

to him when he became a public official. His election as president of the York Medical Society was sufficient evidence of his keen interest in the clinical side of his profession. He was an active member of the British Medical Association and of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, and had been president of the Yorkshire branch of the latter body. His contributions to public health literature were marked by sound common sense and an intimate knowledge of his subject, while his literary ability was of a high order. By his public health colleagues he will always be remembered as one whose knowledge and experience were at all times at their service, and many of the younger members of the service have cause to be grateful to him for wise counsel and timely advice.

Until ill health prevented, Edmund Smith was a constant attendant at medical and public health conferences and congresses, and by the calm logical presentation of his case he was able to influence debate in the right direction. He was never dogmatic, though he possessed the art of convincing to a remarkable degree. His career and the work he accomplished for the citizens of York can now be viewed with pride by all who were acquainted with them. Without blare of trumpets and without ostentation he carried on his task conscientiously and thoroughly to a successful issue and to the admiration of his fellow workers. It may be some consolation to his widow in her sorrow to know the high esteem and affectionate regard in which he was held by his medical colleagues.

**WILLIAM ARNOLD EVANS, M.D.LOND., B.Sc.VICT.,
D.P.H.CAMB.,**

Formerly M.O.H. Bradford.

THERE were many medical officers of health and others present at the meeting of the Association in Bradford who received with sincere regret the announcement of the sudden death, on July 7th, while at work in his surgery, of Dr. Arnold Evans, who was medical officer of health for Bradford from 1890 until 1912. He was the son of the Rev. John Evans of Sheffield, and was born in that town in 1862; he received his early education at Silcoates School, Wakefield, and went afterwards to Owens College, Manchester. He took the diplomas of M.R.C.S.Eng. and L.S.A.Lond. in 1883, and graduated M.B.Lond. in 1884 and M.D. in 1888; he took the B.Sc.Vict. in 1904. In 1890 he obtained the D.P.H.Camb. After holding resident appointments in the Manchester Royal Infirmary, the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, where he acted as pathologist, and in the Monsall Fever Hospital, Manchester, he eventually settled in practice in Bradford at the time that the position of medical officer of health was held by Dr. James McClintock, who imbued him with a strong interest in public health. When Dr. McClintock resigned his appointment to become medical officer of health for Lanarkshire he thoroughly approved the action of the Bradford Corporation in selecting Dr. Evans as his successor.

During the years he held office Arnold Evans undertook a great deal of spade work, and many of the advanced public health activities upon which the Bradford Corporation has been engaged in recent years have only made possible by his painstaking preparatory labours. In 1894 he contributed to the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* an account of his investigations into the prevalence of small-pox in Bradford, which stamped him as an epidemiologist of a high order. He came to the conclusion that the prevalence of the disease in the area immediately surrounding the small-pox hospital was due to aerial convection from the wards of the hospital, though we believe in recent years he had reason to modify his opinion in this respect. His investigations into what at the time was locally the burning question of back-to-back houses were a determining factor in the general condemnation of this type of dwelling, so dear to many in the northern counties. In many other matters the citizens of Bradford have good reason to be grateful to him for the public health reforms in which he was actively engaged. He was president of the Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society, to whose proceedings he was a frequent contributor, and in 1898 was president of the Yorkshire branch of the Society

of Medical Officers of Health. As a Fellow of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and for many years a member of the Board of Examiners, he took a prominent part in its affairs.

With the general practitioners in Bradford his relations were of the most cordial character, and in the public health service he was held in high esteem; he possessed the affectionate regard of the medical staff and of the public health staff of the corporation. In 1912 he resigned his appointment and a few years later started in private practice in Oakworth in the Brontë country, where he married and resumed his interest in public affairs by becoming an active and useful member of the urban district council. During his many years of residence in Bradford his sister kept his house, and many of his public health colleagues have very happy and pleasant memories of hospitality extended to them by Miss Evans, to whom, and to his widow, our sincere sympathy is extended.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

At a congregation held on July 23rd the degree of B.M. was conferred on E. H. Koerner and A. D. Dyson.

Theodore Williams Scholarships.

