

radiologist until his death. He was appointed radiologist to Princess Alice Hospital in 1923 and was also consulting radiologist to St. Mary's Hospital and the Leaf Hospital.

Dr. Norman always took the greatest interest in the work of the British Medical Association. He was chairman of the Eastbourne Division in 1939-40 and represented the Division at the Annual Meeting in Aberdeen. Though handicapped by ill-health he very rarely missed meetings of the Eastbourne Medical Society, of which he was elected president last year. He was also a regular attendant at the clinical meetings of the Institute of Radiology in London. Experience in general practice and sound common sense helped him very much in his specialty and enabled him to see the patient and the radiological findings in true perspective. He had the highest standards of professional conduct both to his patients and his colleagues. Always cheerful and smiling, never hurried, perturbed, or angry, he was liked by everyone. He will long be remembered for all his kindness and skill by patients and by his fellow doctors in Eastbourne. Dr. Norman leaves a widow, a son, Dr. A. P. Norman, and a daughter.

PERCY V. FRY, M.R.C.S.

We regret to announce the death on July 9 at East Molesey of Dr. Percy Victor Fry, a past-president of the Surrey Branch of the British Medical Association. He received his medical training at Leeds and qualified as M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1896. He joined the Association in 1899, and soon after the last war became a member of the Insurance Acts Committee and the Ministry of Health Committee, and during the past twenty years served on a number of subcommittees at headquarters. He was elected chairman of the Kingston Division last year, and at the time of his death held office as honorary secretary of the Surrey Branch in addition to carrying out the duties of secretary of the Surrey Local Medical and Panel Committee.

Dr. H. R. Cran, chairman of the County of Surrey Local Medical and Panel Committees, writes:

The death of Dr. Percy V. Fry is a great loss to the whole of the profession in the county of Surrey and one that it will be difficult to fill. As secretary of the county Local Medical and Panel Committees he put in a large amount of hard work and never spared himself. He understood the intricacies of national health insurance work as no one else, and in difficulties he was looked upon by all practitioners in the county as their adviser and friend. His advice was always sound and given in the most courteous way. His business ability was very high, making easy the work of the committee, especially of the officers. We mourn the loss of a colleague, a good friend, and a great worker.

We regret to announce the death in Montreal on July 6 of Dr. FREDERICK GAULT FINLEY, LL.D., emeritus professor of medicine in McGill University and consulting physician to the General Hospital, Montreal, who had been a member of the British Medical Association for half a century. Born in 1861 he was educated at Bickerton House School, Southport, and Owens College, Manchester, taking the M.R.C.S. in 1886 and the M.B. of London University in the following year. He completed his medical education at McGill, where he graduated M.D. During the last war Professor Finley was consulting physician to the Canadian Forces in England with the rank of Colonel C.A.M.C., and in 1918 received the C.B. for his services.

The late Mr. WILLIAM ROBERT WILLIAMS, honorary surgeon in charge of out-patients at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and consulting surgeon to the Liverpool Heart Hospital, was born at Warrington in 1898, and studied medicine at Liverpool and the London Hospital. He graduated M.B., B.Ch. of Liverpool University with honours in 1919 and proceeded M.D. in the following year, and in 1924 took both the F.R.C.S.Eng. and the F.R.C.S.Ed., after holding house appointments at the Liverpool Stanley Hospital and Liverpool Royal Infirmary and the Robert Gee Fellowship in human anatomy. Mr. Williams was appointed to the surgical staff of the Royal Southern in 1925 and worked for a time as surgical registrar and tutor at the Royal Infirmary. He was also

honorary consulting surgeon to the Prince Edward War Memorial Hospital at Rhyl and the Dolgelly Cottage Hospital. He had been a member of the Liverpool Medical Institution for fifteen years and of the British Medical Association since 1927. He contributed papers on surgical topics to the *Lancet* and the *British Medical Journal*.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

At a Congregation held on July 13 the following medical degrees were conferred:

B.M.—F. Hampson, R. M. Hugo, G. L. L. Reynolds, J. W. Smith, P. L. Krohn, E. O. Williams, A. W. B. Woods, E. G. W. Clarke, P. R. Cooper, J. C. W. Hopkyns, G. W. E. Walker, J. C. Hawks, *G. J. W. Ollerenshaw, P. B. Spilsbury, G. Swift, R. G. Thomas, S. C. Dobson, *J. R. O'Brien, A. J. F. Eberle, J. E. Sharpley, F. J. S. Chapman, W. J. Tyson, M. G. Simmons, A. J. K. Smith, W. E. Alderson, *C. B. Grimaldi, E. A. Chalk, Mrs. E. J. Herrin.

