

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Brian Gilmore Macgraith, M.B., B.S., B.Sc., of Adelaide University and Magdalen College, has been elected to the Staines Medical Fellowship at Exeter College.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Dr. A. M. H. Gray has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Medicine for 1934-6.

A meeting of the Court, held on November 7th, with the Deputy-Chairman (Mr. Loney) presiding, was informed that the Essex County Council had decided to make a grant of £33,000, payable over ten years, towards the erection of new buildings in Bloomsbury. The Court has conveyed its most cordial thanks to the Essex County Council and Education Committee for their munificent gift. The Court accepted with gratification a donation from the Worshipful Company of Tallow Chandlers towards the ceremonial hall to be built on the Bloomsbury site. The thanks of the Court were conveyed to the Middlesex Education Committee for grants towards university extension courses and tutorial classes.

The title of the University Chair of Obstetric Medicine tenable at University College Hospital Medical School has been changed to "University Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology tenable at University College Hospital Medical School."

Dr. Sophia Jevons has been nominated for appointment as Governor of the Strand School.

The following appointments have been made: Dr. Amy M. Fleming to the University Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology tenable at the London School of Medicine for Women as from October 1st, and Professor George Grey Turner to the University Chair of Surgery tenable at the British Post-Graduate Medical School as from October 1st or such later date as may be found practicable.

Brown Institution Lectures

The Brown Institution Lectures for 1934, entitled "Primitive Forms of Life," will be delivered by Dr. F. W. Twort, F.R.S., professor of bacteriology in the University and superintendent of the Brown Institution, at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on December 10th, 12th, 14th, 17th, and 19th, at 5 p.m. Admission free, without ticket.

The University Medal in Branch I (Medicine) at the M.D. examination for internal and external students, July, 1934, has been awarded to Dr. Leslie George Norman (University College Hospital), and the University Medal in Branch I (Surgery) at the M.S. examination for internal and external students, July, 1934, to Mr. David Trevor (St. Bartholomew's and Charing Cross Hospitals).

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The Council of the University of Liverpool has conferred the title of Professor Emeritus upon Dr. J. M. Beattie, formerly professor of bacteriology, and upon Dr. John Hay, formerly professor of medicine.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

At the graduation ceremony held on November 3rd the following degrees were conferred:

D.Sc.—N. Morris, M.D.

M.D. (with commendation).—H. B. W. Morgan.

BRITISH COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a special meeting of the council, held on November 5th, the Honorary Fellowship was conferred on Emeritus Professor Archibald Donald (Alderley Edge) and Sir William Josiah Smyly (Dublin).

Dr. W. F. T. Haultain (Edinburgh) was admitted to the Fellowship of the College, and the following were admitted to membership: Frederick Arthur Cliff (London), David William Currie (Leeds), Morgan David Arwyn Evans (Cardiff), William Dawson Galloway (Holmfirth), Lionel George Higgins (Woking), Russell Norfolk Howard (Melbourne), Robert James Kellar (Edinburgh), John Harold Peel (London), Jack Polonsky (Capetown and Liverpool), Arthur Lloyd Potter (Wigan), John Lelean Scholes (Melbourne), Percy Norman Leonard Seager (Dublin), Thomas Francis Todd (Preston), Charles Henry Walsh (Liverpool), Charles Alexander Whitfield (Tidworth), Bryan Williams (Birkenhead), James Smith Young (Kilmarnock).

The following were admitted, *in absentia*, to the Foundation Fellowship: F. Brown Craig (Sydney), Benjamin Philp Watson (New York); to the Foundation Membership: William Allan Dafoe (Toronto); and to Membership: John Nicholas Chesterman (Sydney), Thomas Frederick Corkill (Wellington, N.Z.), Frieda Ruth Heighway (Sydney), Nora Proctor Sims (Baluchistan).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

An ordinary Council meeting was held on November 8th, when the President, Sir Holburt Waring, was in the chair.

