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## Local News

### SCOTLAND

#### New Glasgow Professor

The King, on the recommendation of the Secretary of State for Scotland, has appointed Charles Frederick William Illingworth, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., to be Regius Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow in succession to Professor Archibald Young, whose term of office ends on September 30. Mr. Illingworth, who is 40 years of age, graduated M.B., Ch.B. at Edinburgh in 1922. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1925, and in 1929 obtained the M.D. of Edinburgh University, when he was awarded a gold medal for his thesis. In 1924 he was appointed clinical tutor in the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, and in 1929 assistant pathologist to that institution. In 1932 he became senior assistant in the surgical service of the Western General Municipal Hospital, and surgeon for tuberculosis to the Edinburgh City Hospital. Since 1936 he has been interim conservator of the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Mr. Illingworth has made numerous contributions to surgical literature, including a *Textbook of Surgical Pathology* (jointly with Mr. Bruce M. Dick), 1932, now in its third edition.

#### Glasgow University Graduation

At a graduation ceremony in Glasgow University on June 21 Sir Daniel M. Stevenson, Chancellor of the University, who presided, conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon ten recipients, two of whom were members of the medical profession. The Dean of the Faculty of Law, in presenting Dr. Osborne Henry Mavor (James Bridie) for the LL.D. degree, said that while Dr. Mavor was a medical student he had contributed by pencil and pen to the *University Magazine*, and, like another Glasgow student of medicine, Tobias Smollett, his first essay in drama was made at this university when he produced a play for the Mermaid Club. He might be regarded at the present day as Scotland's leading man of letters. Presenting Professor George Grey Turner, the Dean said he occupied a dominant position in British surgery, and held the Bigelow medal awarded to him in the United States. His achievements were recognized all over the world, not only as brilliant pioneer work but as being of great and permanent value.

#### Laboratory of the Royal College of Physicians

The report for 1938 of the Laboratory of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, by the Curator, Dr. A. Fergus Hewat, draws attention to the fact that the first book of reports was published in 1889, so that the laboratory has now been active for fifty years. The statistics show that fifty routine reports were sent out in 1890 and 20,592 in 1938. Of the latter number 4,474 were histological, 4,080 chemical, and 12,038 bacteriological. In the research department sixteen workers have been engaged. An analysis of experimental epidemics of mouse typhoid was carried out by Dr. W. O. Kermack and the superintendent, Lieutenant-Colonel A. G. McKendrick. An analysis of mortality rates was applied to the urban and rural districts of Scotland by Mr. R. S. Barclay, Dr. Kermack, and the superintendent, this research having been undertaken as evidence for the Royal Commission on the Geographical Distribution of the Industrial Population. This has shown that in the early half of the nineteenth century health conditions were almost twice as good in the country as in the towns, while in 1931 the towns had almost if not quite caught up on the conditions

of the country. It further appeared probable that the towns would continue to gain in this respect over the country in the near future. Cancer in its morphological aspects formed the chief study of the histological department conducted by Lieutenant-Colonel W. F. Harvey, Mrs. E. K. Dawson, and Dr. J. R. M. Innes. This was concerned chiefly with the description and illustration of debatable tumours, upon which four studies were published during the year. In the bacteriological department Lieutenant-Colonel W. Glen Liston studied the trichomonas infections in human beings, a condition which is frequently mistaken for gonorrhoea. Under the supervision of Dr. W. O. Kermack and Dr. W. Tebrich work was continued on the synthesis of compounds of possible chemotherapeutic activity, including various new sulphonamide derivatives. Dr. M. Lichtensteins continued the research on the action of cod-liver oil in the treatment of wounds, and found that its bactericidal activity was augmented by exposure of the oil to ultra-violet radiation. Some fourteen publications were issued from the laboratory during the year.