The following awards of Theodore Williams Scholarships are announced:

Scholarship in Human Anatomy (£50 for two years): Denis Hubert Brinton, New College. Scholarship in Physiology (£50 for two years): George Eric Macdonald, New College. Scholarship in Pathology (£50 for two years): Thomas Cecil Hunt, B.A., Magdalen College.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

MEETING OF SENATE.

At a meeting of the Senate on July 23rd the Bethlem Royal Hospital was admitted as a school of the University in the Faculty of Medicine for the purpose of research in psychological medicine.

The resignation by Professor H. R. Kenwood of the Chadwick Chair of Hygiene at University College as from December next was accepted with regret and with an expression of appreciation of his long and valued services to the College and to the University.

Sir Wilmot P. Herringham, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., has been elected Chairman of the Committee of the Medical Members of the Senate for 1924-25.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—BRANCH I (Medicine): J. A. Birrell, Florence R. Dingley, A. H. Douthwaite, J. N. Kerr (University Medal), R. C. Lightwood, Gladys M. Wauchope.

BRANCH IV (Midwifery and Diseases of Women): Janet K. Aitken, Edith K. Budden, O. M. Gwillim, Dorothy McNair, Kathleen H. Matthews.

BRANCH V (State Medicine): H. Shannon.

M.S.—BRANCH I (Surgery): G. Massie, A. D. Wright.

BRANCH IV (Laryngology, Otolaryngology, and Rhinology): V. E. Negus (University Medal).

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The following awards have been made in the Faculty of Medical Sciences:

Bucknill Scholarship: J. R. Pierre; Epsom Scholarship: G. G. Gillam; Medical Entrance Exhibitions: A. S. Hatch and M. Levy; all continued for second year. Gold Medal for Anatomy (Senior Class): R. M. Sargent. Silver Medal for Anatomy (Junior Class): E. A. Nash. Silver Medal for Histology and Embryology: J. D. Bitchie. Gold Medal for Physiology (Senior Class): R. M. Sargent. Silver Medal for Physiology (Junior Class): F. Forty. Silver Medal for Pharmacology (General Course): H. Awrounin. Silver Medal for Organic and Applied Chemistry (General Course): Audrey Z. Baker.

LONDON HOSPITAL.

The Medical Unit.

Dr. A. W. M. Ellis has been appointed, as from October 1st, 1924, to the University Chair of Medicine tenable at the London Hospital Medical College. He was educated at Upper Canada College and at the University of Toronto. In 1908-9 he served as house-physician and house-surgeon in the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, and during 1909-10 he was resident pathologist at the Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and demonstrator in pathology in the Western Reserve University Medical School. In 1910-11 he assisted in the teaching of pathological chemistry at the University of Toronto. From 1911 to 1914 he was assistant physician to the Hospital of the Rockefeller Institute. During the war he was at first in charge of the Cerebro-spinal Fever Hospital at Bulford (1914-15); he proceeded to France with the 1st Canadian Division, becoming Officer Commanding the Canadian Mobile Laboratory in 1916. In 1918 he was appointed Adviser in Pathology to the Fourth Army. He was mentioned four times in dispatches and was awarded the O.B.E. Since 1920 he has been Assistant Director of the Medical Unit at the London Hospital. He has published a large number of papers, independently and in collaboration with others, in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* (1915), the *Journal of Experimental Medicine* (1913-14), and other medical periodicals.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

At the graduation ceremonial held in the M'Ewan Hall on July 25th the following degrees and diplomas were conferred:

M.D.—Major A. G. Biggam, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., A. Davies, I.G. D. Fairley, I.T. Ferguson, *S. W. Hardikar, I.T. F. C. Haslam, I.T. D. Inch, O.B.E., M.C., I.T. Jeffrey, I.T. Krone, I.Lieut.-Colonel Abdurrahman Khan Laddie, I.M.S. (*in absentia*), *R. C. Low, I.H. S. Lucraft, D. I. O. Macaulay, E. S. Massiah (*in absentia*), C. I. Milne, Janet M. Murray, J. O. Murray, O. T. Owen, I.G. C. Ramsay, O.B.E. (*in absentia*), J. W. G. H. Riddell, M.C., S. Rowland, A. H. Shennan, I.Major B. H. H. Spence, R.A.M.C., I.A. White, I.H. H. Wilkinson, *G. S. Williamson, M.C., E. A. Wilson.

