

The following candidates were conferred with the Fellowship of the College on November 21, 1952: J. T. Carroll, D. L. T. G. Finn, S. J. Heffernan, I. C. Modebe, J. P. McMullin, O. M. O'Malley, R. D. H. Parker.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on November 29, 1952, it was reported that a grant of £3,000 had been received from the British Empire Cancer Campaign for research purposes.

Professor Lutherus Johannes te Groen (University of Pretoria) was elected to the Fellowship and Diaa Seif-Eldin was admitted to the Membership of the College.

Mr. Henry Roberts (Liverpool) and Mr. James Walker (Aberdeen) were appointed William Blair-Bell Memorial Lecturers for 1953.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

At a meeting of the Faculty held on February 2, with the President, Dr. Andrew Allison, in the chair, A. H. Edwards was admitted a Fellow of Faculty *qua* Surgeon.