The President reported the award of Mackenzie Mackinnon Research Fellowships to E. G. L. Bywaters and L. C. Bousfield, both Members of the College, for a research into rheumatoid arthritis, to be carried out in the Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to A. H. Khan, S. H. Awad, and 123 other candidates whose names were published in our issue of November 3rd (p. 838) in the report of the proceedings of the Comitia of the Royal College of Physicians of London, as were the names of the eight candidates to whom the Diploma in Public Health has been granted, and the name of the candidate who has received the Diploma in Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

The Buckston Browne Dinner

The seventh annual Buckston Browne Dinner of Fellows and Members was held in the library of the College on November 8th, with the President, Sir Holburt Waring, in the chair. In the course of a general welcome to the guests the President said that the dinner had been founded by Sir Buckston Browne to promote good fellowship among the various diplomates of the College. He then gave an account of the activities of the College during the past year, and emphasized particularly the surgical research in progress in the laboratories in Lincoln's Inn Fields and at the Buckston Browne Farm at Downe, enumerating the various researches being carried out by scholars and others. He also referred to the Proffit Trust for cancer research, in connexion with which the College has set on foot two parallel researches—the radium beam therapy at the Radium Institute and the mass radiation with deep x rays at the Mount Vernon Hospital. Turning to education, Sir Holburt said that the examinations for the Membership and other diplomas had been carried on as usual, and that primary examinations were being conducted over-seas this winter by examiners sent out from England to Australia, New Zealand, and India, large numbers of candidates having entered in each case. In the College itself a great loss was caused by the retirement of Mr. S. Forrest Cowell, who during a period of thirty-three years as secretary had missed only one meeting of the Council. Mr. Henry George, the articulator, had also retired, and carried with him the good wishes of the many examiners and examination candidates with whom he had come into contact. Finally, the President referred to the progress of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, whose new building in Melbourne he, as President of this College, was formally to open next March. Under the circumstances it was appropriate that he could couple with the toast of "The Guests" the name of the Right Hon. S. M. Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia. The High Commissioner for Australia expressed thanks to the College on behalf not only of the guests present, but also of Australia, and particularly of the Australasian College of Surgeons, for the presentation of a replica of the mace of this College, for the holding of examinations over-seas, and for the coming visit of the President to Australia to open the new College. The interest shown by actions such as these was of the utmost value in the encouragement of surgery over-seas. In proposing the health of the donor the President spoke not only of the dinner, but also of the Surgical Research Farm at Downe which Sir Buckston Browne had endowed. The farm buildings were now nearly complete, and could provide accommodation for almost any animal required by research workers, except perhaps the elephant. Sir Buckston Browne replied in suitable terms, and expressed his thanks to all the officials who had helped to make the dinner a successful institution. After dinner the guests went round the museum, where special exhibitions had been arranged under the direction of Dr. John Beattie, its conservator and director of research.

The following is a complete list of those present:

Council.—Sir Holburt Waring (President), Mr. Wilfred Trotter and Mr. A. H. Burgess (Vice-Presidents), Mr. Ernest W. Hey Groves (Bristol), Sir Cuthbert Wallace, Mr. F. J. Steward, Mr. C. H. Fagge, Mr. W. Sampson Handley, Mr. G. E. Gask, Mr. Victor Bonney, Mr. G. Grey Turner (Newcastle-on-Tyne), Mr. Hugh Lett, Mr. Leonard Gamgee (Birmingham), Mr. R. G. Hogarth (Nottingham), Mr. R. E. Kelly (Liverpool), Mr. Graham Simpson (Sheffield), Mr. A. James Walton, Mr. A. E. Webb-Johnson, Mr.

R. C. Elmslie, Mr. L. R. Braithwaite (Leeds), Mr. H. S. Souttar, and Mr. W. Girling Ball.

Fellows.—Mr. F. H. Bentley, Mr. A. M. Boyd, Sir Buckston Browne, Mr. D. A. Davies (Deal), Mr. W. D. Doherty, Mr. E. Laming Evans, Mr. E. R. Flint (Leeds), Mr. Thomas C. Graves (Birmingham), Mr. R. Vaughan Hudson, Mr. J. A. James (Bristol), Mr. C. Naunton Morgan, Mr. Cyril A. R. Nitch, Mr. C. A. Pannett (Richmond), Professor Miles H. Phillips (Sheffield), Mr. L. Carnac Rivett, Mr. Charles Roberts (Manchester), Professor Leyland Robinson (Liverpool), Mr. W. G. Rose (Derby), Mr. Cecil Rowntree, Mr. W. R. Spurrell (Tadworth), Mr. R. M. Vick, Mr. Cecil P. G. Wakeley, Mr. Norman L. White, and Dr. R. Salisbury Woods (Cambridge).

