

Geoffrey Keynes reports a modification of his technique, which has been adopted for the past three years. When the growth is small it is excised by diathermy, and when it is large a local removal of the breast is carried out by the same means. The routine treatment by insertion of radium needles is carried out two or three weeks later. It is probable that the local excision reduces the incidence of recurrence in the breast by removing the gross part of the disease. The surgical unit at St. Bartholomew's Hospital has for several years been engaged upon a statistical survey of the results obtained by surgery alone and by interstitial radium treatment. The results show that the five-year survival rate is approximately the same in the two groups, and it was therefore evident that if improved results were to be achieved some modification of technique was essential. It was decided that the next form of treatment should consist of preliminary radiation followed by surgical removal of breast and glands.

*Cancer of the Mouth, etc.*—At the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary in cases of cancer of the lower lip interstitial radiation is regarded as the method of choice. At the Middlesex Hospital cases of malignant disease of the lip, mouth, pharynx, and oesophagus have been treated by the one-gram unit, as well as by moulded surface applicators. The question of the management of the teeth in these cases has always been a somewhat controversial one, and during the past year has received special attention in collaboration with the dental department. The present practice is for the mouth to be thoroughly cleansed and the teeth scaled. Obviously infected teeth are removed when at a distance from the growth, but wholesale extraction of teeth in close proximity to active ulceration is avoided, so to minimize the chances of implantation growth.

### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SURGERY, CAIRO

The provisional programme for the tenth Congress of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie, to be held in Cairo from December 31st, 1935, to January 4th, 1936, was published in the *Journal* of February 23rd last (p. 374).

Dr. L. Mayer, the secretary-general, of 72, Rue de la Roi, Brussels, in a letter to the British delegate, Professor Grey Turner, states that already more than 450 members have enrolled for the congress; they will receive promptly their permits for reduced expenses, besides the reports by MM. Braine, Leriche, Ibrahim Pacha, and N. Makar. The Egyptian consulates in every country will visa passports to Egypt gratis on presentation of the member's card.

Dr. Mayer adds: "The Royal Egyptian Legation at Brussels and the members of the Egyptian committee for the next congress beg me to inform you that the present international situation will in no way affect the success of our tenth session. I have to inform you furthermore that on the occasion of the recent Congress of the Association Française de Chirurgie a week ago an official reunion of the members of the International Committee present in Paris also took place. At this meeting fourteen of our colleagues (including Professor Alessandri from Rome and Dr. Giordano, late president, from Venice) decided unanimously that, short of any unforeseen circumstances, the congress would take place in Cairo, as arranged, on December 31st, 1935. Should the international situation take any unexpected turn, the Bureau would advise all members of the changes made."

The general assembly, to be held in Cairo on January 2nd, will discuss mainly: (1) A modification of the statutes for converting the association into a legal society in accordance with the Belgian laws. (2) The nomination of a president for the 1938 congress. (3) The election of two vice-presidents to replace the late M. Recasens, and M. Schoemaker, who is to preside at the Cairo congress. (4) The place of the next congress and the choice of questions to be discussed. (5) The starting of a new international journal of surgery, to appear every two months, containing articles in five languages, and sent gratis to all members of the society.

## THE GENERAL ELECTION

### MEDICAL MEMBERS OF THE NEW PARLIAMENT

The following twelve medical men who were members of the last Parliament have been re-elected to the House of Commons at the recent General Election: Dr. J. Douglas Cooke, the Right Hon. Walter E. Elliot, Sir Francis Fremantle, O.B.E., Sir Ernest Graham-Little, Dr. H. C. Haslam, Dr. A. B. Howitt, C.V.O., Sir Henry Jackson, Bt., Dr. J. W. Leech, Dr. J. H. Morris-Jones, M.C., Dr. Alfred Salter, Professor T. Sinclair, C.B. (unopposed), and Dr. J. H. Williams, J.P. (unopposed). No other medical candidate was successful.

### SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES: POLLING FIGURES

The following are the polling figures at all the contested elections in which medical candidates were successful.

