

activities of our Association must become a necessity, not only for all groups in our profession, but also for the State, local authorities, and even those innumerable lay bodies that were arising to interest themselves in one or more aspects of these branches of medicine. This band of voluntary helpers and colleagues made many sacrifices; they have been an inspiration, and merit our real thanks. It should be possible to place permanently their names and work on record in a historical manner before they become only names to their successors, and eventually are forgotten.

Scientific advance in medicine is retarded unless it be accompanied by an equivalent medico-political and sociological advance to ensure for our profession that reasonable corporate and individual recognition and freedom for expression of personality which is essential for success. Nor should there be in our profession itself any lack of appreciative and sympathetic co-operation between the two groups.

Medical administration; the formation of so many lay bodies, with the ramification of their activities into the lives and environment of the peoples; as well as the continuous evolution and gradual revolution in the conduct of medical practice during the past forty years, have developed a system so intricate and detailed that it is no longer possible to rely as heretofore on the voluntary services of a few to keep things on right lines. And yet our Association has seldom, if ever, been caught napping; very often it has proved to be a pioneer by its intelligent anticipation, building on sound foundations. Who can say what the theory and practice of medicine in these two fields will have become in another forty years under the impact of changing social conditions?

If we are to continue to carry successfully the burden of the responsibility and trust given to our profession to provide a complete up-to-date health service and to co-operate with others in securing a condition of sound public health, then it is necessary for all—including those to whom the political and sociological branches of medicine do not appeal—to gather round and constantly support, cheer, and encourage those whom they have appointed from all groups in the profession and who are giving of their best.

The success of the testimonial has been great; but it must be owned frankly that the services for which it is a recognition have been made possible only because of the patience, sympathy, co-operation, and companionship of that large band of workers both within and without our profession that one has been allowed to assist during these many years. All of these, still with us, I ask to be allowed to include in my thanks.—I am, etc.,

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Vice-President, British Medical  
Association.

Hove, Sept. 26th.

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## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE

The Price University Scholarship in Anatomy and Physiology (value £100) has been awarded to D. L. Caldwell of Jesus College, Cambridge; the Price Scholarship in Science (value £100) to L. Bernstein; open scholarships (certain subjects of the intermediate and final examinations; value £100 each) to I. M. Jackson of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and I. R. S. Gordon of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge; *proxime accessit*, H. C. Barry of New College, Oxford; and a scholarship in arts (value £50) to J. R. Sinton.

## Obituary

### LORD MOYNIHAN

Professor G. GREY TURNER writes:

When in 1900, as a very young man, I had my first glimpse of Moynihan at work he was well known for his writings on anatomy and was looked upon with a certain amount of awe as an examiner for the Primary Fellowship. But I soon discovered that in Leeds he was already accepted as a very progressive surgeon marked for the natural succession in the line of distinguished surgeons which had begun with the Heys and was at that time so worthily maintained by Mayo Robson and Littlewood. It was true that I had heard of his surgical work from Rutherford Morison, who had known Moynihan from the outset of his career and early appreciated his great talents, but I had scarcely expected to find how highly he was already thought of in his own school.

Shortly I was to have the experience of being examined in anatomy by him, and after all these years look back on that occasion with pleasure and can remember almost every incident of the viva, which was a very stimulating experience. But it was at the B.M.A. in Leicester in 1905 that I first had the privilege of meeting him on a different footing. Mr. Rutherford Morison had asked me to prepare a series of specimens illustrating what he called the "natural cure of gall-stones," and I happened to be about when Moynihan was examining them. He was delighted with the preparations, and asked Morison's permission to have some drawings made for a forthcoming new edition of his book on gall-stones. My old chief gave me all the credit for the beauty of the specimens and introduced me to Moynihan, and there and then began an association which soon developed into a friendship which only death has severed. He was always extremely kind, and I knew that in any perplexity I had only to appeal to him for help, which would be freely given.