Members.—Dr. G. P. Anning (Leeds), Mr. R. E. Apperly, Dr. K. J. Aveling (Bushey), Dr. Roland Brinton, Dr. H. Allen Bulman, Dr. Ronald Burn (Richmond), Mr. C. E. Clay (Dewsbury), Dr. W. S. C. Copeman, Dr. T. B. Davie (Liverpool), Dr. Max E. Delafield, Dr. H. E. Dyson, Mr. John L. Farquharson (Westonsuper-Mare), Dr. N. S. Finzi, Dr. T. F. Fox, Dr. V. B. Green-Armstrong, Dr. Charles Hadfield, Surgeon Vice-Admiral R. W. B. Hall, Mr. J. D. Hay (Liverpool), Mr. C. Bowdler Henry, Dr. Stuart Hensman, Dr. R. A. Hickling, Dr. A. B. Howitt, M.P., Dr. Bernard Johnson, Mr. Murray P. Jones (Ashford), Mr. H. C. Lees (Darwen), Dr. D. C. Muir (Hull), Mr. B. Rait-Smith (Redhill), Dr. F. H. Robbins, Mr. H. D. Rollinson (Coventry), Mr. G. W. Ross (Toronto), Dr. R. A. Rowlands, Dr. W. S. Sheldon, Dr. T. H. G. Shore (Plymouth), Dr. D. B. Smallshaw (Epsom), Dr. J. Forest Smith, Dr. W. B. Stanford, Dr. H. J. Starling (Norwich), Dr. Denison Stilwell (Beckenham), Dr. R. Tilbury, Dr. H. T. M. Townsend-Whitling (Market Harborough), Mr. F. B. Winfield (Birmingham), Mr. W. L. René Wood (Ossett), and Professor Samson Wright.

Others Present.—The Right Hon. S. M. Bruce (High Commissioner for Australia), Sir Robert Bolam, Dr. Mervyn Gordon, Dr. John Beattie (Conservator), Mr. Kennedy Cassels (Secretary), and Mr. T. D. McCown.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

A quarterly meeting of the College was held on November 6th, when the president, Dr. Edwin Bramwell, was in the chair. Dr. J. R. Currie (Glasgow), Dr. A. G. Cruikshank (Edinburgh), and Dr. Douglas A. Miller (Edinburgh) were introduced and took their seats as Fellows. Dr. J. A. D. Iverach (Dunedin, N.Z.), Dr. J. Burnett King (Edinburgh), Dr. J. Alastair Bruce (Edinburgh), Dr. D. K. Henderson (Edinburgh), and Dr. R. F. Ogilvie (Edinburgh) were elected Fellows.

The Hill Pattison-Struthers Bursary in Anatomy and Physiology was awarded to A. T. R. Hamilton.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

At the annual meeting of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, held on November 5th, the following officers were elected:

President, Dr. J. M. Munro Kerr. *Visitor*, Mr. Archibald Young. *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr. James H. MacDonald. *Honorary Librarian*, Mr. W. R. Snodgrass.

Medical Notes in Parliament

[FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT]

The Poor Law Bill was read a third time by the House of Commons on November 9th. Sir Francis Fremantle expressed satisfaction at the exemption of maternity benefit from calculations of the means of applicants for public assistance. He hoped it was the forerunner of further measures next session respecting health and maternity benefits. On November 13th the Poor Law Bill was read a second time in the Lords.

On November 9th the House of Commons approved Additional Import Duties Orders, including Order No. 28, regarding importations of medical and surgical instruments. Dr. Burgin said the Order increased the import duty on these from 10 to 20 per cent. There was a very large industry in the United Kingdom, the factories of which were equipped with most modern plant. Public bodies and voluntary hospitals used almost entirely British instruments, and there was also a very considerable export trade in British-made instruments. The British preference was not to have a surgical instrument standardized and made by mass production at a low price, but a hand-forged instrument produced here. The

committee therefore recommended that there should be a 20 per cent. duty upon these surgical instruments.

The Parliamentary Medical Committee invited Dr. Addison to dine with them on November 14th to mark his re-election to the House of Commons.

The Betting and Lotteries Bill, which had already passed the House of Lords, was read a third time in the House of Commons on November 13th, and was due to receive the Royal Assent, with other measures, before the prorogation of Parliament on November 16th. On November 14th the House of Commons discussed the reports made by the Government Commissioners to the necessitous areas of Scotland, Cumberland, Tyneside, Durham, and South Wales. These reports contained references to the physical condition of the unemployed and their families in these districts.

Anti-noise Committee

On November 13th Mr. HORE-BELISHA informed Mr. Anstruther Gray that the terms of reference of the Anti-noise Committee were limited to noises arising from the operation of mechanically propelled vehicles. Examination of the problem of deafness caused by pneumatic drills was not included.