#### HAMMERSMITH (SOUTH):

Dr. J. Douglas Cooke (C.)	...	...	15,377
W. T. Adams (Lab.)	...	...	9,309

#### GLASGOW (KELVINGROVE):

The Right Hon. Walter E. Elliot (C.)	...	...	15,100
H. McNeil (Lab.)	...	...	14,951
H. J. Rae (L.)	...	...	1,004

#### HERTFORD (ST. ALBANS):

Sir Francis Fremantle (C.)	...	...	33,743
H. A. Franklin (Lab.)	...	...	16,233

#### LONDON UNIVERSITY:

Sir Ernest Graham-Little (Nat.)	...	...	8,958
Sir Norman Angell (Lab.)	...	...	3,918

#### LINCOLN AND RUTLAND (HORNCASTLE):

Dr. H. C. Haslam (C.)	...	...	17,594
F. J. Knowles (Lab.)	...	...	7,982

#### READING:

Dr. A. B. Howitt (C.)	...	...	27,540
Somerville Hastings, F.R.C.S. (Lab.)	...	...	22,949
J. W. Todd (L.)	...	...	2,685

#### WANDSWORTH (CENTRAL):

Sir Henry Jackson (C.)	...	...	14,728
F. W. Davies (Lab.)	...	...	10,405

#### NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE (WEST):

Dr. J. W. Leech (C.)	...	...	25,526
W. Taylor (Lab.)	...	...	17,052

#### DENBIGH (DENBIGH):

Dr. J. H. Morris-Jones (L. Nat.)	...	...	17,372
J. C. Davies (L.)	...	...	12,329
J. R. Hughes (Lab.)	...	...	4,963

#### BERMONDSEY (WEST):

Dr. A. Salter (Lab.)	...	...	12,603
F. Glanville (L. Nat.)	...	...	7,674

### MEDICAL CANDIDATES NOT ELECTED

The following members of the medical profession were defeated at the polls. Several had previously represented or contested either the same or other constituencies. An asterisk denotes that a candidate sat in the last Parliament.

- \*The Right Hon. C. Addison (Lab.), Wiltshire (Swindon).
- Dr. R. A. Barlow (L.), Edinburgh (Central).
- Dr. C. W. Brook (Lab.), Smethwick.
- Dr. C. R. Cooke-Taylor (L.), Camberwell (Dulwich).
- Dr. L. Haden Guest (Lab.), Brecon and Radnor.
- Mr. Somerville Hastings (Lab.), Reading.
- Dr. Elizabeth Jacobs (Lab.), St. Marylebone.
- Dr. S. W. Jeger (Lab.), St. Pancras (South-East).
- Dr. D. McL. Johnson (L.), Bury.
- Dr. R. A. Lyster (Lab.), Preston.
- Dr. P. McDougall (Ind.), Manchester (Rusholme).
- \*Dr. W. J. O'Donovan (C.), Stepney (Mile End).
- Lieut.-Col. W. C. Ross (L.), Manchester (Withington).
- Dr. S. Segal (Lab.), Tynemouth.
- Dr. Edith Summerskill (Lab.), Bury.
- Dr. G. de Swietochowski (L.), Paddington (North).
- Dr. W. S. R. Thomas (L.), Aberdeen and Kincardine (Central).
- \*Sir John V. Worthington (Nat. Lab.), Gloucester (Forest of Dean).

new light might break, and the new hospital centre in Birmingham was deferring for as long as possible the planning of its out-patient department.

The special problems of provincial hospitals also came in for discussion. Mr. JOHN WILLIAMS, assistant secretary of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, referred to the strong local tradition surrounding provincial hospitals, an excellent factor in maintaining subscriptions but liable to narrow the outlook of boards of management and to be reflected in the unwillingness of patients to be transferred to council hospitals when accommodation in the voluntary hospital was not available. He considered that London hospitals were not subject to the same difficulty. Another disadvantage attaching to many provincial hospitals was the lack of efficient pathological laboratories. Some system of central laboratories in specially defined areas for the use of the smaller provincial hospitals was badly needed. Finally he referred to the difficulty experienced by many provincial hospitals in obtaining residents, particularly in summer, when posts as locum tenens were more available and were likely to be much more attractive to the newly qualified. He thought also that provided the appointed person was satisfactory the smooth running of hospitals would be facilitated if senior appointments were held for longer terms than six or twelve months, as was the case at present.

## QUETTA EARTHQUAKE: HONOURS LIST

The names of the following medical practitioners are included in the list of honours conferred for services rendered in connexion with the recent earthquake in Baluchistan:

### C.I.E.

Lieut.-Colonel Samuel George Steele Haughton, O.B.E., I.M.S., Officiating Assistant Director of Medical Services, Zhob (Independent) Brigade Area, Western Command.

### O.B.E. (Military Division)

Lieut.-Colonel Jacob William Vanreenen, F.R.C.S.Ed., I.M.S., Officer Commanding No. 4 Company, Indian Hospital Corps, Quetta.

