

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

At a Congregation held on August 4th the following degrees in medicine were conferred:

B.M., B.Ch.—D. G. Leys, W. S. Tunbridge.

Degree days for next term are announced as follows: Thursday, October 19th; Thursday, November 2nd; Saturday, November 18th; Thursday, November 30th; Saturday, December 16th.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

A MEETING of the Senate was held on July 19th.

The following were recognized as teachers of the University at the institutions mentioned and in the subjects indicated:

University College: Mr. J. L. Shellshear and Mr. R. A. Dart (Anatomy). St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School: Mr. T. Carnwath (Hygiene), Mr. F. H. Mitebner (Surgery), Mr. W. Rushton (Biology). London (R.F.H.) School of Medicine for Women: Miss Emily C. Lewis, Mr. L. E. C. Norbury, Mr. C. E. Shattock, and Mr. C. A. Joll (Surgery).

Dr. W. L. Symes was re-elected acting director, and Mr. H. L. Eason, C.B., C.M.G., M.S., treasurer of the physiological laboratory for 1922-23.

Professor A. J. Clark was appointed chairman of the Board of Examiners in pharmacology for the second examination for medical degrees for the year 1922-23.

Professor Adrian Stokes, D.S.O., O.B.E., was admitted to the Faculty of Medicine.

The following grants were made for 1922-23 out of the Thomas Smythe Hughes Medical Research Fund:

£100 to Dr. Charlotte L. Houlton, of the London (R.F.H.) School of Medicine for Women, for an investigation of vaginal secretions with a view to the discovery of some prophylactic method for the prevention of puerperal infection.

£25 to Dr. Vasant Ranji Khanolkar, of University College Hospital Medical School, for an investigation of the presence of non-specific antibodies against proteins with a view to further insight into the nature of non-specific immunity.

It was decided that, in and after October, 1922, the clinical examination in surgery at the M.B., B.S. examination be so arranged that each candidate shall have thirty minutes for examining two cases before he is questioned on them by the examiners, and that the length of the clinical examination be in all forty-five minutes.

Human anatomy has been added to the list of subsidiary subjects that may be offered at the choice of the candidate at the B.Sc. Honours examination in physiology for external students.

The Vice-Chancellor, Mr. H. J. Waring, has been elected chairman of the Co-ordination and Developments Committee for 1922-23.

Dr. T. G. Stevens has been appointed a staff examiner in obstetric medicine for 1922-23.

Medical News.

THE French Minister of Health, M. Paul Strauss, who is in London in connexion with the holidays of French children from devastated areas, is taking the opportunity of studying public health administration in this country. He was entertained at lunch by the First Commissioner of Works on Thursday last, when Sir Alfred Mond was in the chair.

A DEPUTATION from the People's League of Health waited on Sir Montagu Barlow, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Labour, on August 2nd, to place before him some of the physiological and psychological effects of unemployment and of the "dole" upon the health and habits of the industrial community. Sir Bruce Bruce-Porter said that not only was the unemployment benefit insufficient to keep the worker fit, but it was not spent to the best advantage because the recipient was generally unversed in food values. He urged that means should be provided to enable the recipient to obtain by means of food tickets a standard balanced diet in part substitution for the money benefit. Professor Lyle Cummins dwelt upon the connexion between unemployment with its reduced income and ill health as instanced by the number of persons applying for tuberculosis benefit during times of industrial crisis or depression. Dr. W. A. Potts of Birmingham traced certain psychological disorders, which manifested themselves either in revolutionary agitation or in moral delinquency, to ill health caused by insufficient food. Sir Montagu Barlow said that while he fully appreciated the serious effect produced on health by prolonged unemployment, he thought that there would be danger of the improper use of the proposed food tickets, and that elaborate supervisory machinery would be required. Captain Donald Simson, who represented the British Legion, outlined a scheme whereby the sums now spent on unemployment benefit might be diverted into productive channels; the benefit would be paid to local authorities or private employers to cover partly