It was at the end of the same year that I paid my first formal visit to his operating theatre in the Leeds Infirmary. The notes of that occasion are before me, and I am reminded of his patience, calmness, and gentleness—qualities which he himself expressed years afterwards when he wrote that in operating "the surgeon's every touch should be as a gentle caress." He talked very nicely about his senior, Mayo Robson, who had then migrated to London, and said that in him the surgical instinct was very well developed. That afternoon he did two gastric and two gall-bladder cases, and each operation was a beautiful piece of artistry which I shall never forget. Since that time I have often seen him at work, not always in the abdominal field, and have ever been struck by those same qualities of gentleness and finesse which impressed me so much at my earlier visits. When in the next year I paid the first of several visits to the United States I was to learn the tremendous impression that Moynihan had made there; the Americans took to him at once, and the regard was mutual, for most of the well-known surgeons of that country have been his fast friends this last thirty years. It was in July of 1909 that Moynihan invited to Leeds those of his friends who had agreed to join him in founding a travelling surgical club. I was fortunate enough to be a guest at that meeting, and had the privilege of being among the original members of the club and its first secretary. Having had the advantage of knowing both worlds, so to speak—that is, before there was any organized means of bringing surgeons together and after—I can appreciate to the full the enormous benefit this club has been

## Medical News

The inaugural address of the Westminster Hospital Medical School (University of London) will be given by Lord Horder, at Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, S.W.1, on Monday, September 28th, at 3 p.m. Academic dress is optional, and tea will be served after the address in the hospital board room.

The inaugural address of the winter session, 1936-7, of the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, will be given by Dr. H. Guy Dain on Thursday, October 8th, at 4.15 p.m., in the examination hall of the college. His subject will be "General Medical Practice."

Mr. Arnold Sorsby will deliver to the London Jewish Hospital Medical Society the presidential address on "Physicians, Quacks, and Medical Institutions of London Jewry since the Resettlement," at 43, Great Windmill Street, Piccadilly, W.1, on Sunday, October 4th, at 8.30 p.m. Supper at 7 p.m.

The inaugural address at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women (University of London) will be delivered by Miss Elizabeth Haldane, C.H., LL.D., J.P., in the Albert Levy Hall, Royal Free Hospital, on Thursday, October 1st, at 3.30 p.m.

The annual dinner of past and present students of University College Hospital will be held in the library of the Medical School, University Street, W.C., on Friday, October 9th, at 7.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Dr. Charles Bolton, F.R.S. Applications for tickets, accompanied by remittances (tickets 12s. 6d. each, not including wines) should be made not later than October 8th to the dinner secretary, University College Hospital Medical School, University Street, W.C.

The annual dinner of the University College Hospital Medical Women's Association will be held at the Frascati Restaurant, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, October 9th, at 8 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the president, Dr. Freda Kelly. Members intending to be present should notify Dr. A. L. Winner, 4k, Portman Mansions, Baker Street, W.1, before October 6th.

The annual dinner of past and present students of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School will be held at the Café Royal, Regent Street, W., on Saturday, October 3rd, at 8 p.m.

The annual dinner of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School will be held at Claridge's on Saturday, October 3rd, with Dr. J. O. Symes in the chair.

Sir Cuthbert Wallace, K.C.M.G., C.B., will distribute the prizes awarded by the London Foot Hospital School of Chiropody on Wednesday, October 7th, at 2.30 p.m. The ceremony will take place in Manson House, the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 26, Portland Place, London, W.1.

The prize distribution and conversazione will be held at the Royal Dental Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2, on Tuesday, October 6th, at 8 p.m., when Sir William Willcox will preside. The clinical "At Home" and annual dinner has been arranged for Saturday, November 21st. The dinner will be held at the Trocadero, Empire Rooms, with Mr. J. H. Badcock, F.R.C.S., L.D.S., in the chair.