### O.B.E. (Civil Division)

Lieut.-Colonel Vaman Raghunath Mirajkar, F.R.C.S., I.M.S., Professor of Operative Surgery, King Edward Medical College, Lahore, Punjab.

## KAISAR-I-HIND MEDAL

### Gold Medal

Mrs. Constance Ellice May Berridge, M.B., Lady Divisional Superintendent, Moghalpura Nursing Division, North-Western Railway Corps.

Major James Ernest Gray, I.M.S., Civil Surgeon, Karachi, Bombay.

### Silver Medal

Miss Ruth Hooton, M.B., Church of England Zenana Mission Society, Quetta, Baluchistan.

Miss Nora Proctor Sims, M.R.C.S., Women's Medical Service, India.

Henry Bowlby Tristram Holland, M.B., Medical Service, Church Mission Society, Quetta, Baluchistan.

Arthur Durnford Iliff, M.R.C.S., Church Mission Society, Quetta, Baluchistan.

Captain Bertrand Temple-Raston, I.M.S., Civil Surgeon, Dera Ghazi Khan, Punjab.

### Bronze Medal

Captain Atta Muhammad Shaikh, medical practitioner, Shikarpur, Sind, Bombay.

Jemadar Karam Singh, sub-assistant surgeon, Civil Hospital, Quetta, Baluchistan.

Jemadar Muhammed Hassan, sub-assistant surgeon, Civil Hospital, Quetta, Baluchistan.

Muhammad Sharif, L.S.M.F. Punjab, sub-assistant surgeon, demonstrator in materia medica, Medical School, Amritsar, Punjab.

Muhammad Zaka Ullah, L.S.M.F. Punjab, sub-assistant surgeon, Civil Hospital, Amritsar, Punjab.

Rao Sahib Subadar Ramisetty Subbaya, sub-assistant surgeon, Civil Hospital, Quetta, Baluchistan.

Seva Ram Madan, private practitioner, Quetta.

## BRITISH COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

### ANNUAL DINNER IN LONDON

The fifth dinner of the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists was held in London at Claridge's on November 15th, with the president, Dr. JOHN S. FAIRBAIRN, in the chair.

After the loyal toasts had been honoured, Lord Dawson, in proposing the health of the College, said that it now had a fellowship and membership of which it could be proud, and which was extended to the Dominions, making obstetricians and gynaecologists the world over good colleagues and friends. There could be no doubt that the College had gained a growing favour in public opinion. There was a feeling on the part of the public that the question of maternity was a public matter, and an insistence on quality now that the "turn-over of babies" was less than formerly. The College had no small task in keeping the public reasonably sane on the problem of maternal mortality. In providing a maternity service for the country the College, Lord Dawson said, should keep the lead in its own hands. It must not surrender its leadership or freedom. It was an open secret, he continued, that the College had conducted a valuable research on the means of relieving the pains of childbirth, and they were looking forward to the publication of practical proposals on the matter. Coupling the name of Dr. Fairbairn with the toast, Lord Dawson said that in him they had a tried and trusted leader of the profession, who had added to their prestige by his recent visit to Australia with the B.M.A.

In reply, Dr. FAIRBAIRN, on behalf of the College, thanked the President of the Royal College of Physicians for the happy terms in which he had proposed the toast. The fact that his "opposite number," the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, was also present made it a memorable occasion. The College had taken some time to evolve a common opinion about a national maternity service, but gradually there had crystallized out a small number of basic principles on which the College was agreed. He could not say when the report on analgesics would appear. It had proved a more difficult problem than they had anticipated. Dr. Fairbairn said he had just received a telegram of greetings to those present that night from Professor R. M. Allan of Melbourne. The B.M.A. meeting in Australia, he continued, had been a great success. They had admitted in Melbourne seventeen members to the British College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and this ceremony had been incorporated with the ceremony of graduation, so that for once in a while "the poor Cinderella" of obstetrics had been in the limelight. Their Australian colleagues had made a gift to the College, as had their colleagues in New Zealand. In all the Dominions and Colonies they visited the British College was asked to take an interest in young graduates sent over to this country. As to the work of the College in the past year, there had been a steady increase in candidates for the diploma, and the number applying for the membership showed no signs of falling off. This was the last time, Dr. Fairbairn concluded, that he would appear before them as president, into which office he would soon have the pleasure of inducting Sir Ewen Maclean.

