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Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In a Congregation held on June 15 the following degrees were conferred:

D.M.—R. D. Newton.

B.M., B.Ch.—T. J. Thompson (in absence).

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a Congregation in the Senate House on June 24 the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*, was conferred by the Vice-Chancellor on five delegates to the Royal Society Empire Scientific conference during its visit to Cambridge. The medical recipients of the honorary degree were Prof. C. H. Best, M.D., F.R.S., head of the Department of Physiology, University of Toronto, and director of the Banting-Best Department of Medical Research; and Dr. F. M. Burnet, F.R.S., director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute for Medical Research, Melbourne. Introducing Prof. Best, the Public Orator said that he had won an honoured name in the realms of medicine and physiology and was joint leader of an institution which had made notable contributions to the relief of human suffering. Of Dr. Burnet he said that he excelled particularly in the field of bacteriology; his book *Biological Aspects of Infectious Disease* was famous and fully entitled him to wear the Cambridge scarlet.

The Marmaduke Sheld Scholarship for 1946 is awarded to R. P. Holmes of Trinity College.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

FINAL M.B.—Part I (*Surgery, Midwifery, and Gynaecology*): A. Ackroyd, A. P. Baker, E. A. D. Boyd, G. A. Bracewell, G. T. F. Braddock, D. C. Bradford, J. H. S. Buchanan, A. O. Chase, L. W. Clarke, J. Crossley, D. E. Cullington, A. B. Douglas, W. M. Edgar, A. S. Fairbairn, G. R. Freedman, E. C. Glover, J. L. Harris, C. F. Hingston, E. M. James, C. S. Kirkham, J. G. Latimer, R. G. Law, D. M. N. Longridge, I. D. Mackichen, E. D. Marsh, D. G. Miller, D. V. Milward, J. L. Moffatt, D. R. Morgan, A. G. Norman, D. O'Brien, J. M. Palmer, E. E. Philipp, G. Raperport, P. Rhodes, D. H. Richards, D. W. T. Roberts, K. J. Roberts, P. W. Rowsell, B. E. Shairp, M. F. Smith, J. E. H. Stretton, M. K. Towers, H. Wainstead, K. L. Williams, R. D. Williams, R. H. L. Wolstohom, G. M. Woodward, P.-M. Yap, R. E. V. B. Young. Women: Mrs. E. W. Huggins, G. F. Jacob, G. A. Meigh, B. E. S. Richards, D. M. Robinson, P. M. Stanwell.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

The following lectures will be delivered at the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.) at 5 p.m. each day: July 9, Prof. John Beattie: Physiology of Convalescence; July 10, Walker Prize Lecture by Dr. Peyton Rous: The Antecedents of Cancer; July 11 and 18, Charles Tomes Lectures by Sir Frank Colyer: Dental Disease in Animals, and Positional Variations in Animals; July 25 and Aug. 1, Hunterian Lectures by Prof. W. D. Coltar: Injuries of the Astragali, and by Prof. A. L. d'Abreu: War Surgery of the Chest.

Dr. Peyton Rous, of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, will give a lecture on "The Antecedents of Cancer," on Wednesday, July 10, at 5 p.m., at the College. Dr. Rous was awarded the Walker Prize for 1936-40 for his discovery and systematic investigation of filtrable tumours, and is now paying a visit to this country to lecture and visit centres of cancer research.

A course of 68 lectures on anatomy, applied physiology, and pathology will begin at the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.) on Sept. 2 and will continue until Oct. 18. There will be two lectures daily from Monday to Friday each week at 3.45 p.m. and 5 p.m. The fee for the whole course is £15 15s.; it will not be possible to take one or two subjects only. Applications accompanied by a cheque should be sent to the secretary of the College. Fellows and Members will be admitted without charge; but must apply for a card of admission.

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on June 13, with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, Bt., President, in the chair, Sir William H. Collins handed to the President a cheque for £100,000 which he promised in February last as a further gift for the scientific departments of the college, in encouragement of the project for an Academic Medical Centre in Lincoln's Inn Fields.