A series of seven lectures on air raid and anti-gas precautions will be given under the auspices of the Kingston-on-Thames Division of the British Medical Association at the Wesleyan Hall, High Street, New Malden, on Mondays at 8.30 p.m., beginning on October 12th. The fee for the whole course is 7s. 6d., and tickets should be obtained in advance from the honorary secretary of the Division, Dr. Helen Lukis, 52, Kingston Road, New Malden.

The British Red Cross Society has arranged a course of seven lectures and a practical demonstration on air raid precautions for members of the medical profession and

trained nurses. The course will be given by Major H. N. Stafford, O.B.E., M.C., on Fridays at 5 p.m., commencing on October 2nd, at 9, Chesham Street, S.W. The fee for the course is 7s. 6d., and entries, accompanied by fees, should be made not later than September 26th to the county secretary, British Red Cross Society, 9, Chesham Street, S.W.1.

The sixth meeting of the Office Internationale de Documentation de Médecine Militaire will be held at Geneva from October 10th to 14th, and there will be several joint discussions with the international committees of the Red Cross and of military medicine. A series of medico-military discussions will be opened by delegates from the various Army health services. For further information application should be made to Colonel Voncken, director of the Office Internationale, Liège, Belgium.

The fourth European Mental Hygiene Reunion will be held under the auspices of the National Council for Mental Hygiene in the Conference Room, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, London, S.W., from October 5th to 8th. The proceedings will be opened by the Duke of Kent on October 5th at 2.30 p.m. The subjects to be discussed include "Mental Hygiene and the Cinema," "Mental Hygiene and the Nurse," and "Mental Hygiene and the School." The Minister of Health will be present at the Government Reception, to be given in honour of the delegates from most of the Mental Hygiene Councils in Europe, at Lancaster House on October 6th. Further particulars and tickets for the reunion may be obtained on application to the secretary, National Council for Mental Hygiene, 76-77, Chandos Street, Palmer Street, London, S.W.

The twenty-fourth French Congress of Medicine will be held in Paris from October 12th to 14th under the presidency of Professor Marcel Labbé. The subjects for discussion will be acute curable meningitis, parathyroid syndromes, and therapeutics of the sympathetic system. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Professor Harvier, 1, Rue du Bac, Paris 7e.

The forty-fifth French Congress of Surgery will be held at the Paris Faculty of Medicine under the presidency of Inspector-General Rouvillois from October 5th to 10th, when the following subjects will be discussed: pneumonectomy; results of ovarian grafts; and surgery in diabetes. Further information can be obtained from M. A. Vulliod, 2, Rue de la Seine, Paris, 6e.

The third Congress of French-Speaking Electroradiologists will be held in Paris from October 8th to 10th. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Dr. Dariaux, 9 bis, Boulevard Rochevauart, Paris 9e.

The thirty-third Congress of the Italian Society of Obstetrics and Gynaecology will be held at Milan from October 11th to 14th, when the subjects for discussion will be diabetes and glycosuria in pregnancy, and cancer of the body of the uterus. Further information can be obtained from Professor Alfieri, via Commendo 12, Milan.

The thirty-sixth Congress of the French Association of Urology will be held in Paris under the presidency of Dr. O. Pasteau from October 5th to 10th, when the subject for discussion will be congenital anomalies of the renal pelvis and ureters.

The Rumanian Society for Neurology, Psychiatry, Psychology, Endocrinology, and Legal Medicine has organized a congress at Bucarest from October 4th to 7th, when the following papers, among others, will be read: "Psychopathology of Hysteria," by Professor Marinesco; "Cerebellar Atrophies," by Dr. J. Nicolesco.

Lieut.-Colonel S. P. James, C.M.G., F.R.S., retired on August 31st from the position of medical officer and adviser on tropical diseases to the Ministry of Health, which he had held since 1918.

Dr. Isaac Abt, professor of paediatrics, North-Western University School of Medicine, Chicago, has presented his library of 3,500 volumes on diseases of children to the medical school.