

## ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the last meeting of the Committee fifty-four cases were considered and £663 was voted to forty-three applicants. The following is a summary of some of the new cases relieved.

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 1893, aged 59, married, with six children aged 5 to 18 years. The eldest is employed abroad, but the rest live at home and attend school. Income from practice and panel dispensary about £230 a year, rent and rates £66 per annum. The applicant was taken suddenly ill in July and was operated on for gangrenous bladder. Nursing home fees were paid by his colleagues, but it was discovered that the wife and family were without means. The Fund sent £10 at once.

Widow, aged 58, of L.R.C.P. Edin. who was a ship surgeon and died abroad in 1923. The applicant has managed to keep herself and invalid sister on the little money left and by the sale of trinkets and jewellery. This being exhausted, a debt was accumulating for board and lodging when a doctor on the committee of the Fund heard of the case and referred her to the Fund. An immediate grant of £5 was made for food. The Professional Classes Aid Council was asked to contribute towards the maintenance of the sister of the applicant, who is the unmarried daughter of a solicitor. A vote from it enabled the sister to be sent away to be looked after, as she is an invalid and crippled with rheumatoid arthritis. The Guild found a post for the applicant and made a grant towards the debt outstanding for board and lodging. The Fund and Guild and Professional Classes Aid Council are working together to get the sister permanently looked after so that the applicant will be self-supporting.

Widow, aged 45, of L.R.C.P. Edin. who died this year, is left with three children aged 6, 9, and 12, who are all at day school. After the practice was sold £500 was left and War Loan purchased. Applicant hopes to augment income by letting apartments. A report from the local branch of the Guild supported the application, and the Fund voted £18 towards education and referred the case to the Guild to consider a similar grant.

Widow, aged 36, of M.B. who died in 1916. The applicant has been able to support herself and son, who is now 9 years of age, up to last November, when her mother, who looked after the boy whilst the applicant was at work, died. Help is asked for the child. The guardians have been applied to and a grant was made by them of 7s. 6d. a week for five weeks. The Fund voted £10 to a local doctor, who is interested in the case, to be administered for the benefit of the child.

M.R.C.S. Eng., aged 62, who is in practice, asked the Fund to help him while getting established. The practice is increasing, but he has only £42 in hand. Fund voted £40.

Widow, aged 54, of L.M.S.S.A. who practised as a ship surgeon and died suddenly, leaving applicant and daughter, aged 17, totally unprovided for. She has been working as a servant, but at present is staying with friends. Voted £25 in six monthly instalments.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Sir Charters Symonds, K.B.E., M.S., at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund Guild receives many applications for clothing, especially for coats and skirts for ladies and girls holding secretarial posts, and suits for working boys. The Guild appeals for secondhand clothes and household articles. The gifts should be sent to the Secretary of the Guild, 58, Great Marlborough Street, W.1.

## Medical News.

THE Fellowship of Medicine announces that an intensive course in general medicine, surgery, and the various special departments will be held at the Westminster Hospital from September 21st to October 2nd. At the Infants Hospital a two weeks' comprehensive course in diseases of infants commences on September 7th, on which date also at the Seamen's Hospital a five weeks' course in operative surgery begins. In dermatology an afternoon course will be provided at Blackfriars Skin Hospital from September 7th to 19th, with a special demonstration on September 8th. The Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital has arranged a three weeks' course from September 7th. From September 21st to October 3rd the Brompton Hospital provides a special course in the various aspects of pulmonary disease. On four successive Wednesdays, beginning September 23rd, there will be special demonstrations on treatment by electrotherapy at the Royal Free Hospital. Full particulars of the courses may be obtained from the Secretary at 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

THE Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1, has arranged a course of lectures and demonstrations for sanitary officers, commencing September 23rd, and for meat and food inspectors, commencing October 2nd.