Replying to Mr. Touche, Mr. Hore-Belisha said that the Ministry of Transport had for some time been in touch with the Society of Motor Manufacturers with a view to preventing the manufacture of motor cars with inadequate or ineffective silencers. The society had also accepted an invitation to appoint a representative to serve on the committee which he had recently appointed to consider the steps that might be taken to reduce noise arising from the use of motor vehicles.

No Christmas Draws for Hospitals

During the consideration of the Betting and Lotteries Bill on the report stage in the House of Commons on November 12th, Sir W. WAYLAND moved a new clause providing that a Christmas draw promoted in a city, borough, or district to raise money for a local hospital should not be deemed to be an unlawful lottery provided that not more than one such lottery was promoted for the benefit of any one hospital in any year; no ticket was sold earlier than the month of November; no tickets were sold outside the city, borough, or district in which the hospital was situated; and no tickets were sent through the post. The clause also provided that after the purchase of prizes and payment of expenses the proceeds should be applied solely for the benefit of the local hospital, the name of which was printed on the ticket; the prizes should not be money prizes; accounts should be audited by a qualified accountant; and permission to hold the draw should be first obtained from the mayor of the city or borough or chairman of the district council. Sir W. Wayland explained that a draw held in a large works employing from 5,000 to 10,000 men would be legal under the Bill, but a Christmas draw on behalf of a hospital, whether small or large, for the sole benefit of that hospital, would be illegal. Vice-Admiral TAYLOR, in seconding the clause, said that it would be a severe blow to many small hospitals if these Christmas draws were to be made illegal.

Mr. RHYS DAVIES opposed the clause. He said that in some districts the working men paid a weekly contribution of 1d. or 2d., and in some cases up to 6d. If the clause were adopted it would destroy that practice altogether. The working men would probably drop the weekly contribution, and take a sixpenny ticket once a year. Captain HEILGERS said that while it was true the big hospitals did not want these schemes, especially in London, because they had a national appeal to which the whole country responded, the poor hospitals could not raise money in that way.

Captain CROOKSHANK, on behalf of the Government, said that it would be practically impossible to limit the sale of tickets of a lottery, authorized by a mayor of a city, to the city itself, and to ensure that no tickets were sold earlier than November. The great mass of the hospitals did not want money to be raised by lotteries. The British Hospitals Association passed a resolution at Eastbourne on June 2nd,

Medical News

The Minister of Health, Sir Hilton Young, will be the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, to be held at the May Fair Hotel on Thursday, November 22nd, at 7.10 for 7.30 p.m. Dr. R. Veitch Clark, the president of the society, will be in the chair. Tickets are obtainable (12s. 6d.) from the Executive Secretary, 1, Upper Montague Street, Russell Square, London, W.C.1.

A meeting of the Royal Microscopical Society will be held at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C., on Wednesday, November 21st, at 5.30 p.m., when papers will be read by Mr. J. E. Barnard, F.R.S., Mr. F. V. Welch, and Mr. John Smiles.

Sir Malcolm Watson will deliver the Finlayson Memorial Lecture, on "Some Pages from the History of the Prevention of Malaria," in the Faculty Hall, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Monday, November 19th, at 4 p.m. Fellows of the Faculty and medical practitioners are invited to attend.

The annual general meeting of the British Health Resorts Association will be held at 28, Portland Place, W., on Thursday, November 22nd, at 3.30 p.m., when the chairman of the council, Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Elliot, will preside.

The ninety-second half-yearly dinner of the Aberdeen University Club, London, will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 22nd, under the chairmanship of G. A. Morrison, Esq., LL.D., M.P. The secretary's address is 16, Tregunter Road, S.W.10.

The Master of the Society of Apothecaries of London (Sir George Buchanan) and the senior and junior Wardens (Sir William Willcox and Dr. J. S. Fairbairn) have issued invitations to a reception at Apothecaries' Hall on the evening of Friday, November 23rd, to meet members of the Society of Medical Officers of Health.

The annual clinical "At Home" of the Royal Dental Hospital of London will be held at the hospital (32, Leicester Square, W.C.) on Saturday, November 24th, at 2 p.m. The dinner of past and present students will take place at 7.30 p.m. at the Trocadero, with Mr. J. Thornton Carter in the chair.

The British Science Guild announces that the Norman Lockyer Lecture, 1934, will be given on Wednesday, November 28th, at 4.30 p.m., by Professor J. B. S. Haldane, F.R.S., in the Goldsmiths' Hall, Foster Lane, E.C. His subject will be "Human Biology and its Applications." Tickets, for which there is no charge, are obtainable from the secretary, 6, John Street, Adelphi, W.C.

