

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Under the approved scheme for administration of the Frank Edward Elmore Fund for the provision of scholarships for medical research, the board of managers has awarded studentships to A. C. E. Cole, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., of Trinity College; G. D. Hadley, B.A., B.Ch., of Clare College; L. C. Martin, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., of Gonville and Caius College; and Brian McArdle, M.B., B.S.Lond. The main provisions of the scheme are printed in the *Cambridge University Reporter* of August 24th, 1936 (p. 1343).

During the month of July the title of the degree of M.B. was conferred on Mrs. M. C. Pickering of Newnham College, and that of B.Ch. on B. J. Travers of Newnham College and E. M. Wright of Girton College.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates have passed in the subjects indicated:

SURGERY.—A. G. T. Brown, F. C. E. Diamond, C. R. Hardman, B. M. Jensen, T. A. M. Johns, J. H. Lewis, C. W. Mills, I. A. Sarot, J. W. Spies, P. A. Walshaw.

MEDICINE.—A. G. T. Brown, E. S. Dismorr, F. T. Futers, T. A. M. Johns, J. H. Lewis, C. J. Robarts, O. H. Saldanha, I. A. Sarot, W. G. Zorab.

FORENSIC MEDICINE.—A. G. T. Brown, E. S. Dismorr, F. T. Futers, T. A. M. Johns, D. L. Jones, J. H. Lewis, C. J. Robarts, O. H. Saldanha, I. A. Sarot, S. Zissermann, W. G. Zorab.

MIDWIFERY.—A. G. T. Brown, E. S. Dismorr, G. M. Edwards, C. R. Hardman, S. M. M. Niall, B. A. R. Pitt, J. H. Roberts, I. A. Sarot.

The diploma of the Society has been granted to A. G. T. Brown, B. M. Jensen, C. W. Mills, C. J. Robarts, O. H. Saldanha, I. A. Sarot.

Medical News

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following courses: plastic surgery, September 16th and 17th; infants' diseases at Infants Hospital, September 21st to 26th; proctology at Gordon Hospital, September 28th to October 3rd; chest diseases at Brompton Hospital, September 21st to 28th. Week-end courses for the general practitioner will be given in general surgery at Miller Hospital, September 19th and 20th; ophthalmology at Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, September 26th and 27th; and fevers at Park Hospital, Hither Green, October 3rd and 4th. A course in anatomy and physiology, in preparation for the primary F.R.C.S. examination, will be given on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, at 8 p.m., from September 14th to October 22nd, at Infants Hospital: candidates may attend either anatomy or physiology, or both. The following courses have been arranged in preparation for the M.R.C.P. examination: clinical and pathological evening course at National Temperance Hospital, Tuesdays and Thursdays, from September 8th to 24th, at 8 p.m.; chest diseases at Brompton Hospital, two days weekly from September 14th to October 9th, at 5 p.m.; heart and lung diseases at Royal Chest Hospital, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from September 21st to October 9th, at 8 p.m. Demonstrations on pulmonary tuberculosis will be given at Preston Hall on Saturday, October 3rd. Detailed syllabuses of all courses can be obtained from the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

The fourth Congress of the Latin Medical Press will be held at Venice from September 29th to October 3rd under the presidency of the Senator David Giordano, when the following papers will be read: (1) The History of the Latin Medical Press, by Professor A. Pazzini; (2) Social Function of the Medical Press, by Dr. T. Oliano; (3) Principles of Medical Instruction and Medical Practice in Various Latin Countries, by Professor G. Perez. Further information can be obtained from Professor V. Saraval, Ospedile Civile, Venice.

We have received the first volume of a special educational number of the *Patna Journal of Medicine*. Every aspect of the teaching of medicine is covered in a series

of short articles, some of which are of general interest, though the majority refer specifically to medical education in India, and notably in Patna.

At the fifth Conference of the International Association of Preventive Paediatrics in Basle in September, 1935, it was decided that the sixth conference should take place in Italy before or after the International Congress of Paediatrics to be held at Rome. Since this congress has been postponed, it has been decided to postpone also the conference of the International Association in order that the two meetings may still be held concurrently at a date to be fixed later on. The subjects for discussion at this conference remain unchanged—namely, the bringing into operation of preventive vaccination against typhus and cognate conditions, and the role of health visitors in combating infantile morbidity and mortality.

A Bill is now before the French Parliament with the object of rendering obligatory in the Army triple vaccination against typhoid fever, diphtheria, and tetanus.

Letters, Notes, and Answers

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Chronic Staphylococcal Infection

"X. Y. Z." (London) writes: I would be grateful if any reader could suggest any treatment, of which he has had experience, for the following case. The patient, aged 26, has for the past eight years suffered more or less continuously from corneal ulcers, eczema, effusions in tendon sheaths and joints, especially knees and ankles, and subcutaneous abscesses. About every three months an exacerbation occurs, during which he is confined to bed, and some or all of the above manifestations appear. The blood sugar is normal and the Wassermann reaction is negative. He has seen many specialists, and has received vaccine and serum treatment, gold and arsenic injections, and yeast in various forms. He is extremely susceptible to sera and metals, and develops a severe reaction after a minimal dose. One brother has died as a result of staphylococcal infections, and another is similarly, but less severely, affected. The condition appears to be due to deficient natural immunity to the staphylococcus.

Sterilizing Syringes Used for So'ganal

Dr. D. S. CAMPBELL (Renfrewshire) writes in reply to Dr. E. Armstrong (*Journal*, August 22nd, p. 412): Take two 5-c.cm. glass syringes, two needles, one instrument lifter (fingers do just as well), one small enamel sterilizer or dish with enamel lid, and one aluminium saucepan. Water alone is boiled in the enamel dish with the lid on. The syringes, with plungers and needles disconnected, and the instrument lifter (if used) are boiled in the saucepan at