

collected everything, from china and stamps to flint arrowheads and prints. Of engravings, etchings, and mezzotints he had a specialized knowledge and a remarkable collection. He had a nice discrimination, and early in life he came to appreciate the great merit of Samuel Palmer's work. His literary and artistic tastes naturally influenced his approach to medicine; he was always original, and no textbook explanation of disease which ran counter to the clinical facts ever influenced him in making a diagnosis. As a diagnostician of the old school—the school which had perforce to dispense with most of the laboratory aids—he was supreme, and his approach to a problem was always through physiology. He was essentially the family physician, though he was often called on as a consultant, especially in the case of children, and was a first-class psychologist. He was scarcely influenced at all by the modern school of psychopathology, but a wide knowledge of literature and sympathetic observation of his patients gave him the requisite background of knowledge. Mrs. McCracken survives him. He had four sons, of whom three are members of the medical profession and one is the present M.O.H. for Newcastle. Three of his sons were on active service throughout the war of 1914-18; they all held combatant commissions. In the recent war two sons returned to the Army. One served with distinction as D.A.D.M.S. of the 50th Division in France at the Dunkirk evacuation and later commanded a field ambulance in the Western Desert. One son, Lieut.-Col. Angus M. McCracken, D.S.O., M.C., died of wounds received while commanding a field regiment of the Royal Artillery at Mount Camino in Italy.

We regret to announce the death on Sept. 5 of Dr. HAROLD ERNEST WATKINS, of Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, a past chairman of the St. Helens Division of the B.M.A. Son of John W. Watkins, M.D., he was born at Newton-le-Willows on May 30, 1868, and from Manchester Grammar School went to study for the medical profession at Owens College. After qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1889, he served as house-surgeon at the Manchester Royal Infirmary and medical officer to the Liverpool Farm School. He returned to his native place and became part-time M.O.H. to the Newton-in-Makerfield Urban District Council and medical superintendent of the isolation hospital and the maternity and child welfare clinics. Dr. Watkins had been for some years district surgeon to the L.M.S. Railway, and during the war of 1914-18 was medical officer to the Garswood Hall Military Hospital. After his retirement he continued to take a close interest in the work of the Newton-le-Willows War Memorial Hospital.

Dr. WILLIAM THOMAS, of Larkhall Rise, Clapham, died in Westminster Hospital on Sept. 7, aged 57. A student of St. Thomas's Hospital, he took the B.Sc.Lond. (with first-class honours in chemistry) in 1907, and after qualifying in 1915 proceeded M.B., B.S. in 1920. At St. Thomas's he won an entrance scholarship in natural science and the William Tite Scholarship, was demonstrator in chemistry and toxicology and in biology, resident anaesthetist, and casualty officer. During his years of practice at Clapham Dr. Thomas served as divisional surgeon to the Metropolitan Police, medical officer to the Post Office and the Board of Education, and medical officer to the Clapham General Dispensary. He had contributed to the *Transactions of the Chemical Society*, and published papers on road treatment in relation to fish life, diseases of trout, and pollution of streams. He joined the B.M.A. in 1920.

The following well-known medical men have died abroad: Prof. CARL VON NOORDEN, from 1906 to 1913 director of the First Medical Clinic at Vienna, and Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine, aged 86; Prof. OTTO VERAGUTH, formerly director of the Institute for Physical Therapy at the University of Zürich and honorary president of the Swiss Neurological Society, aged 72; Prof. CESARE PEZZE, an eminent cardiologist at Milan, aged 70; Dr. MICHEL LÉON KINDBERG, the French phthisiologist, a few days after his liberation from a concentration camp in Germany, aged 62; Prof. FRITZ SEILER, director of the Medical Polyclinic at Berne; Geheimrat ADOLF DIEUDONNÉ, for many years professor of serology at Munich and author of a classical textbook on immunity; Dr. OTFRIED MÜLLER, formerly professor of internal medicine and director of the medical clinic at Tübingen University, author of an important work on capillary microscopy, aged 71; Prof. JOSEPH TRUMPP, a Munich paediatrician, and one of the pioneers of infant welfare, aged 79; Prof. GUSTAV ASCHAFFENBURG, formerly director of the psychiatric clinic at Cologne and founder of the *Monatsschrift für Kriminopsychologie*; Dr. LUCAS AYARRRAY, ex-secretary of the National Department of Hygiene, Buenos Aires, aged 82; and Dr. LOGAN CLENDENING, professor of clinical medicine and director of the Library and Museum of the History of Medicine at the University of Kansas, vice-president of the American Association of the History of Medicine, 1942-3.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