* Gold medal for thesis. † Highly commended for thesis.
‡ Commended for thesis.

M.B., Ch.B.—A. M. Affleck, J. A. Aitchison, J. Aitken, Agnes M. Allan, A. J. W. Allen, A. A. Allison, S.J. M. Alston, J. M. Anderson, R. G. Anderson, W. L. Anderson, F. R. Ashton, D. Bell, R. Bell, M.C., R. A. Bennett, W. D. Bertram, C. M. Bethune, W. J. Bethune, W. H. Biecard, C. A. Bingham, R. A. F. Blair, I.T. Bonar, Marion Bow, T. R. Bowden, E. P. Boyle, C. A. Bozman, A. Brodie, Marjorie I. Brotherton, K. R. Brown, Margaret C. Bruce, Joyce L. Bunting, C. P. Burges, Margaret C. Burnett-White, Robertha Burt, R. C. Burton, F. L. Buttar, Bertha M. Butters, D. Cameron, I. M.D. Cameron, A. F. Campbell, G. MacD. Campbell, R. J. W. Charlton, W. N. Chisholm, Elizabeth K. Clark, Margaret R. Clark, J. Cottrell, W. D. Couper, J. Crawford, Elsie V. Crowe, D. A. Cunningham, F. Danks, W. R. Davies, C. Davies-Jones, L. J. Davis, E. Dockray, Mary K. D. Douglas, J. E. Dovey, Anne Duguid, I. Duguid, S.J. Durran, R. O. Eaton, D. M. Edington, R. A. Edmondson, A. D. Fairbairn, A. A. Fothergill, A. Foxcroft, A. J. Gane, C. E. G. Gill, K. H. Gillison, E. J. G. Glass, I. Goldberg, G. R. Gomez, E. W. Goodwin, E. G. R. Grant, J. L. Harley, J. W. Harris, T. B. Harvey, D. J. D. Henderson, P. S. Henderson, Dorothy P. Herdman, R. Hermon, J. Heron, C. E. V. Horne, J. L. Horne, T. Howden, Elenora J. Howie, J. W. Hunter, N. M. Hunter, C. Hurwitz, L. I. Johnston, Jeanie Kean, T. P. Keating, Winifred K. N. Kemp, G. E. Kennedy, P. A. H. King, D. Laing, F. W. Lang, M.C., J. H. D. Lawrie, W. J. Liddle, J. S. Liptz, Phyllis E. List, R. Lodge, Elizabeth B. Lorne, Kathleen B. Lorraine, Gwyneth D. Love, J. Lowe, I. E. McCracken, A. S. McCulloch, M. MacCulloch, A. A. S. McDonald, D. R. Macdonald, I. J. Macdonald, J. F. McDonald, E. A. Macdonald, R. M. MacGill, Isabel M. MacGillivray, D. McGregor, I. G. MacGregor, W. Mackay, Helen W. MacKenzie, H. W. D. MacKenzie, W. J. Macintosh, A. E. W. McLachlan, I.D. G. S. McLachlan, Helen S. McLaren, D. Macleod, J. Macleod, S.J. T. M. Ouat, S. Macvicar, W. R. Main, Margaret F. B. Marshall, A. N. Melvin, A. I. Messer, I.Ruth E. Miller, W. G. Miller, R. D. Miller, Kathleen G. Milner, I.Grace E. Monro, J. G. B. F. Morris, J. E. Murdoch, C. A. Murray, G. B. Murray, H. A. Murray, B. Myer, H. Myers, I. Z. G. Nel, Barbara K. Nicholson, G. S. Nichol, S. Noll, J. G. Oliver, Winifred Ormerod, J. R. Paterson, H. Patrick, I.W. G. Paterson, J. H. Penman, I.T. V. E. Philip, H. B. Porteous, Annie Rabinowitz, Frances A. Redhead, H. R. M. Richards, J. A. Richardson, A. H. D. O. Richmond, R. G. Riddell, G. Robb, Rhoda B. V. Robb, A. Roberts, L. G. Rosa, F. M. Rose, A. M.K. Ross, Anita H. M. Ross, W. M. Ross, C. F. Rostant, C. M. Russell, I. Sanderson, R. C. Scott, M. Segal, A. J. Shadden, T. D. Shiels, H. Shirlaw, M. F. de Silva, Agnes M. C. Simpson, I.Winifred M. Small, E. Small, C. H. Snowdowne, J. R. Somerville, J. W. Starkey, J. P. Steel, N. M. Stephen, R. S. Stewart, S. S. L. Steyn, R. I. Stirling, A. J. Stout, D. N. Stewart, H. R. Stubbins, Annie Sutherland, Jessie C. B. Sym, J. Symon, J. M. R. Thomas, T. H. Thomson, A. T. Til, I.Margaret C. Tod, Agnes F. Turner, S.J. F. G. Turner, W. S. Urquhart, Jessy W. Ward, J. Williamson, W. C. Wilson, W. Wyatt, F. E. Wynne, Helen M. A. Young, J. A. B. Young, Roberts M.G. Young.