Sir EWEN MACLEAN, proposing the health of the guests in a very graceful speech, said that he would particularly like to welcome the ladies; and there was one lady to whom they were all deeply indebted, Mrs. Fairbairn, who had contributed so much to the welfare of the College. Among others he would like to mention Lady Simson, who had helped to raise a sum of money for the formation of a nucleus of the library of the College, Mrs. Bethel Solomons, and Mrs. Eardley Holland. They were glad to have with them the chief medical officer of the Ministry of Health, Dr. Arthur MacNalty, Lord Dawson, Dr. Robert Hutchison, Sir William Willcox, Mr. Norbury, and Lord Horder, whose sympathy and help had been much valued by the College. He welcomed, too, Dr. Arnold Chaplin.

appointed house-physician to the Royal United Hospital, Bath, and to the Royal Mineral Water Hospital. As a practitioner in Bath his services as an anaesthetist were at once in great request by surgeons, while his charming personality and exceptional medical gifts were not slow in making him one of the busiest practitioners in the city. During the war he served in the R.A.M.C. in France, attaining the rank of major, and on his return was anaesthetist to the Bath War Hospital, where he was in charge of a ward, and later was appointed anaesthetist to the Bath Pensions Hospital. In 1919 he was appointed to the senior medical staff on the retirement of the late Dr. Cave—evidence of the high opinion of his medical attainments held by his colleagues. Unfortunately he was unable to spare time from his practice, which by now was considerable, to take the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians in the two years allowed, so in 1921, to the great regret of his colleagues, he resigned. Perhaps, from his early association with the City Road Chest Hospital, Dr. Leckie, though attracted by all medical problems, was perhaps specially interested in tuberculosis, and while at the Royal Mineral Water Hospital carried out some valuable and exhaustive investigations into tubercular reactions in arthritic conditions.

The death is announced of Professor ETIENNE of Nancy. He is best known for his studies in neurology, with special reference to poliomyelitis. In 1921 he played a prominent part in the treatment of poliomyelitis with Pettit's serum.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a congregation held on November 15th the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—D. B. Wilson.  
M.B., B.CHIR.—D. P. King.  
M.B.—R. W. Ironside, C. W. Thomas.  
B.CHIR.—N. C. Lendon.

\* By proxy.

On November 18th Mr. James Dixon Boyd, University Demonstrator in Anatomy, was elected into a Fellowship at Clare College.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

An ordinary Council meeting was held on November 14th, when the President, Sir Cuthbert Wallace, was in the chair.

Mr. Victor Bonney was re-elected as the representative of the College on the Central Council for District Nursing for a period of three years.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to the 140 candidates whose names were published in our issue of November 9th (p. 930) in the report of the proceedings of the quarterly meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London, as were the names of the nine candidates to whom the Diploma in Public Health has been granted, and the names of the eleven candidates who have received the Diploma in Child Health. Diplomas in Anaesthetics were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London under the special conditions of the regulations, to L. M. Routh and S. T. Rowling.

#### Recognition of Hospitals

It was decided that the following hospitals, with the posts specified, should be recognized for the six consecutive months' post of resident house-surgeon or other responsible post in charge of general surgical patients in the wards of a general hospital required of candidates before admission to the Final Examination for the Fellowship:

Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle (senior house-surgeon); Hammersmith Hospital; W. (first, second, and third assistants in the surgical service, and first, second, third, and fourth house-surgeons); Miller General Hospital, Greenwich, S.E. (resident surgical officer and first and second house-surgeons) (until July 31st, 1937).

The Council decided to guarantee a sum of £1,625 from the Proffit Trust towards the expenditure of the governing body of Radium Beam Therapy Research for the year March, 1936, to March, 1937.

