

of exceptions. This may seem a hard case, but it is difficult to see quite how the judge could accept an undoubtedly authentic certificate by a first-class gynaecologist without opening the door to all other medical certificates.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Regius Professor of Physic, Dr. John A. Ryle, announces that his inaugural lecture will be delivered in the Department of Physiology on Tuesday, November 26th, and that his subject is "The Aims and Methods of Medical Science."

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following appointments were made at a meeting of the Senate on October 23rd: Dr. A. M. H. Gray, Governor of the British Post-Graduate Medical School; Mr. H. J. Nightingale, Member of the Council of the University College of Southampton; and Sir Ernest Graham-Little, Professor H. R. Kenwood, and Sir Holburt Waring, Members of the Court of Governors of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Professor M. Culpin was nominated for appointment as Governor of Hackney Downs School.

Dr. Alexander Haddow has been reappointed to the Laura de Saliceto Studentship for 1935-6 for the continuation of his research in the bacteriology department of the University of Edinburgh.

### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

At its meeting on November 8th the University Council accepted the resignation of Mr. T. B. Mouat of the post of honorary demonstrator in operative surgery, and thanked him for his services to the University.

The following appointments were made: *Lecturer in Surgery to Dental Students*, Mr. Mouat; *Demonstrator in Operative Surgery*, Mr. Wilfred Hynes.

Professor G. A. Clark and Professor A. E. Naish were appointed, with others, as representatives of the University on the management committee of the Sheffield Hospitals Council, Ltd.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

#### *Annual Meeting of Fellows and Members*

The annual meeting of Fellows and Members will be held at the College in Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., on Thursday, November 21st, at 4 p.m., when a report from the Council will be presented. Fellows and Members can obtain copies of the report on application to the secretary, and can, if they so desire, have their names placed on the list of those to whom the report is sent annually. A copy of the agenda will be issued on or after November 16th to any Fellow or Member who may apply for one.

The following motion will be moved by Dr. C. Luther Battenon, seconded by Dr. Richard Gillbard:

That this forty-sixth annual meeting of Fellows and Members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England again affirms that the Members, who constitute 90 per cent. of the College, should have some representation on the council, a similar resolution having been passed forty-five times and never once lost.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

A quarterly meeting of the College was held on November 5th, when the President, Dr. Edwin Bramwell, was in the chair. Dr. Helen M. Russell (Edinburgh) was introduced and took her seat as a Fellow. Sir Harold Gengoult Smith (Melbourne) and Dr. S. S. Rosebery (Sydney) were elected Fellows.

The Hill Pattison-Struthers bursary in anatomy and physiology was awarded to J. Tolland and the Wood bursary to C. C. Gardner.

### 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 4th, the following officers were elected: *President*, Professor Archibald Young; *Visitor*, Dr. John Henderson; *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr. James H. MacDonald; *Honorary Librarian*, Dr. W. R. Snodgrass.

The honorary higher dental diploma was conferred on Mr. J. Forbes Webster, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed., F.R.F.P. and S. Glas., dean of the Incorporated Glasgow Dental Hospital.

## Medical News

The fifth Victor Horsley Memorial Lecture, on "The Integration of the Endocrine System," will be delivered by Sir Walter Langdon-Brown in the lecture theatre, University College Hospital Medical School, Gower Street, W.C.1, on Tuesday, November 19th, at 5 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Frederick Gowland Hopkins, President of the Royal Society. Admission to the lecture is free on presentation of visiting card, and tea will be served in the library of the medical school at 4.30 p.m.

At the annual dinner of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, to be held at the Piccadilly Hotel on Friday, November 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., Sir George Newman is to be the guest of honour, following his recent retirement from the posts of Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health and the Board of Education. Dr. W. G. Savage, president of the society, will be in the chair, and Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, will be among the guests.