Edinburgh University Court has appointed S. W. Challinor, Ph.D., B.Sc., Department of Bacteriology, and Harry Culumbine, M.B., Ch.B., M.Sc., Lieut.-Col., R.A.M.C., Department of Materia Medica, to Imperial Chemical Industries Fellowships for a period of three years.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

The Harveian Oration on "Rheumatic Fever and Heart Disease" will be delivered by Dr. John Parkinson at the College, Pall Mall East, S.W., on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 3 p.m.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

#### Monthly Dinners

Monthly subscription dinners in the College will be resumed in October for Fellows and Members of the College, members of the specialist associations linked with the College through the joint secretariat, and their guests. The dinners will be held on the Wednesday preceding the second Thursday of each month. The dates for this year are Oct. 10, Nov. 7, and Dec. 12. Applications should reach the Secretary of the College, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.1, one week before the date of the dinner, accompanied by the remittance of one guinea for each ticket required.

## The Services

Surg. Lieut. W. J. Winthrop, R.C.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches posthumously for gallantry, determination, and devotion to duty in H.M.S. *Campbeltown* in the raid on St. Nazaire in March, 1942.

Temp. Surg. Lieut. J. A. Cosh, R.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches for good services in rescue work and fire-fighting after an explosion in a merchant ship in the Port of Bari on April 9, 1945.

Surg. Lieut. A. P. B. Waing, D.S.C., R.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches for courage and devotion to duty during the defence of Calais in 1940.

The following appointments have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy:

*O.B.E. (Military Division).*—Lieut.-Cols. E. C. Janes and J. S. McCannel, R.C.A.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Majors R. Ferguson, W. M. G. Wilson, W. S. Gilchrist, and C. C. Henneberg; Capt. C. H. Conway, R.C.A.M.C.

The following appointments and awards have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma:

*C.B.E. (Military Division).*—Brig. (Temp.) G. J. V. Crosby, T.D., R.A.M.C.

*O.B.E. (Military Division).*—Col. (Temp.) T. F. M. Woods; Lieut.-Cols. (Temp.) P. B. Longden, A. J. Martin, C. E. Roberts, and R. N. Tattersall, R.A.M.C. Col. (Temp.) M. S. Purvis; Lieut.-Cols. (Temp.) E. J. Crowe and J. M. MacF. Drew, I.M.S. Lieut.-Col. (Temp.) J. Wakeford, S.R.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Lieut.-Col. (Acting) D. A. Langhorne; Majors (Temp.) J. C. Gregory and J. S. McCrae; Capts. H. C. Campbell and R. G. McWhinney; Capt. (Acting) F. E. Hall, R.A.M.C. Major (Temp.) C. F. Vieyra, I.M.S. Capt. (Temp.) D. Singh, I.A.M.C.

*D.S.O.*—Brig. (Temp.) A. N. T. Meneches, C.B.E., R.A.M.C.

*M.C.*—Capts. G. K. Beatty, T. A. Taylor, and J. Weir, R.A.M.C.

*Freed in the Far East.*—Lieut.-Col. J. W. Malcolm, O.B.E., M.C., Major W. M. Stewart, and Capt. G. A. F. R. Gibson, R.A.M.C.

### CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

*Killed.*—Capt. Albert Robson, R.A.M.C.

*Wounded.*—War Subs. Capts. T. P. Bliss, W. F. Carpenter, and R. E. Danckwerts, and Lieut. B. S. Crawford, R.A.M.C.

G. K. De Forest and L. M. Kerr (*Amer. J. med. Sci.*, 1945, **209**, 752) describe a small epidemic of streptococcal diseases among nurses attending a child with secondarily infected eczema who was a constant source of Type 14 haemolytic streptococci for many weeks. During a three-months period 50% of the nurses who attended the child became ill with sore throats or scarlet fever.