### The Buckston Browne Dinner

The eighth annual Buckston Browne Dinner of Fellows and Members was held in the Library of the College on November 14th, with the President, Sir Cuthbert Wallace, in the chair. After a general welcome to the guests the President said that the chief event of the year had been the visit of his predecessor in office, Sir Holburt Waring, to open the new home of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in Melbourne, and to convey to that body a message from the King. He (Sir Cuthbert), as senior Vice-President, had telegraphed to the President of the Australasian College a message "from brothers to brothers." Mentioning the primary Fellowship examinations now held in the Dominions, the President expressed the thanks of the Council to the examiners who made these long journeys from England. Another event of the year had been the defeat of the Osteopaths Bill, and in this he claimed that a notable part had been played by the representatives of the College—Mr. Elmslie, Mr. Souttar, and Dr. Graham Hodgson. Another name mentioned by the President which called forth applause was that of Mr. T. W. P. Lawrence, to whom he paid a tribute for all his work in the past as pathological curator. The Hunterian Museum, he said, was keeping well abreast of the needs of to-day under Dr. John Beattie and the curators. Down House was proving of inestimable value, and by the purchase of an additional piece of ground it was now surrounded by open country on all sides. Each year they had to thank Sir Buckston Browne for his benefactions at Downe and for this dinner. With this the President submitted the toast of "Sir Buckston Browne," which was received with enthusiasm. In a vigorous reply the donor of the feast, now in his eighty-sixth year, said that approbation from Sir Cuthbert Wallace was praise indeed. He thanked all present for joining in this social gathering; nothing but good, he felt, could come of an occasion when Fellows and Members dined in equal numbers at their College. Looking back over the achievements of the nineteenth century, Sir Buckston Browne noted that in that under-praised period came cleanliness, both personal and domestic, adequate sanitation, the revolution in surgery brought about by Pasteur and Lister, and the revolution in thought that followed the appearance of Darwin's *Origin of Species*. After John Hunter's time the College of Surgeons jogged along until, some ten years ago, it woke up to the need for biological research in surgery. The idea of Hunter's farm at Earl's Court was revived; and the research farm at Downe was already doing splendid work under Sir Arthur Keith as Resident Master, and Dr. Beattie, who had followed him as Conservator and Director of Research.

The following is a complete list of those present:

**Council.**—Sir Cuthbert S. Wallace (President), Mr. A. H. Burgess (Manchester) and Sir Charles Gordon-Watson (Vice-Presidents), Sir Holburt Waring, Bt., Professor Ernest W. Hey Groves (Bristol), Mr. F. J. Steward, Mr. C. H. Fagge, Mr. W. Sampson Handley, Mr. Wilfred Trotter, F.R.S., Mr. Victor Bonney, Professor G. Grey Turner, Mr. Hugh Lett, Mr. R. G. Hogarth (Nottingham), Professor R. E. Kelly (Liverpool), Professor Graham Simpson (Sheffield), Mr. A. E. Webb-Johnson, Mr. G. Gordon-Taylor, Mr. R. C. Elmslie, Mr. L. R. Braithwaite (Leeds), Mr. H. S. Souttar, Mr. W. Girling Ball, Mr. Seymour Barling.

**Fellows.**—Mr. A. S. Blundell-Bankart, Mr. L. R. Broster, Sir Buckston Browne, Mr. F. F. Burghard (Burton-on-Trent), Mr. H. Jackson Burrows, Mr. Robert Cooke (Bristol), Mr. R. K. Debenham (Birmingham), Mr. Harvey Jackson, Mr. R. Watson Jones (Liverpool), Mr. J. C. Leedham-Green, Mr. O. V. Lloyd-Davies, Mr. G. Percival Mills (Birmingham), Mr. John Morley (Manchester), Mr. W. G. Mumford, Mr. Lionel Norbury, Mr. Michael J. Smyth, Mr. W. G. Sutcliffe, Mr. H. W. Symons (Leeds), Mr. H. Bell Tawse (Nottingham), Mr. Cecil Wakeley, Colonel J. M. Weddell, Bt., Mr. James Whillis, Mr. N. G. Wigram.

**Members.**—Dr. G. G. Allan, Mr. L. D. Bailey, Dr. Frederick Barker (Parkstone), Dr. P. G. A. Bott, Mr. Arthur Bulleid, Dr. F. G. Caley, Dr. A. E. Carver (Torquay), Mr. F. L. Cassidi, Dr. F. B. Chavasse (Liverpool), Mr. W. H. Coldwell, Dr. Macdonald Critchley, Dr. Thomas M. Davie, Dr. H. P. S. Devitt, Dr. T. F. Fox, Mr. C. R. Edwards, Dr. David Forsyth, Dr. E. P. Furber, Dr. Harold Gardiner-Hill, Dr. L. P. Garrod (Harpden), Dr. A. Hope Gosse, Dr. Arnold Gregory (Manchester), Colonel A. E. Hamerton, Dr. T. Lionel Hardy (Birmingham), Dr. Thomas H. Harker (Southport), Mr. A. G. Hewer, Mr. C. T. Holford (Burton-on-Trent), Dr. N. G. Horner, Dr. J. B. Howell, Dr. John T. Hunter, Dr. A. G. Maitland-Jones, Dr. Geoffrey Marshall, Dr. D. J. Martin (St. Leonards), Mr. William Neil Maclay, Dr. H. L. Oldershaw, Dr. T. Wilson Parry, Dr. Norman L. Price (Bristol), Mr. L. W. Proger (Pathological Curator), Dr. R. J. V. Pulvertaft, Dr. H. J. Roper (Leeds), Dr. M. Radford, Dr. E. T. Roberts (Glasgow), Dr. W. H. Scott-Easton (St. Mary Cray), Mr. E. T. Shorland (Westbury), Dr. J. H. Sheldon (Wolverhampton), Dr. G. Evan Spicer (St. Albans), Dr. Percy B. Spurgin, Mr. G. V. Steward (Fleet), Mr. Edgar Olive Turner (Great Missenden), Dr. G. de Bec Turtle, Mr. H. Stobie, Mr. H. S. Wachter, Dr. Cecil Wall, Dr. E. Welch (Leeds), Dr. L. E. H. Whitby.