* In absence.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Dr. T. S. Hele, Master of Emmanuel College, has been appointed deputy for the professor of biochemistry from June 22 to the end of the present calendar year, and head of the department of biochemistry so long as he is deputy for the professor. The present deputy, Dr. Eric Holmes, who was appointed to act until the end of the present academical year, is leaving Cambridge to undertake national service.

Professor David Keilin, M.A., has been re-elected into the Quick chair of biology for three years ending September 30, 1943.

The titles of the degree of M.B., B.Ch. were conferred by diploma in June on Mrs. A. C. Flew of Newnham College.

The Vice-Chancellor gives notice that the proxy fee will not be charged for any degree to be taken on August 3. This applies (as well as to other degrees) to degrees for which the supplicants' qualifications include clinical instruction away from the University.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

*London Hospital Medical College

The College Board have made the following award:

The Price University Entrance Scholarship open to students of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge (value £100) to D. Vérel (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge) and W. P. U. Jackson (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge) (aeq. scholarship divided).

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—C. T. Baynes.

M.B., B.Ch.—¹I. Ansell, ¹N. A. G. Covell, ¹A. K. Mitting, ¹T. A. Sale, ¹Part III: G. E. Badman, S. C. Barnes, H. N. C. Bleasdale, G. J. C. Brittain, D. J. Browne, Helen M. Carmichael, W. F. Christian, J. Collins, E. H. L. Cook, E. A. Cookson, Grace T. Dawson, D. W. Ellis-Jones, L. Fletcher, W. E. Gill, J. G. Gow, H. G. Griffin, J. B. Hannah, Catharine W. L. Harries, R. Hermon, J. R. Hughes, W. J. Hughes, Jean G. Huntley, C. Ibbotson, C. N. Iland, M. P. Jones, I. Leveson, Joan F. Macara, M. G. McColl, J. H. H. MacRae, J. G. Mott, *G. V. Osborne, W. H. Partridge, J. A. Pugh, Lettice M. Robertson, W. Rotherham, C. Rowlands, C. C. Slack, Beryl M. Smith, R. A. Smith, R. H. M. Stewart, P. W. G. Sutton, E. E. Vaughan, G. R. Wadsworth, Hilda Walker, Kathleen M. Walters, Mair Williams, E. H. Winterbottom. ¹Part II: Katherine E. Ainsworth, ¹R. A. Allen, G. M. Ardran, ¹W. W. Aslett, G. H. Ball, Olive R. Ballance, Aileen Barry, Anita M. Beck, W. H. Berry, A. K. Bingham, A. S. G. Binnie, R. S. Cook, B. Devlin, ¹J. A. Donnellan, ¹C. V. Donnelly, B. Ellenbogen, J. J. Ennitt, B. B. Evans, Elizabeth S. N. Fenton, H. W. Forshaw, G. L. Gamble, ¹N. O. K. Gibbon, A. J. Goldman, H. R. Gray, J. J. Hargadon, I. J. Harris, S. Horrocks, J. H. Hughes, T. O. Hughes, M. W. Hutchings, ¹Lillie L. Jackson, Katie H. Jones, Mair E. Jones, ¹N. B. Jones, R. H. Jones, W. J. Jones, Mary Jordan, ¹A. C. Kirby, ¹C. A. Kovachich, C. C. Laird, T. E. Lamb, R. Lees, D. Leslie, T. B. McMurray, M. Makin, K. J. Mann, Y. Mansour, Lucy D. Meyrick, Norah C. Miller, E. L. Moore, ¹J. Moorhouse, ¹J. A. B. Nicholson, J. D. F. Norman, C. N. Partington, D. E. Paterson, ¹H. C. Percy-Hughes, G. H. Pimblett, Joan E. M. Potts, A. G. Rickards, F. S. Rickards, M. Rosenthal, C. N. Samuelli, G. D. Scarrow, ¹G. L. Shatwell, J. M. Swithinbank, W. G. Taaffe, W. L. Turner, ¹E. Walker, C. W. Walton, A. S. Whitehead, ¹J. K. Wilson, J. Winter, A. E. S. Wood, F. J. Zacharias. *Passed in Separate Subjects:* J. J. Bligh (Public Health), Mary R. Menzies (Forensic Medicine and Toxicology). ¹Part I: Aileen M. Barry, ¹S. Bradshaw, V. L. Cooper, H. V. Cross, J. G. K. Dean, P. J. Devlin, K. C. Fulton, G. W. Gibbs, Patricia F. M. B. Gould, Joan O. Grant, ¹T. C. Highton, M. Horwich, R. D. Hoston, F. A. H. Inman, W. B. E. Jones, J. Littler, M. L. P. Lyons, R. B. McConnell, Jane C. S. MacLachlan, ¹*L. Mandel, ¹*A. J. Marsden, R. H. Martin, E. L. Moore, Betty W. Morris, P. D. Moss, J. C. V. Murphy, S. P. C. O'Reagan, G. J. Rees, Hilda M. Reeve, G. C. Roberts, C. D. Rosenwald, D. I. Rowlands, T. L. Schofield, R. V. Tracy Forster, Amabel M. Turner, D. C. Watson, H. H. Watts, G. A. Wetherell, ¹D. W. Wilson, A. E. S. Wood, Rosalind Zalin. *Passed in Separate Subject:* H. S. L. Young (Pharmacology and General Therapeutics).