‡ Passed with First Class Honours.

§ Passed with Second Class Honours.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—R. J. Matthews (*in absentia*).

D.P.H.—Elizabeth A. Baxendine (*in absentia*), Elizabeth S. Blair, Jane P. S. Bow, W. Boyd, H. H. Condie, Mary I. S. Cuthbert (*in absentia*), E. C. Ellis (*in absentia*), Jean F. Farquhar, Edith N. Hartley (*in absentia*), Doris M. Hopps, Janet M. Morton, Agnes M. Ogilvie, Captain L. T. Poole, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.M.C., R. J. Reid, W. A. Simpson, A. G. H. Smart, Dorothy F. Smith, Vera Thompson, E. P. Waters, J. H. Williams, C. R. Wilson.

The following fellowships, scholarships, prizes, etc., were presented:

Thesis Gold Medallists: S. W. Hardikar, M.D., R. C. Low, M.D., G. S. Williamson, M.D. The Cameron Prize in Practical Therapeutics: Harvey Cushing, M.A., M.D., D.Sc., LL.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S. (Eng. and Ire.), Moseley Professor of Surgery, Harvard University, and Surgeon-in-Chief, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, Mass., for important contributions to the surgery of the brain. The Ettles Scholarship and Leslie Gold Medal: Margaret Christine Tod, M.B., Ch.B. The Allan Fellowship in Clinical Medicine and Clinical Surgery: John Thomson M'Ouat, M.B., Ch.B. The Freeland Barlow Fellowship: Ruth Elizabeth Millar, M.B., Ch.B. The Stark Scholarship in Clinical Medicine: John Gray, M.B., Ch.B. The M'Oach Graduate's and Medical Bursaries: Robert Carmichael, M.B., Ch.B. The M'Ouat Scholarship in the Practice of Physics: John Durran, M.B., Ch.B. The Buchanan Scholarship in Gynaecology: Thomson Bonar, M.B., Ch.B. The James Scott Scholarship in Midwifery: Margaret Christine Tod, M.B., Ch.B. The Lauder Brunton Prize in Pharmacology and Therapeutics: Owen Stanley Gibbs, M.P., Ch.B. The Beane Prize in Anatomy and Surgery: Ruth Elizabeth Millar, M.B., Ch.B. The Conan Doyle Prize: Donald John Davidson Henderson, M.B., Ch.B. The Annandale Gold Medal in Clinical Surgery: Ernest William Goodwin, M.B., Ch.B. The Scottish Association for Medical Education of Women Prize: Margaret Christine Tod, M.B., Ch.B. The Dorothy Gilliland Memorial Prize: Margaret Christine Tod, M.B., Ch.B.; *prox. acc.*, Winifred Margaret Small, M.B., Ch.B. The Wellcome Medals in the History of Medicine: (Gold medal) Sidney Elisabeth Crookery, B.Sc.; (silver medal) Samuel Layinka Ayodeji Manuwa. The Wightman Prize in Clinical Medicine: James Maxwell Alston, M.B., Ch.B. The Cunningham Memorial Medal and Prize in Anatomy: Graham Anderson Hereward Gamley. The Whiteside Bruce Bursary: Alexander Simpson.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.

Fellowship Examination.

