

Abdominal surgery especially found him in a position to avail himself of all it had to offer. He soon gained a reputation for his ability in diagnosing such abdominal emergencies as appendicitis, perforation, etc., and, by recommending prompt treatment, patients apparently hopeless recovered. These became not only his grateful patients but also his faithful ambassadors. At a time when such conditions were either missed altogether or treatment was unduly delayed, his promptness and accuracy in diagnosis soon gained him a large and ever-increasing practice. For himself every successful case became a landmark never to be forgotten, and in a short time he found himself working from morning to night, and often far into the night. At this time he worked as an anaesthetist to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, thereby gaining further experience in the value of operative intervention, especially in abdominal diseases. During the great war Dr. Taggart served with distinction in the R.A.M.C., most of the time being spent in Mesopotamia.

Of a retiring disposition, Taggart depended on no adventitious aids for obtaining professional advancement. His duties to his patients were done naturally and without effort. His sincerity and uprightness were obvious to all his patients, and as a result he has occupied a unique place in the affection of a multitude of Belfast families.

S. T. I.

We regret to announce the death of Dr. CHARLES JOHN PERROTT of Kingswood, Bristol. He died from heart failure on September 17th while on holiday in the Lake District. He qualified L.R.C.P. and S.I. in 1885, and the whole of his professional life was spent in Kingswood, first as assistant and later as successor to Dr. Henry Grace—brother of the famous cricketer, "W. G." He was medical officer of health to the Kingswood Urban District Council from 1896 till his death. He also held the appointments of medical officer under the Poor Law, vaccination officer, and certifying factory surgeon for North Bristol. Until his retirement recently he had been for many years medical officer of the Kingswood Training School. "P. T. M." writes: To all these posts and to a large private and panel practice he gave assiduous care. During the half-century of his service he had become by his genial personality, handsome presence, and unfailing buttonhole a sort of institution in the district, and he was loved and respected by all. To one like myself who has been closely associated with him in practice the feeling of deep personal loss expressed by the patients he had long attended has been a striking testimony to his fine qualities as a trusted physician and good citizen. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Henry Grace, and predeceased him by four years. He was a member of the Gloucestershire Branch of the British Medical Association.

We announce with regret the death of Mr. R. STUART RODGER, coroner for the Salford Hundred of the County of Lancaster. Mr. Stuart Rodger died in a Manchester nursing home on September 20th; he had been ill since the beginning of the month. The son of a Manchester doctor who practised in Cheetham Hill Road, Mr. Stuart Rodger graduated in medicine at Edinburgh University, and for some time held an appointment in the Ministry of Pensions. He was called to the Bar in 1920, and in November, 1922, was appointed by the Lancashire County Council to be coroner for the Salford district. Mr. Stuart Rodger, by reason of his outspoken, fearless, and unconventional utterances, was one of the best-known coroners in the country. He is survived by his wife and one daughter.

The following well-known foreign medical men have recently died: Dr. LUIGI DEVOTO, professor of industrial diseases at Milan; Professor FRIEDRICH BREINL, director of the Hygiene Institute of Prague University, as the result of mercurial poisoning, aged 48; Dr. OSKAR VULPIUS, professor of orthopaedics at Heidelberg University, aged 69; and Dr. C. BERG, professor of medical jurisprudence at Düsseldorf, aged 67.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Dr. R. J. Lythgoe will deliver a course of five lectures on "The Physiology of Vision" on Mondays, at 5 p.m., from October 12th to November 9th. A course of four lectures on "The Endocrine Organs in Relation to Metabolism" will be given by Dr. C. Reid on Tuesdays, at 5 p.m., from October 13th to November 3rd. Dr. Phyllis M. Tookey Kerridge will deliver a course of four lectures on "The Physiology of Hearing and Speech" on Mondays, at 5 p.m., from November 16th to December 7th. The lectures are open without fee or tickets to students of the University and others interested in the subjects.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—E. C. Allibone (with distinction), Marjorie Haynes.
FINAL M.B., CH.B.—*Part I*: K. B. Aske, Eileen M. Bateson, D. Benson, W. A. Bridgwood, R. Cargill, S. P. H. Fergus, H. T. Hardy, L. Roberts, C. H. Robinson, A. H. Snalam. *Part II*: Rosemarie Blackwood, Joan M. Coward, F. A. Crosfill, C. L. Davidson, M. Glick, M. Headlam, M. A. Kader, R. C. Lawrence, E. Moore, R. Petticrew, J. D. F. Thornton, P. H. Wyon. *Part III*: C. L. Davidson (with second-class honours), Joan M. Coward, F. A. Crosfill, M. Glick, M. Headlam, M. A. Kader, R. C. Lawrence, E. Moore, R. Petticrew, J. P. Senior, J. D. F. Thornton, P. H. Wyon.
D.P.M.—A. Kelly.
D.P.H.—Kathleen Horne, W. Lomax, N. W. Roberts, S. Suvi, Barbara M. G. Taylor.