D.P.H.—¹Part I: J. Mills, Margaret Osborne, S. Ullah. ¹Part II: ¹J. Mills, G. R. Thorpe, Lucy H. E. Walker, ¹G. Wynne-Griffith.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY AND ELECTROLOGY.—*Part A*: R. J. Keating, T. R. O'Keeffe. *Part B*: R. J. Keating, J. C. Kee, W. P. Stevens, S. W. Wherrett, J. White.

¹ Second-class honours. ² Distinction in Surgery. ³ Distinction in Public Health. ⁴ Distinction in Forensic Medicine and Toxicology. ⁵ Distinction in Pharmacology and General Therapeutics. ⁶ Distinction in Pathology (including Bacteriology). ⁷ With distinction.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

At a meeting of the University Council, held on July 12, Dr. Mary E. Jarvis was appointed pathologist at the City General Hospital and in the University Department of Physiology.

The Council received the resignation by Dr. R. S. Kennedy of his post of Lecturer in Mental Diseases. The Council accepted the resignation with regret, and accorded its thanks to Dr. Kennedy for his services to the University.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

At a graduation ceremony held on July 11 the following medical degrees and diploma were conferred:

M.D.—¹R. F. Macdonald, ²A. I. Cheyne.
M.B., Ch.B.—³B. H. Smith, ⁴Jane I. Davidson, ⁵E. G. Hardy, C. J. B. Anderson, W. Anderson, R. McF. Bernard, C. A. Birks, S. M. W. Bodie, W. Bowma, J. R. Boyd, Marie I. Caldwell, S. Catterall, A. C. Clay, D. C. Coull, M. A. Craig, A. Crichton, G. G. Donaldson, P. Duncan, J. Dunne, C. G. Elder, K. B. Fraser, F. C. Garrow, M. J. Glen-Campbell, J. S. Glennie, Jean I. Gordon, E. M. Innes, J. R. S. Innes, W. Ironside, R. McD. S. Keir, R. B. Killoh, A. W. C. Lobban, J. D. G. Macdonald, G. L. McEwan, Alice Mackenzie, Isabel E. MacKenzie, D. A. H. McNaught, J. Macpherson, A. D. Macrae, R. R. Maitland, Annie M. Mee, C. Michie, Cecilia D. Middleton, D. M. Milne, G. P. Mitchell, J. S. C. Monro, A. F. Niven, A. Noble, P. H. Peterson, P. V. Pucci, L. W. Ritchie, D. F. Ross, Mary G. Scott (*née* Esslemont), N. C. Sharp, J. Sleight, W. R. Stephen, Jean E. Stuart, G. H. C. Taylor, J. W. Taylor, W. R. Thomson, L. Watt, G. L. Were, J. B. Woolley.

D.P.H.—J. W. Pickles.