At a meeting of the College held on July 25th, under the chairmanship of Sir Harold J. Stiles (President), the twenty-two successful candidates (out of fifty-seven entered) who passed the requisite

examinations between March 31st and April 7th, 1924, were admitted Fellows:

B. G. G. Croly, R. Cuttle, H. Donovan, S. E. Duff, A. A. Gemmell, Major P. F. Gow, I.M.S., D.S.O., P. C. Kacker, Hilda M. Lazarus, Laura M. Ligertwood, J. D. McLaggan, E. E. Maduram, Captain S. Nag, I.M.S., Ellen L. A. Pateman, Captain R. H. C. Prya, R.A.M.C., C. A. Rae, Z. Schwartz, I. Sive, R. C. Thomas, A. P. Walden, H. A. B. Whitelocke, W. R. Williams, T. G. Wynne.

The Services.

AUXILIARY ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL FUNDS.

The quarterly meeting of the committee was held at 11, Chandos Street, W.1, on July 18th, when Colonel Mansell Moulin was in the chair. The treasurer's quarterly statement, which was of a satisfactory character, was received. In the benevolent branch five applications for help were renewed for a further year, the total amount being £278. In the relief branch a grant was made to one new case, four old cases were renewed, and grants amounting to £130 renewed. One new case was considered and the school fees, amounting to £30, granted. The next meeting of the committee will take place in October, when the majority of the cases will be again reviewed.

TERRITORIAL DECORATION.

The Territorial Decoration has been conferred upon the following officers of the R.A.M.C., T.A.:—*General List:* Lieut.-Colonels J. H. Hunter, M.C., L. D. Bailey, M.C., and R. Phillips, O.B.E.; Majors D. W. Boswell, E. L. Dewdney, and J. H. Owens; Captain G. F. R. Smith. *Supernumerary List:* Major H. K. Griffiths. *Supernumerary for Service with the O.T.C.:* Lieut.-Colonel A. M. H. Gray, C.B.E.

Medico-Legal.

LUNACY LAW AND ADMINISTRATION.

HARNETT v. BOND AND ADAM.

In the Court of Appeal, on July 23rd, Mr. Cope Morgan made an application, on behalf of Mr. W. S. Harnett, that an order made by the Court of Appeal as to costs should be stayed pending an appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr. Morgan said that in the King's Bench Division the plaintiff was awarded £25,000 damages for wrongful detention in a lunatic asylum, £5,000 being awarded against Dr. Bond personally, and £20,000 against Dr. Bond and Dr. Adam jointly and severally. The Court of Appeal had allowed the appeal of Dr. Adam, and had ordered a new trial in the case of Dr. Bond, with the usual order for the costs of the action and appeal to be paid or provided for by the plaintiff before further proceedings. Counsel now asked, on the ground of convenience, that the order as to costs should be stayed pending the hearing of the appeal in the House of Lords.

The Master of the Rolls, who sat with Warrington and Atkin, L.J.J., said the court saw no reason for interfering with the ordinary rule. Although the order of the Court of Appeal might be inconvenient, it did not render the appeal to the House of Lords impossible, and there seemed to be no ground for exercising the discretion asked for by the plaintiff.

Medical News.

PROFESSOR K. F. WENCKEBACH recently summoned a conference in Vienna, at which Dr. W. B. Coffey and Dr. P. K. Brown demonstrated the technique of their operation for the relief of angina pectoris, comparing it with the operation performed by Dr. G. Hofer of Vienna. A plan of further joint investigation was arranged and another meeting proposed for 1925.

THE Junior Red Cross is the name of a movement which is thought to have originated in the schools of Canada about 1916, although it began independently in Australian schools about the same time. Since then it has spread to the schools of twenty-one countries, and its members number six million children. Its main object is to inspire children with the idea of service. It has begun the issue of *The Junior Red Cross Journal*. Further particulars can be obtained from the Director, Junior Red Cross, 19, Berkeley Street, W.1.

AN international health congress will be held at Lausanne on August 4th, 5th, and 6th under the auspices of l'Union Internationale contre la Tuberculose.