*Others Present.*—Dr. J. W. McNee, Mr. Horace H. Rew (Secretary to the Examining Board), Dr. John Beattie (Conservator and Director of Research), Dr. W. R. Le Fanu (Librarian), Mr. Kennedy Cassels (Secretary), Mr. A. J. E. Cave (Assistant Conservator).

#### BRITISH COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

The quarterly meeting of the Council was held in the College House on November 16th, with the President, Dr. J. S. Fairbairn, in the chair.

The following were elected Members of the College: Presley A. McCleod (Ontario), Cyril M. Plumptre (Madras), Thomas R. Plunkett (New Zealand), H. Rowntree (Amritsar).

Arthur Alexander Gemmell (Liverpool) was formally admitted to the Fellowship of the College, and the following to the Membership: Bernard Berger (South Africa), Glyn Alexander Davies (Sheffield), Francis Joseph Hayden (Melbourne), Arthur Machen Hill (Melbourne), Judah Leon Jona (Melbourne), Alice Meave Kenny (London), Hilda Nora Lloyd (Birmingham), Harold Ian McClure (Belfast), Leslie Bonthron Patrick (Sheffield), Terence George Robinson (Epsom), George Randolph Sparrow (Sheffield), Garth Rivers Stoneham (Sheffield), Jane Bowden Stubbs (Manchester), William Ewart Chambers Thomas (Ashton-under-Lyne), Charles Keith Vartan (London), Ramsay Warden (Melbourne).

The following were admitted *in absentia*: *Foundation Fellow*: Ahmed Bey Shafik (Cairo); *Members*: Narendranath Basu (Calcutta), Jack Rowland Stanley Beard (Adelaide), James Black (Johannesburg), John Hillyer Boyd (New York), Waring Gerald Cosbie (Toronto), Herculano Diogo De Sa (Bombay), Kevin Cormack Donovan (Sydney), Malcolm Britnell Fraser (Sydney), Israel Goldberg (Capetown), Arthur Francis Hobson (Sydney), James Stoddart Hovell (Khartum), Thomas Dixon Hughes (Sydney), Jerusha Jhirad (Bombay), Hilda Mary Lazarus (Madras), Donald Mackintosh Low (Toronto), Ronald McRobert (Rangoon), Gordon Bradley Lowe (Croydon, New South Wales), Rupert Eric Magarey (Adelaide), Arthur Alexander Moon (Sydney), Ernest Ludlow Newman (Sydney), Hemendranarayan Ray (Calcutta), Ida Blanche Saunders (Sydney), Thomas Henry Small (Woolhara, New South Wales), Reginald Steven Townsend (Lucknow), Herman Brookfield Van Wyck (Toronto), James Waterman (Port-of-Spain).

At the close of the meeting Sir Ewen Maclean assumed the office of President. A vote of great appreciation of Dr. Fairbairn's services as President during the past three years was adopted.

### The Services

The King has conferred the Efficiency Decoration of the Territorial Army on Lieut.-Colonel J. F. O'Grady, R.A.M.C., T.A., and Majors D. Stewart, R. J. W. A. Cushing, A. C. MacDonald, M.C., and W. A. Jackman, R.A.M.C., T.A.

#### No. 29 GENERAL HOSPITAL DINNER

The seventeenth annual dinner of the 29th General Hospital will be held at Princes Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on Saturday, December 14th, at 7.30 p.m., when Lieut.-Colonel S. H. Withers, C.M.G., will preside. Officers should communicate with the honorary secretary, Captain A. Percy Groves, Heronfield, Meadowcourt Road, Leicester.