the wages of unemployed men whom they had taken on. This scheme was supported by Dr. Fremantle, M.P.; and Mr. C. J. Bond spoke of the measures taken by the Leicester Distress Committee to institute public works, such as road widening, in order to provide for the unemployed; the secret of success in this instance lay in the integration of a certain amount of highly skilled labour with the unskilled. Sir Montagu Barlow reminded the deputation that the insurance fund was made up largely by the contributions of workpeople who were still in employment. These had contracted under the scheme for the payment to them of benefit when unemployed, and as trustee of the fund the Government, except by amendment of existing legislation, could not divert sums in its charge to purposes other than those provided under the scheme. He added, however, that schemes on the lines of Captain Simson's proposal were under the consideration of the Government.

THE principal functions of the Health Organization of the League of Nations, which was established in September, 1921, are to conduct an international epidemiological information service and to promote international co-operation in the control of epidemic diseases. It also advises the League in matters affecting health and co-operates with the International Labour Organization in promoting industrial hygiene. The International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation has now agreed to provide the Health Organization of the League with a sum not exceeding 32,840 dollars a year for a period of five years to maintain the intelligence service, and a further sum not exceeding 60,080 dollars a year for three years to put into effect the scheme for the international exchange of public health personnel, to which we recently referred.

THE Association of Medical Officers of Fever Hospitals has decided to join the Society of Medical Officers of Health as the Group of Medical Officers of Fever Hospitals. At a meeting of the group held on July 31st Dr. E. W. Goodall, O.B.E., North-Western Hospital, Hampstead, was elected president, and Dr. A. F. Cameron, Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, Kent, honorary secretary of the group. Candidates for election as members of the group are asked to send their names to the honorary secretary as soon as possible in order that they may be included in the list of members for the coming year which is now being prepared.

THE programme of the forthcoming session of the Medico-Legal Society has been issued by the honorary secretaries, Mr. Ernest Goddard and Mr. B. H. Spilsbury. The first meeting will be held on October 17th and the annual dinner on December 15th. At the annual general meeting held last month it was resolved unanimously that the annual subscription be raised to one guinea, with effect from the beginning of next year.

ON the occasion of his retirement from the acting honorary staff of the Stratford-upon-Avon Hospital, Dr. R. Latimer Greene was presented with a silver salver, a cheque for £175, and a book with the names of the subscribers, in recognition of his services to the hospital for upwards of forty years. The governors have appointed Dr. Greene honorary consulting medical officer to the institution.

THE Ashby Memorial Research Scholarship in Diseases of Children of the University of Manchester has been awarded to Miss Ruth E. Conway, M.B., Ch.B. Manch., M.R.C.P., who will undertake an investigation into the reaction of the blood and its relation to the bicarbonate content in cases of clinical acidosis—(1) in relation to anaesthesia, (2) in relation to diabetes in children.

MR. H. C. DYSON, of Epsom College, has been elected to the Epsom Scholarship, tenable concurrently with the Carr Scholarship from Epsom College at University College, London.

AN international conference of medical women will take place at Geneva during the first week of September. The first congress was held in New York in 1919. The authorities of the University at Geneva have kindly granted accommodation for the meetings of the conference. Subjects of international medical importance on which the opinions of medical women of the world should prove of value will be considered. The members of the conference will also be invited to place the constitution of the International Medical Women's Association on a permanent basis. The proceedings will begin with an inaugural banquet on September 4th, and will extend for four or five days.

THE golf competition under handicap for the Llandrindod Wells Medical Challenge Cup, value 50 guineas, will take place on September 20th, 21st, and 22nd. The entrance fee is 5s., and the competition is limited to qualified medical practitioners. Entries, which will be received up to the first post on Tuesday, September 19th, should be sent to the Secretary, Golf Club, Llandrindod Wells. Further details will be found in our advertisement columns.

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