Aniversities 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, Nov 18th; Thursday, November 30th; Saturday, December 16th. November

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 Collece: Mr. J. L. Shellshear and Mr. R. A. Dart (Anatomy). St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School: Mr. T. Carnwath (Hygiene), Mr. P. H. Mitchiaer (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 Kbanolkar, of University College H srital Ne ical School, for an investigation of the presence of non-specific anti-bodies 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

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 chair-man 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 enter-tained 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 unemploy-ment 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 claborate super-visory 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 un-employed, 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 meet-ing 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 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 sub-scription 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 blocd 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 Epson 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. 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 inter-national 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.

A COURSE will be held at Bethlem Royal Hospital, commencing on September 18th, of lectures and practical instrucvarious universities. It is proposed in future to give two courses each year-an autumn session of intensive character, commencing in September and completed in early December, and a spring session, commencing in the middle of January and completed in the middle of April. Each course consists of two parts: Part A includes lectures and demonstrations on the anatomy, histology, and physiology of the nervous system, with lectures on psychology and demonstrations in experimental psychology. Part B comprises lectures and clinical demonstrations in psychology, including lectures and demonstrations in the morbid anatomy of the nervous system, a series of lectures, with clinical demonstrations, on different branches of psychological medicine, and lectures, with clinical demonstrations, on mental deficiency. Entrants for the course who pay a composition fee of 15 guineas may, if due notice is given, attend either Part A or Part B of one course and postpone the other part until the next session. An entrant who wishes to attend one part only pays a fee of 10 guineas. An entrant who takes the complete course can attend the general clinical practice of the hospital on payment of 5 guineas for six months or 10 guineas for one year, but an entrant who does not take either part of the course, and desires to attend the clinical practice of the hospital, must pay a fee of 5 guineas for each three months of attendance. Further particulars may be obtained from the Physician-Superintendent, Bethlem Royal Hospital, S.E.1.

Letters, Aotes, and Answers.

As, owing to printing difficulties, the JOURNAL must be sent to press earlier than hitherto, it is essential that communications intended for the current issue should be received by the first post on Tuesday, and lengthy documents on Monday.

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

DR. H. D.O'SULLIVAN (Burton-on-Trent) desires to obtain statistical evidence on the question of danger to the child in "twilight sleep" confinements.

TREATMENT OF CRAMP.

DR. JOHN M. MUNRO (Kingston, Cntario, Canada) writes in reply to "M.D.Edin." (May 6th, p. 744): I had a similar case which responded well to the following treatment, the patient now being able to be about without any discomfort and all the swellings having disappeared.

1. Antirheumatic diet and saline purge every other morning. 2. Paint joints with ung. iodi and ung. methyl salicylate, rubbing in well till colour disappears, and then cover with flannel—say, morning and evening. 3. Take internally—

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The mixture is taken as indicated until improvement justifies less frequent doses, or unless constitutional effects are produced.

TREATMENT OF CYSTITIS IN PARAPLEGIA.

"S. J. C." recently treated cystitis following catheterization, for retention in a case of spinal paralysis, by perineal urethrotomy, cutting down on to a grooved staff where it entered the bladder. A large rubber catheter was kept in through the perineal wound for a couple of days and a sound passed by the urethra and the perineum for several days following. The cystitis cleared up almost immediately. The bladder is now readily emptied by pressure on the lower abdomen above the publis. The wound was allowed to heal naturally. Our correspondent wishes to know whether this method of preventing catheter fever, cystitis, and nephritis as a sequela, has been used by others.

INCOME TAX.

"JUNIOR PARTNER" inquires as to the effect of the following car transactions: Bought, October, 1920, a second-hand Bayard car, 8-10 h.p., for £300; sold same in January, 1921, for £195, and bought a second-hand Swift, 10 h.p. Coupé, for £295; this he sold in America 1000 for £205 (this he sold) in August, 1921, for £235, and bought a new Lagonda, 11 h.p. Coupé, for £450.

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If "Junior Partner" can ascertain definitely how much extra he is paying for the privilege of spreading his total payments over five years on the hire purchase system, we consider that he is entitled to charge one-fifth of that sum in each of the five years as a professional expense.

JAY-TEE" is employed as a county council school medical inspector; he has recently incurred expense in renewing his car; can he claim an allowance for tax purposes, seeing that his council allows him 7d. per mile for the use of his car?

*** There appears to be no ground for dealing with this expense as a separate item. If our correspondent can show that the council's allowance is insufficient to cover the full cost from year to year of his necessary locomotion expenses he would have a claim to deduct the difference, but to make a specific claim for the renewal is to assume that the 7d. per mile is intended to cover running costs only.

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS.

ASTHMA AND ANAPHYLAXIS. DR. V. L. FERGUSON (Upper Norwood) sends a note on the etiology of asthma. Many articles, he says, are appearing from time to time on the etiology of asthma and alied disorders. That blessed and comprehensive term, anaphylaxis, has, he continues, been bandied about—but are not all forms of disease manifestations of anaphylaxis to some agent, external or internal, organic or inorganic? Why confine it to a certain set of diseases and a certain set of agents? There has been much talk of cat's hair and horse-dandruff and hen's feathers, yet I make bold to say that in order to discover the cause of every case of asthma tests would have to be carried out—tests with every known kind of matter in the animal, vegetable, and mineral worlds, and we might then be far from the truth. Indeed, what reliance can be placed on any kind of skin tests? An article has been published in the *Practitioner* on "foreign" proteins as causes of asthma, hay fever, and the like. The next article is headed : "Hay-fever—the Essential Factor." Further inquiry discovers this factor to be a surgical condition, removable by operation 1 This only helps to convince me that these are hydra.headed diseases which cannot be destroyed at a single blow. There can be no question that the ceremony of numerous skin tests must have a profound effect on a patient's mind, and to this alone may, perhaps, be attributed any success that has DR. skin tests must have a profound effect on a patient's mind, and to this alone may, perhaps, be attributed any success that has attended the inquiry into the specific proteins. It would be interesting to see recorded the instances of failure as well as of success; or is this in line with Bacon's remarks on divinations and dreams: "That that hath given them grace and some credit consistent in three things: First, that men mark when they hit and never mark when they miss; as they do, generally, also of dreams, etc."?

VACANCIES.

NOTIFICATIONS of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges. and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 25, 28, 29, and 30 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 26 and 27. A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the Supplement at page 92.

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