#### PARKES MEMORIAL PRIZE, 1935

Surgeon Lieutenant J. L. S. Coulter, R.N., has been awarded the Parkes Memorial Prize for 1935, consisting of a gold medal and a sum of £30, for his essay, "Preparation for Tropical Service in the Royal Navy." The prize is awarded annually to the writer of the best essay on a subject connected with naval or military hygiene. The competition is open to medical officers of the Royal Navy, Army, and Indian Army, with the exception of the professors and assistant professors of the Royal Naval Medical School, Greenwich, and of the Royal Army Medical College, London, during their term of office.

## Medico-Legal

### USE OF THE TERM "SURGEON"

*Jutson v. Barrow*

As recorded in this column on November 2nd (p. 879) the King's Bench Divisional Court delivered on October 25th a judgement stating definitely, for the first time, that no one who is not a registered medical practitioner may call himself a surgeon, no matter what qualifying adjective he chooses to attach to the word, save in the case of dental surgeons and veterinary surgeons, whose titles are protected by statute.

The Medical Defence Union, by Mr. W. E. Jutson, had preferred last September three informations against Captain Horace Barrow of Paignton, an unregistered person, for affixing to his premises a plate bearing the words "Captain H. Barrow, M.M., Manipulative Surgeon." The Paignton magistrates dismissed the information and awarded Captain Barrow fifty guineas costs. The Divisional Court, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Humphreys, and Mr. Justice Singleton, sent the case back to the local justices with an order to convict, but to impose only one penalty on the three informations. The award of fifty guineas was quashed.

Following this judgement the Paignton magistrates on November 15th imposed a fine of £10 on Captain Barrow, with an order to pay ten guineas costs. In announcing the decision Sir Alfred Goodson, chairman of the Paignton Bench, said that in fairness to them it should now be stated that their former decision was made by a majority, against the advice tendered by their clerk.

## Medical News

Dr. Edward Mellanby, F.R.S., secretary of the Medical Research Council, will deliver a series of lectures entitled "A Survey of Modern Views of Nutrition," on Tuesdays, at 5.15 p.m., from November 26th to December 17th, both dates inclusive, at the Royal Institution, 21, Albemarle Street, W.

The annual dinner of the Old Epsomian Club will be held at the Hotel Great Central on Thursday, December 12th, at 7 for 7.30 p.m.

The annual general meeting of the British Health Resorts Association will be held at 28, Portland Place, W., on Thursday, November 28th, at 4 p.m.

A meeting of the Medico-Legal Society will be held at 26, Portland Place, W., on Thursday, November 28th, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. F. J. McCann will read a paper on "Some Medico-Legal Problems in Connexion with Pregnancy and Parturition."

A sessional meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute, in conjunction with the Yorkshire Branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, will be held at Barnsley Town Hall on Friday, November 29th, at 5 p.m., when Dr. J. A. Scott will open a discussion on "Diphtheria Immunization."

The first meeting of the 1935-6 session of the Fever Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will be held at 1, Thornhaugh Street, Russell Square, W.C., on Friday, November 29th, at 4 p.m., when Dr. E. H. R. Harries will deliver his presidential address on "Fever Hospital Practice in Retrospect and Prospect."

The next course of lectures and demonstrations on tropical hygiene for men and women outside the medical profession will be given by Lieut.-Colonel H. B. Newham, Mr. H. H. Clay, and Sir Malcolm Watson at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on December 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. The fee for the course is £1 1s., payable in advance, and the synopsis may be obtained from the organizing secretary, Ross Institute, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C.

The Buckston Browne Prize for 1935, which is given by the Harveian Society of London, has been awarded to William Robert Fearon, M.B., of Trinity College, Dublin, for his essay on "Nutritional Factors in Disease."

A meeting of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society will be held at the De Vere Hotel, Kensington Road, W., on Friday, December 6th, at 8.30 p.m., when there will be a discussion on "The Medical Witness," to be opened by Sir Bernard Spilsbury, Dr. Edwin Smith, Sir William Willcox, and Judge Higgins. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner, at 7.30 p.m., for members who wish to dine.

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following courses: infants' diseases, at the Infants Hospital, November 25th to December 7th; dermatology, at the Hospital for Diseases of the Skin, Blackfriars, S.E., November 25th to December 7th; proctology, at St. Mark's Hospital, November 25th to 30th. The following courses will be held at Brompton Hospital: chest diseases, especially suitable for general practitioners, November 30th and December 1st; thoracic surgery, December 2nd to 6th, occupying the whole of each day; and a special class for M.R.C.P. candidates on two days a week, from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., from December 9th to January 10th (excluding Christmas week). During the latter period a class will be given at the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs, Victoria Park, E., on Wednesdays and Fridays, from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Full information may be obtained from the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.