### IRELAND

#### The Rotunda Report

The report of the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, covering the year ended October 21, 1938, mentions a considerable shortage of nurses, brought about by the new training regulations of the Central Midwives Board. To meet this deficiency it was necessary to admit pupil midwives for training without payment of the usual fee, but it is hoped that this measure will only be temporary. Improvements in the hospital during the period under review include the installation of a modern x-ray plant near the labour wards, the addition of a pre-natal ward of eight beds, and the provision of a new admission room and some small rooms for private patients. New students' quarters are also in course of construction. Attendances at the pre-natal clinic show an increase of 2,118 over the figure for the previous year; the numbers have risen from 3,870 in 1933 to 12,175 in 1938. An inquiry was instituted into the dietary of patients attending this department, and it was found that among fifty unemployed families only three shillings a week per person was available for food. The dietary of pregnant women in this group was of course hopelessly inadequate, and efforts were made to provide these mothers with extra nourishment. The report concludes with some remarks on ophthalmia neonatorum by Mr. Somerville-Large, the hospital ophthalmologist. Three years earlier the methods of prophylaxis employed had been deemed unsatisfactory and certain modifications were introduced. During the subsequent period, 1936-8, there were no cases of ophthalmia among 8,136 births in the hospital, and only four among 4,983 in the district. These satisfactory figures are partly attributable to the increase in attendances at the ante-natal clinic, and partly to the method of routine prophylaxis employed at birth. The eyelids of the newborn infant are immediately wiped with dry sterile pledgets of cotton-wool. This is followed by the instillation of 1 per cent. silver nitrate by two nurses, one holding the lids apart, the other manipulating the pipette. The solution, kept in a 2-drachm amber-coloured drop bottle with rubber screw-top containing the pipette, is changed every three weeks. Only one case of reaction to silver nitrate is recorded.

According to international statistics the population of the globe at the end of 1937 was 2,134,000,000. Half the population belonged to Asia, exclusive of Russia. Europe had 297,000,000 inhabitants. The most populous European nations were Germany with 79,000,000, Great Britain with 45,000,000, Italy with 44,000,000, and France with 42,000,000.

the Saunders scholarship. In 1881 he obtained the diploma L.D.S., and in the following year qualified M.R.C.S. He had held the posts of dental surgeon, lecturer on dental surgery, demonstrator in pathology, and house-surgeon at the Royal Dental Hospital, and during the war was honorary consultant dental surgeon to the London military hospitals. For his war services he received the O.B.E. in 1920. He was for many years dental surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, and on retirement from the active visiting staff was elected consulting dental surgeon to that institution. Mr. Hern's distinguished work in the practice and teaching of dentistry led to his appointment as vice-president of the Section of Odontology at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association held in London in 1910. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and one of the oldest members of the British Dental Association.

The following well-known foreign medical men have recently died: Professor SERAFINO BELFANTI, director of the Institute of Serotherapy at Milan; Geh. Reg.-Rat Professor LUDWIG HAENDEL, for many years director of the Bacteriological Department of the Health Office of the Reich, aged 70; Dr. H. v. HAYEK, professor of social medicine at Innsbruck, aged 59; and Dr. CHARLES RUPERT STOCKARD, professor of anatomy at Cornell University Medical College, New York, since 1911, managing editor of the *American Journal of Anatomy* and editor of the *Journal of Experimental Zoology* and *American Anatomical Memoirs*, aged 60.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

At an Encaenia on June 21 the honorary degree of D.Sc. was conferred on Sir Edward Mellanby, M.D., F.R.S., Secretary of the Medical Research Council.

The John Malcolm Mitchell Scholarship of £80 will be vacant in October, 1940. It is offered for one year in the first instance, with a prospect of renewal, and is designed to help the daughter of a professional man. The syllabus of the examination, which is to be held in December, may be obtained from the Principal, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford.

In Congregation on June 22 the following medical degrees were conferred:

D.M.—H. M. Sinclair, V. H. Brink.