The William Hey Gold Medal and the West Riding Panel Practitioners' Prize in Medicine were awarded to R. L. Lamming.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

The Primary Examination for the F.R.C.S. will be conducted in Australasia, India, and Egypt during the winter of 1937-8. In Australasia the examination will be held at Melbourne, Sydney, and Dunedin, the papers being written simultaneously in all three centres on November 29th and 30th, 1937. The examination in India will be conducted at Bombay during the second or third week of January, 1938, and the examination in Cairo will begin a few days after the examination in Bombay has terminated.

The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons has appointed the examiners, who will, with the assistance of assessors to be appointed for each examination, conduct all three examinations. Mr. C. P. G. Wakeley has agreed to examine in anatomy, and the examiner in physiology will be Professor A. St.G. J. McC. Huggett.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

The council of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons will meet on October 7th to consider applications from candidates for admission to the Fellowship examination. Candidates are required to make application, in writing, on the required form, to the secretary, to whom all certificates and testimonials should be sent not later than October 5th.

The Services

CONSULTANTS FOR THE BRITISH EMERGENCY FORCE IN PALESTINE

The War Office announces that the following officers have been appointed consulting physician and consulting surgeon respectively to the British Emergency Force in Palestine, with the temporary rank of colonel: Brevet-Colonel Robert C. Priest, M.A., M.D.Camb., F.R.C.P.; Major Arnold G. Harsant, O.B.E., M.D., M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.

Colonel Priest received his medical education at Cambridge University and St. Thomas's Hospital, and joined the Royal Army Medical Corps in 1909. He is an Honorary Physician to the King. He was medical specialist at the Queen

Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, from 1928 to 1933, since when he has been serving in Egypt.

Major Harsant is a graduate of London University and was a student at the London Hospital, entering the Service in 1916. Before taking up the appointment of surgical specialist at Cairo in 1932 he filled a similar post in the Aldershot Command.

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS

The War Office announces that applications are invited for dental surgeons for appointment to twelve commissions in the Army Dental Corps. Candidates will be selected for these commissions without undergoing competitive examination, and will be required to present themselves in London for interview and physical examination at the beginning of October, 1936. They must be registered under the Dentists Acts or Medical Acts and be not over the age of 28. Successful candidates will in the first instance be given short service commissions for six years, at the end of which period they may either retire with a gratuity of £1,000 or apply for permanent commissions. Permanent commissions will be given to officers selected from among those who wish to make the Army their career. Full particulars of the conditions of service and emoluments, also form of application, may be obtained on request, either in writing or in person, to the director, Army Dental Service, War Office, London, S.W.1.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Surgeon Captain Alexander Kenneth Smith-Shand, R.N. (ret.), died at York on September 9th. He was the son of the late Professor Smith-Shand of Aberdeen, and was educated at Edinburgh, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1900, after which he entered the Navy. He became surgeon commander on February 8th, 1916, and retired with an honorary step of rank as surgeon captain on February 28th, 1926. During his service he was radiologist and medical officer in charge of the massage and electrotherapeutic departments in the Royal Naval Hospitals at Haslar and Chatham, and since retirement had held a similar post at the York County Hospital. He served through the war of 1914-18, during part of which he held the post of senior medical officer of the Royal Naval Hospital at East Queensferry. The honorary secretary of the York Division of the British Medical Association writes: Dr. Smith-Shand was in the second year of his vice-chairmanship of the York Division. The Division has lost a very useful and capable member, and the Association a staunch and loyal supporter.

Medical News

Dr. John A. Ryle, Regius Professor of Physic in the University of Cambridge, will deliver the Schorstein Lecture in the anatomy theatre at the London Hospital Medical College, Turner Street, E., on Thursday, October 15th, at 4.15 p.m. The subject of Professor Ryle's lecture will be "Anorexia Nervosa." Members of the medical profession are invited to attend.