The next quarterly meeting of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association will be held at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Tuesday, November 20th, at 2.30 p.m., when there will be a discussion on Section 5 of the Mental Treatment Act, to be opened by Sir Hubert Bond.

A meeting of the Medico-Legal Society will be held at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Thursday, November 22nd, at 8.30 p.m., when a paper will be read by Dr. Horace Shelley entitled "Observations on some Medico-Legal Experiences in Nyasaland." A discussion will follow.

A general meeting of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will be held at 1, Upper Montague Street, W.C., on Friday, November 23rd, at 5 p.m., when there will be a discussion on "The Organization of the Domiciliary Medical Service," to be opened by Dr. J. A. Charles.

In celebration of the jubilee of the first operation for the removal of a cerebral tumour—performed by Sir Rickman Godlee at the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis on November 25th, 1884—Mr. Wilfred Trotter will read a paper entitled "A Landmark in Neurology," in the Robert Barnes Hall, at 1, Wimpole Street, on Tuesday, November 27th, at 5 o'clock. At 7.30 p.m. a commemorative dinner will be held at the Dorchester

Hotel, with Lord Horder in the chair. The last day on which applications for tickets can be received is Monday, November 19th. They should be addressed to the secretary, Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, W.9.

The annual Benjamin Ward Richardson Memorial Lecture, arranged by the Model Abattoir Society, will be given on November 27th, at 5.30 p.m., at the Royal Sanitary Institute, Buckingham Palace Road, by Sir Leonard Hill. The society was founded in 1882, and its persistence in advocating the three objects of promoting merciful treatment of animals, advancing the health of the population, and obtaining economic management of slaughterhouses is being rewarded by their inclusion in proposals lately promulgated by the Ministry of Agriculture. Yet there remain many points regarding methods of painless killing that need careful study. The title of Sir Leonard Hill's lecture is "Electric Methods of Producing Humane Slaughter." Sir James Crichton-Browne will preside. Admission free, without ticket.

A course in infants' diseases, specially arranged for medical officers of welfare centres and others interested in nutritional disorders and dietetics, will be given at the Infants Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, from November 26th to December 7th. The fee is £3 3s. The names of qualified practitioners wishing to attend the course (number limited to fifteen) should be sent to the secretary of the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1, by November 23rd. Cheques should be made payable to the Fellowship. Further courses at the Infants Hospital will be given as follows: April 1st to 13th; September 2nd to 14th; and November 25th to December 7th, 1935.

The Royal Northern Hospital Dining Club will meet at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Friday, November 23rd, at 8.30 p.m. The president, Mr. M. Coleman, will be in the chair, and Lord Horder will be the guest of the club. Tickets, price 10s. 6d., can be obtained from the honorary secretary, Dr. H. A. Cowan, 32, Fitzroy Square, W.1.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces that lecture-demonstrations will be given at 11, Chandos Street, W., on November 20th and 27th, at 2.30 p.m.; also on Wednesdays, at 8.30 p.m., in the series on diet and dietetics. Special courses of instruction until the end of the year will be as follows: proctology at St. Mark's Hospital, November 19th to 24th, all day; rheumatism at the British Red Cross Clinic, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.30 p.m., November 20th to December 6th; infants' diseases at the Infants Hospital, November 26th to December 8th, afternoons; dermatology at the Blackfriars Skin Hospital, November 26th to December 8th, afternoons; chest diseases (M.R.C.P.) at the Brompton Hospital, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5 p.m., December 12th to January 11th, 1935 (excluding Christmas week). Courses, lectures, etc., arranged by the Fellowship are open only to members and associates.

The issue of *La Medicina Ibero* for October 20th contains a biographical sketch of the late Professor Ramón y Cajal, together with a full-page portrait and a facsimile of his writing a few hours before death.

The November issue of *Tubercle* contains a translation, by Dr. Salvatore Lojacono, of Forlanini's original paper on artificial pneumothorax, which appeared in the *Gazzetta degli Ospedali* in August, 1882.

At the recent congress of the American College of Surgeons held in Boston, honorary fellowships were conferred on Sir Harold Gillies (London), Professor Josef Halban (Vienna), Mr. Harry Platt (Manchester), and Dr. Bethel Solomons (Dublin).

Dr. Sidney Gilford, J.P., has been elected chairman of the Reading Insurance Committee for the ensuing year.

The King has appointed Dr. J. R. Forde to be a Member of the Executive Council of the Gambia and an Official Member of the Legislative Council of that colony.

An Italian Society of Gastro-enterology has been founded at Milan with the Senator Micheli of Turin as president.