¹ Awarded honours for thesis. ² Awarded commendation for thesis. ³ With first-class honours. ⁴ With second-class honours. ⁵ Passed Final M.B., Ch.B. degrees examination with distinction.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—^{*}W. M. Darling, D. A. D. Montgomery, ^{*}Agatha R. Crawford, [†]Hilary Crymble, [†]A. P. Grant, [†]Susan Holland, [†]R. F. L. Logan, [†]J. F. S. McKee, [†]R. W. S. Marshall, Sarah J. Adams, S. Allison, W. S. S. Archer, M. A. Bell, H. M. Bennett, C. M. Boucher, J. R. Bryars, J. D. A. Burns, Ida Campbell, J. A. Chestnutt, R. E. J. Clarke, J. L. Connor, W. J. D. Cooper, Kathleen M. Corbett, Winifred M. Cunningham, N. A. Daly, W. R. Dickie, J. M. B. Donaldson, J. K. A. Dorman, G. Emerson, M. Fisher, H. M. Gault, H. L. B. Girvan, E. H. Gordon, Frances D. Graham, S. L. Green, E. C. Greeves, Agnes T. Harbison, A. F. Harbison, B. V. Hassan, Kathleen Heron, Mary S. T. Irwin, C. E. Jamison, H. Jefferson, W. S. Johnston, A. D. Kelly, R. Linchan, L. H. V. Longmore, G. I. W. Lusk, A. R. Lyons, W. T. McClatchey, D. H. McCollum, A. McConnell, R. W. McDowell, W. T. S. McKean, Annie M. J. McKenna, J. E. McKnight, E. MacLaine, J. Magowan, W. Mathews, J. H. D. Millar, T. G. Milliken, D. J. Mitchell, G. Moge, P. G. Murphy, F. J. O'Kane, J. F. Perry, K. Quinlivan, G. Ross, W. Sinclair, P. Steen, Sarah J. Summ, A. L. Walby, W. A. Walker, T. McG. Watt, J. J. S. Wilson, J. D. Wilson, R. J. L. Wilson, T. S. Wilson, T. Wright, W. A. Young.

^{*} With first-class honours. [†] With second-class honours.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

Owing to the necessity for economy in paper the Council regrets that the Annual Report cannot be supplied to all those whose names are on the regular list for posting in October, but it must restrict the circulation of this year's report to those Fellows and Members who apply to the Secretary by August 1, 1940.

A quarterly meeting of the Council was held on July 12, when Mr. Hugh Lett was re-elected President and Sir James Walton and Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson were elected Vice-Presidents for the ensuing year. Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson and Surgeon Rear-Admiral G. Gordon-Taylor were readmitted and Mr. V. Zachary Cope and Mr. Harry Platt were admitted to the Council.

The Hallett Prize, granted on the result of the Primary Examination for the Fellowship, was awarded to Miss Audrey Ursula Smith of King's College. The eleventh Macloghlin Scholarship was awarded to H. A. Lane.

Lecturers

The following professors, lecturers, and demonstrators were elected for the ensuing year:

Hunterian Professors.—Mr. L. E. C. Norbury, one lecture on carcinoma of the rectum; Dr. H. A. Harris, three lectures on anatomy and physiology in relation to paediatrics and orthopaedics; Mr. N. L. Capener, one lecture on the anatomy, mechanics, and surgery of the lumbo-sacral region; Dr. R. E. Smith, one lecture on the undescended testicle; Dr. H. A. Brittain, one lecture on the principles of arthrodesia; Dr. J. M. Yoffey, one lecture on experiments on the flow of lymph from the nasopharynx and the absorption of dyes, proteins, viruses, and bacteria; Mr. W. H. Graham-Jessop, one lecture on the surgery of the great omentum;

Dr. F. R. Edwards, one lecture on dried plasma, its preparation and administration for the syndrome of shock; Dr. F. F. Rundle, one lecture on some problems in the pathogenesis of thyrotoxicosis; Dr. A. J. Helfet, one lecture on calcification and decalcification of bone.

Arris and Gale Lecturers.—Dr. John Beattie, two lectures; Mr. A. J. E. Cave, one lecture on the comparative anatomy and evolution of the paranasal sinuses.

Erasmus Wilson Demonstrators.—Dr. R. Davies-Colley, two demonstrations; Mr. C. E. Shattock, two demonstrations; Surgeon Rear-Admiral C. P. G. Wakeley, two demonstrations on specimens of tumours of the alimentary tract.

Arnott Demonstrator.—Mr. A. J. E. Cave, six demonstrations.

Appointments

The following reappointments for the ensuing year were approved: Sir Frank Colyer as Honorary Curator of the Odonatological Collection, and Mr. C. J. S. Thompson as Honorary Curator of the Historical Collection.

Diplomas

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to Alan Beckett Birt and Percival Ross Wheatley.

Diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London as follows:

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—T. A. Cockburn, T. P. Evans, Hilary S. M. Hadaway, M. Hunter, Elizabeth M. James, J. D. O'Riordan, D. W. G. Smith.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—R. C. Abel, E. C. Allibone, D. E. W. Anderson, W. L. Carruthers, E. P. H. Charlton, J. M. Crawford, E. B. Davies, N. Dembovitz, W. N. O. George, K. A. Graf, C. E. Greenwood, F. Kane, A. D. Latham, A. P. R. Lewis, A. F. McGlashan, M. N. Pai, J. C. Penton, W. L. L. Rees, Kathleen M. Webster, J. Whitby.

DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—Florence Cavanagh, S. Chatterjee, H. R. Cline, I. G. de Zilva, C. F. Evans, M. Fatin, C. D. Holstock, F. B. Korkis, S. Pillai, J. L. Reid.

The Services

SERVICE HONOURS

An Honours List was published in a Supplement to the *London Gazette* on July 11 and contained the names of the following members of the medical profession.

C.B. (Military)

ERNEST MARSHALL COWELL, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., M.D., F.R.C.S. Colonel, late R.A.M.C., T.A. For distinguished services in the field.

SHELDON FRANCIS DUDLEY, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P. Surgeon Rear-Admiral, R.N. Honorary Physician to the King. In recognition of distinguished services during the war.

C.B.E. (Military)

GORDON WILSON, O.B.E., M.C., M.B., Colonel, late R.A.M.C. For distinguished services in the field.

O.B.E. (Military)

WILLIAM ROBERT MACFARLANE DREW, Captain (temporary Major), R.A.M.C.

COLIN CAMPBELL BLAIR GILMOUR, M.B., Ch.B. Major, Reserve of Officers, 1st (Singapore) Battalion, Straits Settlements Volunteer Force.

ERNEST WENTWORTH WADE, D.S.O., M.D. Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C.

HERBERT WALKER, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C. For distinguished services in the field.

M.B.E. (Military)

EDMUND GILLET, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lieutenant (acting Major), R.A.M.C. For distinguished services in the field.

SAIYID MUHAMMAD AHMAD NAQVI, Jemadar, Indian Medical Department.

Military Cross

The King has approved the award of the Military Cross to the following officers in the R.A.M.C. for gallant and distinguished services in action in connexion with recent operations.

Captain (acting Major) William Melville Arnott, Captain (acting Major) Norman Pyecroft, Captain John Russel Heslop, Lieut. (acting Major) Hamish Allan, Lieut. (acting Major) Charles Walter Simpson, Lieut. (temporary Captain) Mark John Lindsay, Lieut. Grove D. Macintosh, and Lieut. Frederick Morley Smith.

ARMY AWARDS

The following awards are announced by the War Office:

Distinguished Service Order

Lieut. (temporary Major) Philip Harker Newman, R.A.M.C.

This officer was responsible for the surgical work in the C.C.S.; at Bethune he organized three twin table operation theatres, and later at Rosendaal, Dunkirk, such surgical work that could be undertaken with reduced equipment. His unremitting keenness, hard work, and skill as a surgeon were a source of inspiration to all employed in the surgical division, and were the means of saving many lives and of giving the best possible treatment under most exacting conditions to several hundred badly wounded officers and men. This officer cheerfully accepted the ballot whereby he was left in charge of wounded that could not be evacuated.

Military Cross

Captain Percy Keyte Jenkins, R.A.M.C.

He established an advanced dressing station at Bray Dunes on May 29, which he kept functioning with practically no staff until June 1.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut. IVOR REES DAVIES, R.A.M.C., died from the result of an accident at the age of 25. He was the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Davies of Whyteleafe, Surrey, and received his medical education at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1939. He joined the British Medical Association soon afterwards.

Wounded

Acting Lieut.-Colonel Alexander Bremner, M.C., R.A.M.C.

Major James Harold Hopper, R.A.M.C.

Captain George Alfred Kane, R.A.M.C.

Captain Leslie Frederic William Salmon, R.A.M.C.

Lieut. Mark Bradford, R.A.M.C.

Lieut. Frederick Morley Smith, R.A.M.C.

Missing

Lieut. Foster Jennings, R.A.M.C.

Lieut. Norman Bryan Walker, R.A.M.C.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Mr. Attlee announced on July 16 that a new Budget will be introduced in the House of Commons on July 23. It is understood that the Purchase Tax will be included in this Budget, with amendments, and that proposals will be made in respect of income-tax and surtax. The Purchase Tax Bill will be withdrawn.

The Emergency Powers (Defence) (No. 2) Bill introduced by Sir John Anderson on July 10 and read a first time authorizes the making of an Order in Council providing for the trial of civilians by special courts where the military situation requires this.