B.M.—D. L. P. de Courcy.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

FINAL M.B.—*Part II (Principles and Practice of Physic, Pathology, and Pharmacology)*: P. S. Adler, R. H. Armin, J. Aspin, D. M. Baker, G. C. Barron, J. R. Bolton, J. F. Buchan, J. H. Burkinshaw, D. L. Caldwell, M. A. X. Cochemé, R. I. G. Coupland, O. J. Curl, J. H. Dean, A. P. Dick, H. J. Dismorr, K. C. Dixon, R. H. Elphinstone, J. F. Erskine, T. Fenwick, A. D. Fisk, W. J. D. Fleming, C. M. Fletcher, R. Fletcher, J. H. P. Gauvain, T. C. N. Gibbens, M. O. J. Gibson, O. D. Gilmore, J. A. Glover, I. R. S. Gordon, G. S. Graveson, A. Hargreaves, G. W. Harris, K. M. Hay, J. M. Holford, P. W. Isaac, I. M. Jackson, W. H. Kirkaldy Willis, G. M. Lewis, J. A. Lorimer, F. M. McGown, K. S. MacLean, P. D. MacLellan, J. E. M. Melville, N. E. Monteuis, E. P. Morley, J. M. Naish, J. C. B. Nesfield, R. O. G. Norman, J. C. R. Nuttall-Smith, A. M. Ogilvie, L. D. Osler, J. N. Pattinson, J. H. Penrose, C. P. Petch, A. Ponder, B. W. Powell, L. M. Reid, W. H. S. St. John-Brooks, P. D. Samman, P. D. Scott, J. R. Squire, A. Standeven, A. J. S. B. Tawse, P. S. Thorne, J. S. H. Wade, H. R. E. Wallis, W. H. C. Watson, G. C. Wells, H. W. Whittingham, R. Wilson, P. N. Witney. *Women*: G. M. Allen-Williams, N. G. Clegg, W. F. Holman, R. M. Howitt, A. M. Lewis, M. Savory, M. J. Scott.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

At a meeting of the Senate, held on June 21, Viscount Dawson of Penn, who had hitherto been a representative of the Faculty of Medicine on the Senate, was appointed as a co-opted member in place of the late Sir Frank Dyson.

Mr. Harry Stobie, L.D.S., R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., was appointed to the University Chair of Dental Surgery and Pathology tenable at the Royal Dental Hospital of London School of Dental Surgery, from October 1.

Mr. P. H. Mitchiner, M.S., F.R.C.S., was appointed Governor of the Imperial College of Science and Technology in the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Frank Dyson.

### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—Constance I. Ham.

FINAL M.B., Ch.B.—\*†‡Dorothy M. Shotton, \*†C. A. St. Hill, Dorothy M. Ayre, P. A. Bennett, A. A. K. Datta, ‡Marjorie O. Dunster, J. L. Emery, Emily G. Hamlyn, †Betty F. Hannaford, F. R. Hurford, N. E. Mellington, †Jeannette D. Shed, S. J. Silvey, P. R. H. Slade, Sylvia E. Smith, T. H. White.

\* With second-class honours.

† With distinction in Public Health.

‡ Distinction in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology.

‡ Distinction in Surgery.

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES

#### WELSH NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

The Council of the School on June 23, on the recommendation of the Senate, appointed Dr. F. R. Magarey and Dr. H. D. Davies Demonstrators in the Department of Pathology and Bacteriology for a period of two years from July 1 and October 1 respectively, and Dr. T. E. D. Beavan and Dr. Emily K. Williams Junior Assistants in the Medical Unit for a period not exceeding two years from October 1.

The following candidates for the degrees of M.B., B.Ch. have satisfied the examiners at the examinations indicated:

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—R. T. Bevan, Mary E. Budding, Doreen M. E. Cranch, Joan B. Davies, G. C. D. Evans,\* I. L. R. Evans, A. B. J. Hill, Helen C. Hodges,\* D. H. Jenkins, R. T. Jenkins, J. V. Jones, H. L. Lloyd, Mary E. Lloyd, S. Love, Brenda M. Mead, R. E. Packer, Mary G. Powell, D. C. Taylor, C. E. Thomas, T. Walker.

PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.—Enid Curran, Hilary N. Davies, N. E. France (with distinction), Vera Harris, Margaret W. Hughes, D. F. V. Johnston, Gwenllian M. Lewis, J. W. Morgan, J. B. Randell, H. I. Rees, Nest G. Richards, Barbara C. Roberts, Erica M. G. H. Roberts, J. H. Stranger, E. R. Treasure, Glenys J. Wade.

\* With distinction.

### QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—C. C. Ryan (with commendation), W. P. Berrington, J. Dolan, W. J. Dunn, N. S. Martin, C. J. Patel, C. R. C. Rainsford, J. Reynolds, R. F. Strong.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—\*W. McK. Bonnar, \*Elizabeth A. B. Garrod, \*Helen S. Jackson, \*J. S. Logan, \*B. E. McConnell, \*J. F. Pantridge, \*A. S. Ramsey, \*D. H. Sinanan, \*W. St. C. Symmers, Annie E. Addison, R. G. Allen, D. McK. Anderson, R. W. R. Atcheson, R. H. Baird, J. M. Barber, R. J. E. Bell, A. M. Blackstock, H. J. Bradshaw, F. G. Cairns, R. Calwell, A. F. Crook, Averell S. Darling, B. Deeny, E. Donnelly, D. A. Draffin, J. G. Fee, R. J. L. Ferris, T. E. Field, J. Finnegan, E. Fletcher, H. W. Gallagher, Marion R. Gaston, W. McL. Gillespie, B. P. Glancy, Annie F. Graham, T. J. Graham, J. Hanna, J. L. Henry, S. J. Hepworth, Georgina Hill, H. S. Hogg, W. B. Jamison, J. C. Johnston, R. Kells, K. R. Kennedy, C. Kirk, Anna E. Kyle, J. B. Kyle, W. J. Lynd, G. McAnallen, P. M. McAuley, C. A. McCleary, J. McClintock, L. H. McGrath, B. McHenry, J. S. Martin, Elizabeth O. Mawhinney, I. B. Millar, J. E. Moss, G. A. Mullan, C. R. Murdock, G. D. Murphy, C. W. Musgrave, D. F. D. O'Neill, Irene Park, J. P. C. Purdon, R. A. Pyper, J. H. Redding, C. D. Ross, W. Shanks, W. H. T. Shepherd, H. E. Smith, H. T. Stewart, T. Sullivan, J. McA. Taggart, H. B. Thomson, N. H. Wass, M. McC. Weir, W. Wilson, O. G. Young.

\* With second-class honours.

### INTER-COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS BOARD

The following awards of medical entrance scholarships and exhibitions have been made on the results of the London Inter-Collegiate Scholarships Board examinations:

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.—*Bucknill Scholarship*: Miss A. Palmer. *Entrance Scholarship*: I. R. Gray. *Medical Exhibitions*: Miss P. M. Lloyd, R. H. Shephard.

KING'S COLLEGE.—*Warneford Scholarships*: H. A. L. Latta, J. A. Hanratty. *Sambrooke Scholarship*: R. L. M. Ferrari.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—*Science Scholarship*: G. Grant.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—*Entrance Scholarship*: L. I. Hatherley.

LONDON (ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL) SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN.—*A. M. Bird Entrance Scholarship*: P. H. Eversleigh. *Mabel Sharman-Crawford Scholarship* with a Mrs. George M. Smith Scholarship: N. Hewitson. *Mrs. George M. Smith Scholarships*: D. A. Chapman, M. J. M. Flach. *St. Dunstan's Medical Exhibition*: J. F. Tucker.



saying that these things had better go on indefinitely. At the same time the sense of the House evidently was that it would like to get some new method of treatment combined with the repeal of the duties, and he was willing to take up with any other Department concerned the question of whether it could be done. In the circumstances he was willing to maintain the present duties for another year and to see whether it was possible to examine the question of this or any other tax, and also the public health aspect. Clause 7 was then negatived.

### Standards of Fitness and Medical Examination of Militiamen

On June 20 Dr. HADEN GUEST asked the standards of physical fitness demanded for the four classes of militiamen when they were medically examined. Mr. LENNOX-BOYD circulated the following description of the four grades in which men were placed after medical examination: Grade I.—Men who, subject only to such minor disabilities as can be remedied or adequately compensated by artificial means, attain the full normal standard of health and strength, and are capable of enduring physical exertion suitable to their age. Grade II.—Those who, while suffering from disabilities disqualifying them for Grade I, do not suffer from progressive organic disease, have fair hearing and vision, are of moderate muscular development, and are able to undergo a considerable amount of physical exertion not involving severe strain. Grade III.—Those who present such marked physical disabilities or evidence of past disease that they are not fit for the amount of exertion required for Grade II. Grade IV.—Those who suffer from progressive organic disease or are for other reasons permanently incapable of the kind or degree of exertion required for Grade III. These men are unfit for any form of service.

Answering Mr. John Morgan and Mr. Ritson on June 22, Mr. ERNEST BROWN said instructions to the Medical Boards provided that persons with only one eye might be placed in Grade II and marked "(a) vision," provided that that eye was free from disease and reached a specified degree of visual acuity. Figures of the militiamen so affected who were rejected or accepted by medical boards were not available. A one-eyed man from Hexthorpe, Doncaster, had been placed in Grade II and marked for vision on June 15. He was arranging for a Sunderland man to have a further opportunity of appearing before the Board, whose report did not bear out the suggestion that he only had the sight of one eye and that the other eye was affected.