Two years ago the Canadian Medical Association decided to establish a triennial oration in honour of Lister. A committee was formed and reported that the sum of 5,000 dollars would be necessary, the interest from which should be sufficient in three years to provide for the visit to Canada of some distinguished authority. Donations may be sent to Dr. F. N. G. Starr, 112, College Street, Toronto. The first Listerian Oration was delivered at the recent meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Ottawa by Dr. John Stewart of Halifax.

SIR JOHN ROSE BRADFORD, K.C.M.G., M.D., has been adopted by the London University Unionist Association as the official Conservative candidate at the by-election caused by the death of Sir Sydney Russell-Wells, M.P. for the University of London.

THE Universities' Library for Central Europe, established four years ago to meet the book famine in the universities of Central Europe, has already supplied to various university and other libraries 25,000 volumes and some 50,000 parts of scientific periodicals. The countries thus benefited are Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Danzig, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Rumania, and Russia. Among medical periodicals sets of which have been supplied is the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL*. The committee believes that the ensuing months will see a relaxation in the urgency for the distinctly charitable aspects of its work, but that a strenuous effort must be made during this year. An appeal is therefore made for contributions. Cheques and money orders, which may be earmarked for a particular country or university, should be made payable to Sir George S. Gibb, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London, W.C.2.

PRIZES of 100 guineas, 60 guineas, and 40 guineas respectively are being offered by the directors of the *Medical Journal of South Africa* for three essays, entitled the Maynard Prize Essays, to perpetuate the memory of the late Dr. Maynard, who was for some time editor of that journal. The prizes will be awarded for the three best essays submitted on or before December 31st, on the following subjects: (1) Dental caries in native children in kraals and in urban areas; (2) Frequency of infestation with, and pathological conditions due to, intestinal parasites among Europeans and natives in South Africa and the treatment of these conditions; (3) Surgical tuberculosis in South Africa and its treatment; (4) Chronic diarrhoea—its etiology, pathology, and treatment, with especial reference to South African conditions; (5) The treatment of industrial surgical accidents, with special reference to restoration of functions and minimizing subsequent incapacity. No whole-time employees of the department of public health or whole-time workers in research institutions will be eligible for these awards. It is hoped that it will be possible to offer the prizes yearly.

THE Office Français du Tourisme (56, Haymarket, London, S.W.) is issuing some pamphlets on French spas. The last two deal with Luchon in the Pyrenees, and the thermal watering places of Auvergne.

At the June matriculation examination of the University of London 126 successful candidates were placed in the first division and 1,019 in the second division; 41 took the supplementary certificate for Latin.

Letters, Notes, and Answers.

Communications intended for the current issue should be posted so as to arrive by the first post on Monday or at latest be received not later than Tuesday morning.

THE telephone number of the BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION and BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is Gerrard 2630 (Internal Exchange). The telegraphic addresses are:

EDITOR of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, *Aitiology Westrand*, London.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY AND BUSINESS MANAGER (Advertisements, etc.), *Articulate Westrand*, London.

MEDICAL SECRETARY, *Mediscra Westrand*, London.

The address of the Irish Office of the British Medical Association is 16, South Frederick Street, Dublin (telegrams: *Bacillus, Dublin*; telephone 4737, Dublin), and of the Scottish Office, 6 Rutland Square, Edinburgh (telegrams: *Associate, Edinburgh*; telephone, 4361, Central).

QUERIES AND ANSWERS.

SOMNAMBULISM.

"W." asked in our issue of June 7th for advice as to the treatment of a public school boy, aged 16, who had recently begun to walk in his sleep. A correspondent writes in reply to advise that the boy should not give up work and should not be given any drug, and continues: It is necessary to deal with the patient in his somnambulist state as with a hypnotized subject. See him in such a state; talk to him as if he were awake; ask him where he is going and what he proposes to do. He will usually answer. If he does not at once respond repeat the question and tell him to go through his thoughts aloud. Write down what he says, reassure him while in his dissociated condition, then tell him to get back into bed, and suggest to him that he will remember what he has been doing and saying when he awakes in the morning, and that until then he will sleep quietly. When he wakes the next day read over to him what he has said, discuss the matter in the waking state, and supplement any information that may be desired.

INCOME TAX.

Subscriptions to Medical Association.

