

in a complete revolution in the constitution and future outlook of our Association. It was there I first met him and began a greatly valued friendship. He followed this up by active work in his own locality in the difficult period when the new Divisions were being formed. Indeed, he was one of the most enthusiastic B.M.A. men I have ever met, combining with his enthusiasm knowledge and idealism in a rare degree. Whenever the Association asked for service that was within his range (and his range was a very wide one) he gave it fully and gladly. He was particularly knowledgeable and useful on committees dealing with school medicine. He was one of the all too few men in the public health service who had a real understanding of and sympathy with the general practitioner's point of view. The practitioners in his own area showed that they realized this by sending him with unfailing regularity to the Representative Body. Among his many interests was the Public Medical Service movement, which he heartily supported. I can sincerely endorse all that has been said above of his personal qualities. He leaves behind him in the hearts of his friends a memory of a loyal and lovable man who was a devoted worker in the best interests of his profession.

Dr. ALFRED F. HEALD of Dulwich, assistant medical secretary of the London Panel Committee, died at Goring-on-Thames on November 21 at the age of 77. He was born at Burnham Beeches and educated at Hurstpierpoint and Fitzwilliam Hall, Cambridge. He became a pharmaceutical chemist, but after a few years took up medicine and qualified from St. Mary's Hospital in 1903 as L.S.A. He settled in Peckham, where he carried on a large practice. Joining the London Panel Committee in 1916, his knowledge of pharmacy was of particular value when the London Insurance Pharmacopoeia was being compiled. Later he became a member of the National Formulary Subcommittee of the B.M.A., and also served on the Minister of Health's Advisory Committee on the Definition of Drugs. During his membership of the Panel Committee Dr. Heald occupied the chair of the Pharmacy Subcommittee from 1918 to 1919, and acted as treasurer from 1925 to 1930, when he was appointed organizing and assistant medical secretary to the Panel Committee, in which capacity he rendered valuable service to the insurance profession in London. His fine presence, combined with a genial disposition and sound common sense, contributed to the esteem in which he was held, and his passing will be a great loss to his colleagues both on the Panel Committee and in the county. His health showed signs of failing in 1939, when he suffered from coronary thrombosis. The intensive bombing of London made it impracticable for him to continue his work, so he retired to the neighbourhood of the Upper Thames, where he lived quietly until the end came.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Physical Standard of Returning Miners

On December 2 Mr. BEVIN, replying to Mr. Rhys Davies, said that the physical standard laid down for ex-miners returning to the pits for underground work was that examiners should be satisfied that a man's general physique was such as to enable him to undertake work at or near the coal face. Examiners were asked to give special attention to cases where valvular disease of the heart might be suspected. Men were to be rejected if found to be suffering from any disease of the following classes: (1) all forms of tuberculous disease; and (2) all cases of uncontrollable hernia. These instructions were issued after consultation with the medical inspection staff of the Mines Department, and after consideration of the parallel conditions laid down for other cases of special recruitment. Doctors were paid a fee of 5s. for each man examined. Members of medical boards examining men under the National Service Acts were paid at the rate of 2 guineas a session for the first five sessions in a week, and 1½ guineas for any subsequent sessions in the week. The chairman received an additional half-guinea. About twenty-five men were examined at a session, which normally lasted for two and a half hours.

Maternity Accommodation in Scotland.—On December 2 Mr. JOHNSTON informed Mrs. Hardie that in the past two years nearly 500 new maternity hospital beds in Scotland had been made available. Nearly 100 further beds would shortly be provided in buildings at present in course of erection. He was advised, however, that shortage of beds was not a significant factor in the increase in maternal mortality.

Neonatal Deaths in Scotland.—Mr. TOM JOHNSTON told Dr. Kennedy on December 4 that in Scotland stillbirths were not increasing. A slight rise in neonatal deaths has occurred in 1941. It was, he said, too early to say whether the rise was temporary or not. Everything possible was being done by the Ministry of Food and the health authorities, central and local, to ensure the nutritional needs of expectant mothers were met. Free and cheap milk schemes were in full operation. Communal feeding arrangements were vigorously pursued.

Medical Examination of Workers from Ireland.—There is no regular medical examination for workers coming to Great Britain from Eire or Northern Ireland. Such workers are in some cases medically examined in their home areas at the instance of the employers engaging them. The authorities have power to take certain action, Mr. ERNEST BROWN added on December 4, in regard to workmen coming from Ireland who may have tuberculosis or venereal disease.

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ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At the annual meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, held on December 4, Dr. Charles McNeil was re-elected President and Dr. R. B. Campbell, Dr. L. H. F. Thatcher, Dr. D. M. Lyon, Dr. A. G. Ritchie, Dr. L. S. P. Davidson, and Dr. A. Rae Gilchrist were elected to form the Council of the College for the ensuing year. Dr. Lyon was nominated vice-president.