The Nation's Food

Speaking on the Ministry of Agriculture Estimates in the House of Commons on July 11 Mr. R. S. HUDSON said there were adequate supplies of food in this country at present and a good reserve, but Parliament must take immediate steps to ensure that the people would have enough food even if the present import programme had to be curtailed. Scientists said the population could live in health, be able to work hard, to produce munitions, and to fight on a very different diet from that to which they were accustomed, but a diet the greater proportion of which could be grown in this country. He did not know whether it would be palatable till they grew accustomed to it, but he had put in a plea that it should be supplemented by beer. Farmers would be asked in many cases to alter their normal production.

During the debate which followed Mrs. TATE urged a greater production of cheese during wartime. In view of the importance of cheese there should be no pasteurization of milk for the duration of the war. Colonel BOLES said the new vaccine for tuberculin tests for dairy herds had caused disorganization among the herds. The incidence of tuberculous infection had gone up by leaps and bounds. The new vaccine seemed to have a surer effect on doubtful cases which would have escaped under the old vaccine.

Mr. TOM WILLIAMS, in replying to the debate, said that with the vaccine at present produced at the Ministry of Agriculture's experimental station at Weybridge more reactors were showing up than with the vaccine which was previously

used. It was now thought that the old vaccine was not of a uniform strength and that numbers slipped through which might have affected others in the herds. The Weybridge vaccine seemed infinitely more stable and reliable than that used hitherto. He did not know where that development would lead.

Births in Air Raid Shelters

On July 10 Mr. HAYDAY asked Mr. MacDonald to what extent medical officers of health had received instructions as to first-aid treatment, to be issued at their discretion, involving a minor but essential surgical operation in cases of precipitate births in air raid shelters; whether persons who had to carry out such first aid, considering that a trained nurse was unlikely to be available, would do so without first seeing how it should be properly carried out at an actual confinement; and whether he would encourage such facilities being given.

Replying for the Minister of Health Miss HORSBRUGH said instructions had been issued to medical officers of health for communication at their discretion to persons in charge of air raid shelters. The simple first-aid treatment described in the instructions was the most that could be entrusted with safety to untrained persons. It would be most undesirable for facilities to be provided for untrained persons to attend confinements for purposes of instruction. Such persons might regard themselves as competent to deal with situations which demanded professional attention and be led to take measures which might be not only harmful but actually dangerous to life. Mr. MacDonald felt the leaflet of instructions was the safest way of dealing with the matter.

Rating of St. Marylebone

Sir ERNEST GRAHAM-LITTLE, on July 11, drew the attention of Mr. MacDonald to the increasing burden upon ratepayers who remained in the consultant medical quarters of Marylebone after most of their colleagues had gone for full-time war service under the Ministry of Health. He said this already entailed an increase of 10% in the rates on occupied houses, and that more houses would soon be abandoned owing to that increase. Sir Ernest asked the Ministry to consider the adoption of means to relieve the situation.

Mr. MACDONALD answered that, though the increase in the rate poundage in the area mentioned was substantial, it did not involve a charge outside the range of rates levied by other authorities in normal times. He did not contemplate action on the lines suggested.

Expenses of Scottish Central Medical War Committee

On July 16 Mr. E. BROWN told Mr. Groves that the staff and office accommodation of the British Medical Association in Scotland were available for the work of the Scottish Central Medical War Committee, and the extent to which these facilities were used varied with the needs of the committee. Payment out of public funds was made to the Scottish Central Medical War Committee for travelling expenses of members attending meetings of the central and sub-committees. For the period February 22, 1939, to April 25, 1940, this amounted to £182 3s. 1d.

Typhoid Prophylaxis for the Public

Mr. E. BROWN, replying on July 16 to Mr. R. Gibson, who asked whether, in view of possible breakdown of provisions for sanitation in local areas, he would consider taking steps to have the whole population inoculated against typhoid fever, said he did not think this was practicable or advisable. Facilities were available for anti-typhoid inoculation where required. A considerable quantity of typhoid and paratyphoid vaccine was now held at several centres in Scotland, and this could quickly be made available in any region where there was special risk. The local authorities were aware of these reserves.

Travel Permits for Doctors.—On July 16 Sir ERNEST GRAHAM-LITTLE asked the Secretary of State for War whether he would consider the advisability of issuing to members of the honorary staffs of the teaching hospitals certificates to facilitate their passage when visiting patients in need of their services outside London. Miss HORSBRUGH said that medical practitioners on the staffs of hospitals were being supplied with certificates of employment which would facilitate their movement. The question of any necessary extension of this system was under consideration.