The fifty-eighth anniversary dinner of the Cambridge Graduates' Club of St. Bartholomew's Hospital will be held at the May Fair Hotel on Wednesday, November 27th, at 7.30 p.m. Price of dinner, 12s., exclusive of wine. The honorary secretaries are Dr. H. N. Burroughes and Mr. Reginald Vick (113, Harley Street, W.1).

The annual dinner of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Club will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Thursday, November 28th, at 8 p.m., with Mr. Norman Fleming in the chair. The price of the dinner is 12s. 6d. (exclusive of wines), to be paid in advance. Those intending to be present should notify the honorary secretary, Mr. A. Lowndes Yates, 36, Harley Street, W.1, stating the number of guests.

The annual clinical "At Home" at the Royal Dental Hospital of London will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, at 3 p.m., when cases of clinical interest illustrating the scope of the work undertaken by the hospital, especially the treatment of children and the young, will be shown by members of the staff. The dinner of past and present students will be held at the Trocadero (Empire Rooms) in the evening at 7.30, with Mr. Herbert Smale in the chair.

The Glasgow University Club, London, will dine at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Friday, December 6th, at 7.30 p.m., with Professor J. Graham Kerr, F.R.S., in the chair. Any Glasgow University men who, though not members of the club, desire to attend, are requested to communicate with the honorary secretaries, 62, Harley House, N.W.1.

A meeting of the Royal Microscopical Society will be held at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C., on Wednesday, November 20th, at 5.30 p.m., when a paper will be read by Mr. J. E. Barnard, F.R.S., and Mr. F. V. Welch, on "Micro-projection."

The next quarterly meeting of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association will be held at 11, Chandos Street, W., on Friday, November 22nd, at 2.30 p.m., under the presidency of Dr. Reginald Worth. At 3 p.m. Dr. C. P. Blacker will open a discussion on the report of the Departmental Committee on Sterilization, in which Drs. D. Blair, W. A. Potts, P. K. McCowan, D. McRae, W. J. T. Kimber, and T. D. Power will take part.

A joint meeting of the Medical Section of the British Psychological Society and the Medico-Legal Society will be held at the Institute of Medical Psychology, Malet Place, W.C., on Wednesday, November 20th, at 8.30 p.m., when opening papers on "Nullity and Impotence" will be read by Dr. E. A. Bennet and Dr. Adrian Stephen, followed by two members of the Medico-Legal Society.

The next monthly clinical meeting for medical practitioners will be held at the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida Vale, W., on Thursday, November 28th, at 3 p.m., when Dr. Wilfred Harris will give a demonstration on "Pains about the Head and Neck."

An extra meeting of the Section of Tropical Diseases and Parasitology of the Royal Society of Medicine will be held at 1, Wimpole Street, W., on Monday, November 25th, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. Magarinos Torres of the Oswaldo Cruz Institute, Rio de Janeiro, will deliver in English a Lloyd Roberts Lecture entitled "Further Studies on the Pathology of Alastrim and Their Significance in the Variola-Alastrim Problem."

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following courses: venereal diseases, at London Lock Hospital, November 18th to December 14th; infants' diseases, at Infants Hospital, November 25th to December 7th; proctology, at St. Mark's Hospital, November 25th to November 30th; and dermatology, at Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars, S.E., November 25th to December 7th. A week-end course will be given at Brompton Hospital on November 30th and December 1st, and there will be a special course in thoracic surgery at the same hospital from December 2nd to 6th. For M.R.C.P. candidates there will be an evening clinical and pathological course at National Temperance Hospital, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 p.m., from November 26th to December 12th; chest diseases at Brompton Hospital on two days a week at 5 p.m., from December 9th to January 10th (excluding Christmas week); chest and heart diseases at City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, Victoria Park, E., two days a week, at 6 p.m., from December 9th to January 10th (excluding Christmas week). Full information may be obtained from the Fellowship, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

November 22nd is the last date of entry for the course in infants' diseases, arranged for medical officers of welfare centres and others interested in nutritional disorders and dietetics, to be given at the Infants Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W., from November 25th to 30th and December 2nd and 6th. Particulars may be obtained from the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