Dr. John Beattie will deliver the inaugural address on "The Experimental Method in Medicine and Surgery" to King's College Hospital Medical School on Tuesday, October 6th, at 4.30 p.m.

Professor C. G. Jung of Zurich will deliver a lecture on "Psychology and National Problems" at the Institute of Medical Psychology, Malet Place, W.C., on Wednesday, October 14th, at 8.30 p.m. The lecture, which will be followed by a discussion, is open to members of the medical profession only. Tickets (5s. each) must be obtained in advance from the educational secretary of the Institute. The number is limited.

Dr. G. O. Barber will deliver, at the Medical School, St. Mary's Hospital, a short series of lectures on the problems confronting the newly qualified practitioner about to enter general practice. The first lecture, on types of practice and methods of purchase, will be given at 5 p.m. on October 8th, and subsequent lectures at the same time on October 15th, 22nd, and 29th, November 5th, 12th, and 19th.

Sir StClair Thomson will deliver an address on "A House-surgeon's Recollections of Lord Lister" before the Listerian Society of King's College Hospital, at the hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E., on Wednesday, October 14th, at 8.30 p.m. All members of the medical profession, and especially students of the history of medicine, are invited to attend.

At the opening of the ninety-fifth session of the School of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain on Wednesday, October 7th, at 3 p.m., the inaugural address will be given by Mr. Frank Lee Pyman, D.Sc., F.R.S.

The annual dinner of the London Hospital Medical College will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Thursday, October 15th, at 8 p.m.

The programme of the 1936-7 session of the West London Medico-Chirurgical Society opens to-day (Friday, October 2nd) with the presidential address by Mr. Neil Sinclair on "Surgical Adventure." Clinical and pathological meetings will be held on November 6th, February 5th, and May 7th. At the meeting on November 6th Dr. Hugh Gordon and others will speak on diseases of the skin. On December 4th there will be a discussion on "Non-venereal Infections of the Urinary Tract," to be opened by Dr. C. M. Wilson, Mr. H. L. Attwater, and Mr. A. E. Roche; on January 8th Mr. E. Pearce Gould and others will speak on a medico-legal subject; on March 5th there will be a discussion on "Diseases of the Colon," to be opened by Dr. A. F. Hurst, Professor G. Grey Turner, and Dr. H. W. Post; and on April 9th Dr. B. T. Parsons-Smith, Dr. Edwin Smith, and Dr. T. Skene Keith will open a discussion on "Sudden Death."

The forty-second Italian Congress of Internal Medicine will be held at Rome under the presidency of Professor Cesare Frugoni from October 19th to 22nd, when the following subjects will be discussed: adiposity and thinness; nephrosis and nephritis. Further information can be obtained from the secretary, Professor Arnaldo Pozzi, R. Clinica Medica, Rome.

The governors of Guy's Hospital announce that Lord Goschen has become president of the hospital.

At a quarterly court of governors of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Royal Infirmary, held on September 26th, Professor Grey Turner was presented with an illuminated album in commemoration of his thirty-five years' association with the institution as a member of the surgical staff.

Many years ago Dr. James Collier started a series of neurological demonstrations at St. George's Hospital which, since his death, have been continued by Dr. Anthony Feiling at fortnightly intervals. These demonstrations are held at 5 p.m. on Thursdays during term time; they are not confined to students of the hospital, and always attract large audiences from outside. It is now proposed to start psychiatric demonstrations to alternate with the neurological demonstrations given by Dr. Feiling, which will be continued as before. Dr. Edward Mapother and the senior medical staff of the Maudsley Hospital have consented to co-operate with Dr. Desmond Curran, psychiatrist to St. George's, in giving these lectures, with the additional advantage that the cases can be drawn from the exceptional clinical resources of the Maudsley Hospital. It is felt that these new demonstrations will satisfy a real demand. The first is to be given by Dr. Mapother on Thursday, October 15th, at 5 p.m. Details of subsequent demonstrations will be published from time to time.

The issue of *Paris Médical* for September 19th is devoted to psychiatry.

The Archbishop of Westminster will appeal on behalf of the St. Francis Leper Guild in Westminster Cathedral on Sunday, October 4th, at 12 noon.

Owing to the present condition of affairs in Spain the meeting of the third International Congress of Malaria at Madrid, which had been fixed for October 12th, has been postponed, but it is hoped that it will take place in the summer of 1937.