APPLICATIONS are invited for the post of Director of the Pharmacological Laboratories of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain. The laboratories are being established to meet the requirements of manufacturing chemists and pharmacists who have not the necessary facilities for such biological tests as are to be imposed, under the new Therapeutic Substances Act, in the case of preparations scheduled by Government authority under that Act. The duties of the director will be to supervise and take responsibility for all work of this nature undertaken by the society, and to carry out researches in pharmacology, including the methods of biological assay. It is the aim of the society to promote research of the highest order by giving ample facilities and opportunity, and especially by appointing as many qualified

assistants as may be needed to relieve the director of purely routine work in connexion with the external obligations of his department. The post is not a teaching post, but the society may request the director to give, from time to time, courses of lectures to advanced students of pharmacy. The salary offered is £1,200 per annum, with provision for superannuation under the Federated Universities Scheme. Candidates should be not more than 40 years of age. Every application must be accompanied by three testimonials, and, in addition, by the names of two persons willing to act, in confidence, as referees with regard to the applicant's qualifications for the post. Applications should be sent to the Secretary, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 17, Bloomsbury Square, W.C.1, before October 5th, 1925.

AT a meeting in Geneva of the executive committee and the council of the International Anti-Tuberculosis Union, Dr. Theobald Smith, president of the American Association, was nominated president of the union. It was decided that the next international conference should be held at Washington, from September 30th to October 2nd, 1926. The following three questions will be presented for discussion: the part played by contagion in tuberculosis among adults; the anatomical structure of the tubercle from histogenesis to cavity; and tuberculosis and milk. At the scientific meeting of the union held on July 21st Professor Knud Faber of Copenhagen read a paper on the chemotherapy of tuberculosis treated by sanocrysin. A report of the meeting will be published in the next number of the *Bulletin* of the International Union.

THE issue of the *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Geneeskunde* (the organ of the Dutch Association for the Advancement of Medicine) for August 22nd contains a cordial appreciation by Dr. H. L. W. Droogleevers Fortuyn of the new building of the British Medical Association.

THE *Bruzelles médical* is organizing a medical tour to the East, including Syria, Palestine, and Mesopotamia. Further information can be obtained from the secretary of the journal, Dr. R. Bernard, 117, Rue du Trône, Brussels.

THE number of students recently enrolled in the medical school for women at Tokyo is 130. There are already 1,200 women doctors in Japan.

THE number of medical students enrolled last summer term was 1,126 at Munich and 202 at Königsberg.

THE detailed information published in this Educational Number of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for the benefit of intending students of medicine and newly qualified practitioners has been revised throughout with the co-operation of the deans and secretaries of the medical schools and kindred institutions and of officials in the several Public Services, to all of whom we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness.

## Universities and Colleges.

## UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

T. K. MACLACHLAN, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., of Pembroke College, has been elected to the Fearnside Scholarship, awarded in alternate years for the encouragement of clinical research in organic diseases of the nervous system. The value of the scholarship is £100.

## ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

## Medical Registration in the Free State.

THE following resolution was unanimously adopted at a special meeting of the President, Vice-President, and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons:

That we desire to express our high appreciation of the conduct of our President (Mr. R. C. B. Maunsell) in the recent controversy, and our confidence in his defence of the interests of our College.

The Council then considered the whole situation, and also suggestions from various sources that it should make a political matter of it. The Council decided that as the medical profession has never interfered in any way in politics, it was determined to fight this by educating public opinion, and only thus influencing politicians. As a beginning of the education of the public it has decided to hold a meeting of medical practitioners on September 8th in the Examination Hall of the College (see page 456).

## DENTAL EXAMINATIONS.

AN Addendum to *Minutes of the General Medical Council for 1925*<sup>1</sup> has been issued. It contains a report by the Dental Education and Examination Committee on the inspection of the qualifying examinations in dentistry and dental surgery that were held during the years 1913 and 1924. The inspector, Mr. J. Howard Mumery, contributes also a general account of the final examinations in dentistry of the licensing bodies of the United Kingdom and Ireland, and individual reports of fifteen universities and training centres are appended.

<sup>1</sup> Addendum to *Minutes of General Medical Council for 1925*. London: Constable and Co., Ltd. 1925. (Extra post 8vo, pp. 275. 7s. 6d. net.)