"M. C. P." refers to the note in our issue of June 14th with regard to the allowance of subscriptions to medical associations, and states that the local inspector of taxes has never allowed the deduction against his earnings as a school medical officer.

* * The note to which "M. C. P." refers dealt with the assessment of practitioners' profits under Schedule D rather than of salaries chargeable according to the rules of Schedule E. There is this difference, that in the latter case the expenses are not allowable unless "necessarily" incurred in the performance of the duties of the office. "Necessarily" is a word which perhaps requires, and certainly is capable of, a strict construction, and unless "M. C. P." can show that membership of the British Medical Association is required by his authority as a condition of his employment he will probably be unable to convince the authorities that the subscription is allowable in his case; if membership is so required he would probably succeed if he appealed against the inspector's view to the General Commissioners.

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

DERMATITIS DUE TO CATERPILLARS.

DR. W. F. CASTLE (London, W.) writes: The recent prevalence of caterpillars in the London parks and squares has resulted in several cases of dermatitis. The caterpillars, which are of the large and hairy varieties, drop from the trees and bushes on to the chairs and seats. Children apparently like playing with them and picking them up, and wherever the hairs come in contact with the skin dermatitis may appear. In one case a nurse had severe dermatitis of the buttock, due presumably to having sat on some caterpillars, the hairs or irritation of the hairs having passed through her clothes. The rash may be of a discrete papular type or more diffusely erythematous, but in either case it yields to soothing lotions, and generally fades in two or three days. As in all cases of dermatitis due to external irritants, there is great variety in the degree of susceptibility even among children of the same family.

MILLSTONE FLOUR AND NATIONAL NUTRITION.

DR. J. MACPHERSON LAWRIE (London, W.) writes: I would be most grateful to know where, in London, one may be quite certain of obtaining bread made from a sound and nutritious flour. It seems to me a pity that the British Medical Association does not organize a more active crusade, carried out all over the country, on proper diet, and more especially on proper bread. The public require and would accept a definite lead from such a recognized and trusted medical authority. It seems to me that this first and all-important duty on the part of our profession is now being taken up by various educational authorities, and we may be left in an invidious position.

A GRAIN OF OATS IN THE CONJUNCTIVA.

DR. ADAM MOSS (West Kirby) writes: In 1901 I saw a patient who complained of pain and lachrymation in the right eye "ever since he was struck by a grain of oats, three months before." He had been standing near the man who was sowing oats broadcast, with an instrument worked by a bow. On everting the upper lid I found the grain, considerably swollen, embedded in the fornix. Some years ago I saw a lady who appeared to have a long creeping ulcer on the margin of the cornea. On proceeding to cauterize the margins and floor, an almost transparent husk of a grass seed came away attached to the cautery.

THE PURITY OF CARBON TETRACHLORIDE.

DR. DALE, in his letter published last week (page 160), pointing out that it was inadvisable to permit the presence of carbon bisulphide in carbon tetrachloride for internal administration, said that a new test of great delicacy would be published in the *Pharmaceutical Journal*. It appeared in the issue of our contemporary on July 26th (p. 101). It is performed as follows: 10 c.cm. of the sample to be tested is boiled and agitated for a few minutes, together with 3 c.cm. of an alkaline solution of potassium plumbite and 1 c.cm. of absolute alcohol. The mixture is then allowed to stand. A darkening of the upper layer signifies the presence of CS₂. The alkaline plumbite reagent is prepared by dissolving 0.5 gram of lead acetate in 20 c.cm. of water, and then adding 20 grams of pure caustic potash. The test is simple, and will detect 5 parts of CS₂ in a million. The investigation was carried out by Mr. Maurice Perkins, A.I.C., in the laboratories of the British Drug Houses, Ltd.

THE "MEDICAL DIRECTORY."

MESSRS. J. AND A. CHURCHILL (7, Great Marlborough Street, London, W.1) ask us to state that the annual circular with reference to the entries in the *Medical Directory* has been posted to each member of the medical profession. They ask for its return by an early post. If the form has not been received a duplicate will be sent on request.

VACANCIES.

NOTIFICATIONS of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 33, 35, 36, and 37 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locum tenencies at pages 34 and 35.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the *Supplement* at page 88.