The ninth annual Congress of Radiology will be held at Central Hall, Westminster, S.W., on December 4th, 5th, and 6th. In association with the congress an exhibition of x-ray apparatus will be held in the same building, under the auspices of the British x-ray industry, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The twelfth International Medical Tour, organized by the Société Médicale du Littoral Méditerranéen, will take place from December 26th to January 4th. All the resorts of the French Riviera, from St. Raphaël to Mentone, will be visited, as well as the hinterland. Receptions and scientific demonstrations have been organized, and special reductions have been granted by the railway companies and the hotels. Particulars can be had from the Société Médicale, 24, Rue Verdi, Nice (A.M.), and the French National Touring Office, 56, Haymarket, London, S.W.1.

Following the lectures on health and the law delivered last spring under the auspices of the Jewish Health Organization, a further series of ten lectures will be given on Saturdays, at 8.30 p.m., at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, High Street, Whitechapel, E., from November 23rd, 1935, to January 25th, 1936, both dates inclusive. The opening lecture on ante-natal care will be delivered by Dame Louise McIlroy. Dr. Reginald Jewsbury will lecture on the care of the infant in the first two years of life; Dr. Bernard Myers on the physical and mental welfare of the pre-school child; Dr. M. D. Eder on the care of the child in relation to his studies; Dr. H. Harris on play in childhood; Mrs. Susan Isaacs on the mental welfare of the child; Mrs. Winifred Raphael on the welfare of the worker; Professor V. H. Motttram on domestic hygiene; Mr. Phineas Quass on the protection of the worker; and Professor Samson Wright on the care of the adolescent. Admission is free, without ticket.

The following medical men were elected mayors on November 9th: Dr. H. G. Wood-Hill (Beccles), Dr. J. R. MacMahon (Poole), Dr. O. Wynne Griffith (Pwllheli), Dr. J. Wood (Brighouse), Sir Richard Luce (Romsey), and Dr. D. Arnott (Shaftesbury). Dr. H. B. Fletcher

of Dronfield was elected an alderman at a meeting of the Derbyshire County Council on November 6th, to fill the vacancy created by the death of Dr. G. G. Macdonald of Crich.

The names of two other members of the medical profession have been brought to our notice as candidates at the General Election on November 14th. Mr. J. D. Cooke stood as Conservative candidate for the Hammer-smith (South) constituency, and Lieut.-Colonel W. C. Ross, I.M.S.(ret.), as Liberal candidate for the Withington Division of Manchester.

H. K. Lewis & Co. Ltd. announce for early publication: *Milk: Production and Control*, by W. Clunie Harvey, M.D., and H. Hill; *The Principles and Practice of X-Ray Therapy*, by Ffrangcon Roberts, M.D.; and a third edition of Roxburgh's *Common Skin Diseases*.

At its meeting on October 14th the Société Médicale des Hôpitaux de Paris, on the proposal of Dr. J. Comby, paid homage to Sir Thomas Barlow, their corresponding member, on the occasion of his ninetieth birthday.

A fully equipped unit of the British Ambulance Service in Ethiopia, consisting of four doctors, five orderlies, and transport personnel, will sail under the auspices of the British Red Cross Society to-day (Saturday, November 16th) by s.s. *Sudan* and *Rampura* for Berbera, where it will be joined by twenty-four trained African dressers recruited from Kenya and Uganda. This unit will proceed to the Ogaden war zone. A few days later the British Red Cross Society will send a small unit of two doctors and transport officers with medical stores via the Sudan to the northern war zone, which is at present entirely without medical aid. This second unit will be reinforced later. The donations in response to appeals for funds for Red Cross help for Abyssinia, which have come from all over England and Scotland, and from Ceylon and Uganda, amount to about £22,000. Further contributions are urgently required, and may be sent to Sir Arthur Stanley, British Red Cross Society, 14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1.

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