

whom he met on the way to the hospital, "You do glands in the neck, don't you?" and the gynaecologist had replied, "Oh, you heard about that case, did you?" As a member of the Court of Examiners he became known to many candidates. One day on returning from examining for the Fellowship he told how a candidate had flourished his knife about in the operative test. "You won't stick me, will you?" said Mr. Murray. "No, sir," said the astute candidate, "I remember last time." "What do you mean?" he was asked. "Well, sir," he replied, "last time you stuck me!" "I had to let him through," said his bluff but kind-hearted examiner, and added, "He knew his work." Passing this candidate seemed to give him especial pleasure, and perhaps this story best describes the man he was. Strong, perhaps rather bluff, no nonsense and straight as a gun barrel, he was a chief whom it was a privilege to serve. His high sense of professional integrity and kindness, even if somewhat hidden behind a rather severe and dignified exterior, will cause him to be long remembered with affection by Middlesex men.

The death took place at a nursing home on Aug. 7 of Dr. J. J. R. BINNIE of 21, Walker Street, Edinburgh. John James Rouse Binnie qualified M.B., Ch.B.Ed. in 1919, proceeding to the M.D. in 1921. In 1920 he took his D.P.H. after holding the post of medical superintendent of Lightburn Hospital, Shettleston, Glasgow. For a time he was in general practice in Mid-Calder. Later he returned to Edinburgh as consulting radiologist in succession to the late Dr. Hope Fowler, and in this capacity was attached to Gogarburn and Craiglockhart E.M.S. Hospital. Dr. Binnie held the rank of major in the last war, and also served in the present one until he was released owing to ill-health. In spite of this he continued to do good work for the Emergency Medical Service.

The death of Dr. H. CHISHOLM WILL, which occurred on Aug. 11, will cause great regret among his many friends in Bromley, Kent. Dr. Will served in the R.A.M.C. in France and Gallipoli from 1915 to 1918, and then settled in practice in Bromley, where he has practised for nearly 25 years. He was closely associated with the Bromley Congregational Church, of which he was a deacon for 21 years. He took an active interest in Congregational churches generally, and was a member of the executive of the London Congregational Union, a member of the executive of the Kent Congregational Association, and a delegate of the Bromley Church to the Congregational Union of England and Wales. He took a special interest also in the work of the London Missionary Society and of the Bromley Crusaders. Dr. Will, who qualified in 1893, was closely associated with the activities of the British Medical Association, which he joined in 1900. He was secretary of the Bromley Division for ten years (1922-32), and chairman from 1939 to 1941. On many occasions he acted as representative on the Representative Body, and even after the onset of his illness he attended meetings of the Association whenever he was able to do so.

The death has occurred in a Glasgow nursing home of Dr. JOHN AITKEN, aged 67. A native of Glasgow, John Aitken was educated at Garnethill School and Glasgow University, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1898 and M.D. in 1901, taking both with commendation. After a period as resident in the Western Infirmary and Royal Maternity Hospital he joined the Scottish Red Cross Hospital in the South African War as assistant physician, being mentioned in dispatches. Thereafter he succeeded the late Dr. Prentice in Kilmarnock, eventually becoming, to his undisguised satisfaction, physician to the Kilmarnock Infirmary. Here he practised for a quarter of a century, with an interlude when he was a medical officer to the 52nd Division in Palestine in the last war. Following a breakdown in health he sought the sunny shores of the Mediterranean and built up a practice among the British colony at Allassio, returning to this country in 1940. Maintaining throughout a busy life an interest in the science of medicine, especially his first love, physiology, he was an early worker in haematology, among his publications being papers on pernicious anaemia and haematuria. Apart from service in the Territorials he had few outside interests, but acquired a taste for gardening, characteristically specializing in the viola, the touchstone of the Ayrshire amateur. He was a member of the B.M.A. and of the local panel committee, attending an occasional Panel Conference. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, and a son, a member of his own profession, at present on service in India. Of a sanguine temperament, buoyant and debonair, Aitken was ever a stimulus to his friends and quickly made his presence felt in any assemblage; but he will be remembered best for his exuberant spirit and alertness of mind and body, despite years of ill-health.

By the death of Col. Sir GEORGE HASTINGS, V.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., at the age of 90, the profession loses a personality of Victorian days the like of whom, it is safe to say, will not be seen again. To call him a Dickensian character, writes an old friend, might be very slightly to overstate the case, but at least he might have stepped from the pages of Mr. Sadler's *Fanny by Gaslight* or from a "conversation piece" canvas by his father-in-law, W. P. Frith. He reached the long-obsolete rank of surgeon colonel in the old Middlesex Yeomanry Cavalry—itsself a designation abandoned before the present century began—but was best known as the presiding genius, indeed dictator in all but the name, of the Ranelagh Club, where he was chairman for forty years. He was also president of the Coaching Club, of which he was the senior member. From all this it will be gathered that he was a horse-lover; certainly he dressed for the part—sponge-bag trousers, glossy top-hat, wash-leather gloves, large cravat, immaculate frock coat—and on the right occasions the correct black-banded grey "topper," as recorded in the *Times* recently. He was a West-End "society" practitioner of very long standing; and was also consultant to the Gas Light and Coke Company. He had his medical education at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1875, and served his own hospital as house-physician. He was the son of George Hastings of Terrington, Norfolk, and married Alice, daughter of Mr. W. P. Frith, R.A., by whom he had two daughters. He was knighted in 1910, was a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and held the Volunteer Decoration for his long service with the Yeomanry. Of late years he lived in the Albany, exactly his right milieu.

The following well-known medical men have died abroad: Dr. EDWARD JACKSON, formerly professor of ophthalmology in the University of Colorado, and consulting editor of the *American Journal of Ophthalmology*, aged 86; Dr. FRANK W. MARLOW, professor of ophthalmology for forty years at Syracuse University and member of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, aged 84; Dr. LUTHER CROUSE PETER, emeritus professor of ophthalmology in the University of Pennsylvania, aged 73; Dr. GUSTAF NEANDER, pioneer in the campaign against tuberculosis in Sweden, aged 68; and Prof. EMILE SERGENT of Paris, the eminent authority on tuberculosis, aged 76.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The title of Reader in Medicine in the University of London, with the status and designation of appointed teacher, has been conferred on Dr. Clifford Wilson in respect of the post held by him at the London Hospital Medical College.

The reduction in the clinical course for the M.B., B.S. degrees will remain in force during the season 1943-4. The additional M.B., B.S. examination to be held in 1944 will begin on Monday, Jan. 31.

The Services

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Prisoners of War.—War Subs. Capt. H. D. T. Gawn, R.A.M.C., Temp. Lieut.-Col. L. R. S. Macfarlane, R.A.M.C., War Subs. Capt. E. Snell, R.A.M.C.

Wounded.—War Subs. Capt. J. S. Montgomerie, R.A.M.C.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

It is now announced that Dr. JAMES RAWDON SODDY, aged 24, previously reported as missing, lost his life at sea by enemy action in July last. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1942 from St. Thomas's Hospital and held house appointments at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital and the Lambeth Hospital. At the time of his death he was on the way to take up an appointment in the Colonial Medical Service in Nigeria.

Dr. VICTOR VARTAN MUIR of the Colonial Medical Service, Nigeria, is reported to have lost his life at sea in July as the result of enemy action. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. of Edinburgh University in 1939 and took the D.T.M.&H. a year later. His father is Dr. Ernest Muir, C.I.E., medical secretary of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and at present head of the Leprosarium in Trinidad.