The Royal Manchester Children's Hospital has embarked on a large scheme of developments and extensions which will require about £100,000. In order to give the public opportunities to become acquainted with the work done for the young at Pendlebury and elsewhere, and to give a good send-off to the Centenary Appeal Fund a Christmas Fair is to be held in the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on November 23rd, 25th, and 26th.

Major W. A. Rankin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S.R.C.S.Ed., Army Dental Corps (Gray's Inn), was called to the Bar on November 18th.

The September issue of *Revista Espanola de las Enfermedades del Aparato Digestivo* contains an account of the proceedings of the first International Congress of Gastro-enterology, held recently at Brussels.

A conference called by the Maternal Mortality Committee was held in London at the end of June to consider the policy which had been drawn up by that body for the promotion of an adequate maternity service. In the *Journal* of July 6th (p. 35) a note on the proceedings of the conference included a statement of the policy adopted. The committee has now issued a pamphlet of twenty pages on the schemes considered at the conference; also two leaflets—one setting out the policy in its latest form and the other an explanatory note. Copies may be obtained from the honorary secretary, Miss Gertrude M. Tuckwell, 13, Chester Terrace, S.W.1.

John Bartholomew and Son Ltd., Duncan Street, Edinburgh, 9, have published a new map of Ethiopia and adjoining territories—printed in colours. The scale is 1:4,000,000, or about 65 statute miles to an inch, and the size, within borders, is 27½ inches by 24 inches. The price is: on cloth, folded, 3s.; on paper, folded, 1s. 6d.

Dr. Axel Munthe has given King Gustav of Sweden the sum of 100,000 kronor, which he describes as a gift from the book *San Michele*, for charitable purposes, including help for needy Laplanders and the protection of bears from mankind.

Dr. George R. Minot of Boston and Dr. George H. Whipple of Rochester have been elected members of the Imperial Leopold Caroline German Academy of Natural Science at Halle.

The French Society of Gynaecology has nominated Professor Emilio Alfieri, director of the gynaecological institute of Milan University, as president of honour of the French Congress of Gynaecology, to be held in 1936, in place of the late Professor Ernesto Pestalozzi.

## Letters, Notes, and Answers

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### QUERIES AND ANSWERS

#### "Black Tongue"

"G. T. B." requests information about a patient with a very thick dense black fur on the tongue, which came without cause two months ago, and which resists all treatment. Can anyone, he writes, suggest the cause and how to treat it. All simple remedies—glyc. acid, boric., glyc. acid, carbol., diluted hydrogen peroxide—have been tried without avail. The patient is not taking iron or sucking lozenges.

\*\* An inquiry on this subject appeared in the *Journal* in October, 1925, when a correspondent recalled that "black tongue" is mentioned in *Diseases of the Tongue*, by Butlin and Spencer (1900, p. 145). The treatment there recommended was to assure the patient that this condition was a mere curiosity, and that if active measures were deemed necessary then painting the tongue with a 2 per cent. solution of salicylic acid might be tried, or rubbing in a solution of carbolic acid, 1 in 60, with a soft piece of rag, three or four times a day. Lactic acid was also said to be useful.

#### Oxaluria

"A. B. C." writes: Could any reader suggest treatment for an athletic young man, aged 20 years, who suffers from recurrent painful attacks of oxaluria, accompanied on occasion by haematuria? The usual dietary restrictions have failed to benefit the condition.

#### Treatment of Cataract

"G. P." writes from Yorkshire: Is there any orthodox teaching or hospital experience on the treatment of senile cataract by means of (1) ascorbic acid, and (2) injections of lens extract? Is any benefit ever derived from these medicaments? What course of treatment is necessary, and what preparations are available? Or are the above treatments of no value whatever, and merely apparently successful coincidences in a limited number of cases?

\*\* Reference to the treatment of cataract by vitamin C and by lens extract was made in annotations in the *Journal* of October 19th under the heading of "Dinitrophenol Cataract," and in the *Journal* of July 13th under "Cataract and its Medical Treatment."

#### Pruritus Vulvae et Ani

"PERPLEXED" asks for suggestions in the treatment of a patient, aged 45, with severe pruritus of vulva and anus, which also covers large areas of skin over the thighs and buttocks. She still menstruates irregularly, and the irritation is always worse before a period. The urine is normal. Nothing alleviates the terrible itching. Lotions such as lead, calamine, and carbolic have been tried, also Dakin's solution and carron oil. Hexamine and ergot and iron have been given internally.