

details of modern knowledge and technique, and *au fait* with affairs, local and general, of everyday life. His practical knowledge of illness, of its treatment, and of folk great and small with whom he dealt daily, was phenomenal."

Dr. ERNEST WILLIAM SHAW HUGHES died in retirement at his home in Pinner, Middlesex, on Nov. 23. He was born in 1870, eldest son of the Rev. T. A. A. Hughes, Vicar of Shelf, near Halifax, and was educated at Bradford Grammar School and the Leeds Medical School. After qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1893 he was for a short time assistant to Dr. Hector at Drighlington, near Leeds, and then set up in practice in 1896 at Lee Mount, Halifax, and continued there until he retired in 1929. Dr. Hughes was a very active member of the local Division of the B.M.A., which he joined in 1901, and held office as chairman and secretary on several occasions. He was also for many years a member of the Halifax Panel Committee. A pioneer motorist, he used a motor cycle in his practice before the end of the last century, and was a founder-member of the Halifax Automobile Club. During the war of 1914-18 he held a temporary commission for a year in the R.A.M.C. and saw service in Malta and in a hospital ship serving the Salonika front. He died after a short illness, and leaves a widow and one son, Dr. F. L. A. Hughes, who is in practice at Malton, Yorkshire.

Dr. ERNEST ALSAGER PARSONS, who died in Birmingham on Nov. 23, aged 77, was the third son of C. W. Parsons, of Austrey, Warwickshire. Educated at Appleby Magna Grammar School, and apprenticed to a Coventry pharmacist, he later took up an appointment in Rome. Returning to England in 1893, he studied medicine at Mason's College, Birmingham, and Westminster Hospital, and on qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1899 entered the service of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company, and served as medical officer on a ship laying cable to St. Helena. He offered his services in the South African War, and joined Sir Frederick Carrington's Rhodesia Field Force. After the war he became senior medical officer to the Beira and Mashonaland Railway Company, an appointment he held until 1907. In 1908 he was employed as one of the medical officers on Sir John Aird's works in connexion with the Assuan Dam extension, in which capacity his command of the Italian language was valuable on account of the large amount of Italian labour engaged. Unfortunately his health broke down and he had to return to this country. On his recovery he joined the staff of Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, eventually becoming the senior resident medical officer. After the 1914-18 war he served as a member of the local Pensions Board. For the last twenty years he had been in private practice in Birmingham.

The death of Dr. THOMAS WILLIAM NAYLOR BARLOW, O.B.E., of Wallasey, at the age of 77, deprives his profession of a man with a long and honourable record. He was M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. of Cambridge, F.R.S. of Edinburgh, and a barrister-at-law. He retired from his post as medical officer of health at Wallasey in March, 1934. He was president of the Society of Medical Officers of Health 1923-4, and was for many years a very active and popular member of that society. He was a member of the Public Health Committee, and several sub-committees, of the B.M.A. from 1923 to 1931. He was a member of the Committee on Medical Aspects of Abortion 1934-6, and represented his Division at the A.R.M. in 1926 and in 1939. He was secretary of the Section of State Medicine and Industrial Diseases at the Annual Meeting at Liverpool in 1912, and vice-president of the Section of Public Medicine at Bath in 1925. In his later years he suffered greatly from rheumatoid arthritis and was thus prevented from taking an active part in medical affairs. Though unknown to many of the present generation, he will be well remembered by his contemporaries as an able medical officer of health, a genial companion, and as a man always willing and able to co-operate with his fellows in other branches of the profession.

The following appreciation of the late Dr. HENRY ERNEST RUTHERFORD, of Larne, Co. Antrim, who died on Nov. 30, has been received from a colleague: By Dr. Rutherford's death Larne and district have lost an outstanding personality. One had to know his qualifications to appreciate the fact that he was a man of many parts. As a graduate of arts, law, and medicine, he held a unique position among the medical men of Ulster. His outstanding characteristic was the keen interest he took in the welfare of his fellow men, an interest which he maintained until the end. A cultured man and a great reader, he had a sense of humour which made him take a kindly view of the failings of humanity.

The Services

Col. A. H. Harty, C.I.E., V.H.S., I.M.S., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the King in succession to Major-Gen. W. C. Paton, C.I.E., M.C., I.M.S.(ret.).

The following appointments, awards, and mentions in dispatches have been announced for distinguished service during the war in Europe:

C.B.E. (Military Division).—Surg. Capt. J. F. Ainley, R.N.(ret.).
O.B.E. (Military Division).—Surg. Cmdr. J. V. Dockray, R.N.V.R.(ret.).

D.S.C.—Temp. Surg. Lieuts. P. M. Kerr and H. R. Shepherd, R.N.V.R.

Mentioned in Dispatches.—Acting Surg. Cmdr. C. Ommanney-Davis, R.N.(ret.); Temp. Acting Surg. Lieut.-Cmdrs. H. O. Paton, J. F. Ryan, and J. K. G. Way, and Temp. Surg. Lieuts. G. A. Findlay and G. K. H. Hodgkin, R.N.V.R.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Died.—Col. Sidney John Liddon Lindeman, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C.

Previously reported prisoner of war, now believed to have been lost in Japanese transport in Oct., 1942.—Capt. Bernard Henry Mooring Aldridge, R.A.M.C.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

V. B. Wigglesworth, M.D., F.R.S., of Gonville and Caius College, has been appointed Reader in Entomology. Dr. Wigglesworth is at present Reader in Medical Entomology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and Director of the Agricultural Research Council Unit on Insect Physiology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At the annual meeting of the College, held on Dec. 6, Prof. David Murray Lyon was elected President, and Dr. W. D. D. Small, Prof. L. S. P. Davidson, Drs. J. D. S. Cameron, H. L. Wallace, and I. G. W. Hill, and Prof. D. K. Henderson were elected to form the Council for the ensuing year. Dr. Small was nominated Vice-President.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Dr. Robert A. McCance, F.R.C.P., will deliver the Dr. James Finlayson Memorial Lecture in the hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. The title of the lecture is "Bread."

Medical News

University College, Southampton, has been holding this week, in conjunction with the British Council, a leave course on "Britain To-day and To-morrow," for members of the Dominions, United States, and Polish Forces, at South Hill, Gleneyre Road, Bassett, Southampton. To-day (Friday, Dec. 21), at 11.45 a.m., Dr. W. P. Cargill lectures on "The Health of Britain."

A general course for demobilized general practitioners has been arranged to begin on Monday, Dec. 31, at Bristol University. It will last a fortnight. The detailed programme has not yet been drawn up, but the course will be essentially clinical. Particular emphasis will be laid on paediatrics and maternity. Other subjects to be included are mental deficiency, public health with fevers, and pulmonary diseases, including tuberculosis. Accommodation will be provided at a University Hall of Residence (Wills' Hall) at a charge of 15s. per day plus 10% for gratuities.

The French Academy of Medicine has elected Sir Alexander Fleming an Associate Member in recognition of his services to medicine by the discovery of penicillin. He shared the honour of election with, among others, Sir Henry Dale, Prof. E. D. Adrian, and Prof. C. H. Best (Toronto); and Sir Wilson Jameson has been elected a Foreign Correspondent of the Academy.

Dr. W. S. C. Copeman has been elected chairman of the Council of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy in succession to Sir Herbert L. Eason, who has resigned.