Replying to Mr. Lawson on the same day Mr. BROWN said the number of men medically examined for the militia up to June 19 was 49,586. Of these, 41,297, or 83.3 per cent., were placed in Grade I and 4,553, or 9.2 per cent., in Grade II, but of this number more than half were in that grade only on account of defects of vision or feet. The total number of men passed fit for the two grades now being called up for training was, therefore, 45,850, or 92.5 per cent. Of the remainder, 2,443 men, or 4.9 per cent. of the total, were placed in Grade III, which is the grade appropriate to men who would be fit for certain selected occupations in the Forces but are not at present to be called up for the militia. The number unfit for any form of military service and placed in Grade IV was only 1,293, or 2.6 per cent. of the total.

On June 26 Mr. STEPHEN asked the Secretary of State for War if all militiamen who broke down in health during the period of service and were no longer fit for work would be allocated pensions in view of the fact that they had been certified as fit men before being called on to undertake such service. Sir V. WARRENDER replied that a militiaman would be eligible for a disability award if his disability was attributable to service. Although a man might be passed fit on entering the service, he might subsequently acquire a disability, or a latent disability might manifest itself, which had no connexion with his military service.

Mr. STEPHEN asked the Minister to see that the examination was conducted so that latent disabilities would be discovered before the men passed into the Army.

Sir V. WARRENDER: I think that is beyond the wit of the medical profession.

Mr. STEPHEN: If it is beyond the wit of medical men, will the Minister see that compensation is given in every case when the medical man certifies that the man is fit for service if he develops disabilities afterwards?

Sir V. WARRENDER: We endeavour to deal with cases in as kindly a fashion as we can, trying to avoid hardship, but it would be impossible to accept liability for all accidents which might happen to a man during his service.

Mr. SILVERMAN asked whether, if the medical examination could not possibly disclose some latent defect, it was possible for medical evidence at a later date, when the defect developed, to be sure that it was not due to military service.

Sir V. WARRENDER said that there had to be some evidence that the man underwent some exposure or hardship during his military service to which his disability could be traced.

It is announced that militiamen will have the same ration scale and the same cooking and messing arrangements as the Regular Army. The rations will include one ounce of butter and half an ounce of margarine a man per day.

### Military Training of Students

In a reply to Sir John Mellor on June 22 Mr. ERNEST BROWN announced that at a meeting held under the auspices of the Ministry of Labour on June 18 between representatives of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Head Masters, together with representatives of the Departments concerned, it was unanimously agreed to recommend that boys intending to proceed to the universities were given the double option of postponing or anticipating their liability to undergo military training. He intended to put this agreed conclusion into operation, subject to reviewing the position in twelve months' time in the light of experience, when he proposed again to seek the advice and assistance of the representatives of the universities and the schools. He added that it was further agreed at the conference that anticipation of the liability to undergo training in respect of such boys should not be granted to those under the age of 18 on January 1 of the year in which they wish to take their training. This recommendation would be borne in mind when applications are considered.

### Duty on Films Withdrawn

In Committee on the Finance Bill on June 22 the House of Commons approved, after divisions, the clauses which increase the duties on tobacco, sugar, molasses, glucose, and saccharine. On Clause 3 (Duties on photographic plates and film) Sir JOHN SIMON explained that he proposed not to proceed with the excise duty upon cinematograph films and also to withdraw that on photographic films and plates. The House agreed to the requisite amendments in the clause. An amendment proposing to exempt from the Entertainments Duty zoological gardens conducted for profit but being, in the opinion of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, of substantial scientific and educational value, was refused by the Government and was withdrawn.

## The Services

### HONORARY SURGEON TO THE VICEROY

Colonel A. C. Munro, I.M.S., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Viceroy and Governor-General of India, vice Colonel W. E. R. Williams, O.B.E., I.M.S.

### CONFERMENT OF C.V.O.

As the liner *Empress of Britain*, in which the King and Queen returned from their tour of Canada and the United States of America, was nearing Southampton on June 22 the King conferred the C.V.O. on Surgeon Captain J. A. Maxwell, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.Ed., R.N.

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