There was presented to Prof. E. C. Dodds, of the Middlesex Hospital, a cheque for £1,000, being a prize given to him by Mr. Charles Mayer, of New York, in recognition of his work in discovering and studying stilboestrol, and as a contribution for his further researches in the field of synthetic hormones.

Diplomas

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following candidates:

L. O'N. Knox, W. Bullock, S. H. C. Clarke, G. C. Tresidder, J. F. H. Bulman, M. H. Shaw, C. J. Evans, R. S. Murley, J. H. Penrose, B. J. Harries, H. F. Lunn, J. S. H. Wade, P. F. Milling, R. C. Barclay, Muriel Crouch, J. W. P. Gunnar, G. K. Tutton, W. J. Atkinson, Carolina M. van Dorp, F. R. Wilde, A. Elton, P. R. N. Kerr, M. E. Minchin, T. L. T. Lewis, G. D. Adhia, S. G. Aitken, C. E. Baker, E. V. Barling, A. K. Basu, J. Borrie, J. K. Bors, W. S. Charlton, W. P. Cleland, K. Coen, V. V. Da Silva, J. B. Devine, M. R. Ewing, G. J.

Fraenkel, H. K. M. A. Hassab, G. F. Homer, F. L. Hutter, A. M. Khan, M. M. Kinawy, R. J. B. McEwen, J. W. McNamara, G. B. Morris, R. Nigam, R. A. C. Owen, N. K. Parikh, A. P. R. Pinto, V. G. Renowden, D. G. Simpson, J. McN. Tainsh, D. F. Thomas.

A diploma of Membership was granted to T. L. T. Lewis.

Diplomas in Anaesthetics were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to the following candidates:

R. E. Adam, A. F. Alsop, F. J. Aumonier, J. W. L. Bain, C. T. Barry, V. T. Baxter, P. H. Blackiston, J. A. Bolster, J. D. Bourke, A. K. Brown, C. H. Bulcock, J. H. Capon, P. S. Cheshire, K. S. Crawford, G. N. Deshmukh, S. Dobbin, T. M. Doran, G. A. Eason, B. Fairburn, J. N. Fell, Eileen M. R. Ghey, D. T. Gilchrist, Alexandra Goldblat, D. W. F. Gotts, H. W. C. Griffiths, Eileen M. L. Gunderson, J. Halton, Margaret D. W. Hamilton, A. W. Hardie, J. B. Hargreaves, A. G. Hegarty, P. J. Hellwell, A. J. H. Hewer, E. Holden, Elizabeth A. Hoult, D. D. C. Howat, E. G. Hudson, E. James, Flavia Z. L. B. James, Emily E. Johnson, D. S. Jones, Olive M. G. Jones, W. M. Jones, B. S. Kent, R. C. Lawrence, R. Lawrie, Janet E. Leng, J. M. Lockett, K. McCaul, Elizabeth McKenzie-Newton, D. Macpherson, F. W. Marshall, Sheila Millar-Danks, P. L. F. Mortimer, J. F. Perredes, Marie E. Potter, K. J. Powell, I. A. Schalit, M. Shaw, A. D. Sinclair, J. A. Smart, J. Sneddon, L. W. Spratt, G. S. Steele-Perkins, E. Stevenson-Wright, Margaret M. G. MacH. Sweeney, A. I. Ward, Kathleen M. Watson, O. M. Watt, R. J. Whiting, Dora M. Young.

The following hospitals were recognized for the six-months resident surgical post required of candidates for the Final Fellowship Examinations:

Prince Bijey Singhji Memorial Hospital, Bikaner (three general house-surgeons); Central Middlesex Hospital (the third A.M.O. surgical and three additional surgical posts for as long as the Ministry of Health scheme for ex-Servicemen is in force); Clatterbridge General Hospital, Bebington (the resident surgical officer).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

At a meeting of the President and Fellows of the College, held on June 6, the following were admitted licentiates and members:

B. G. Alton, M. I. Drury, B. Moshal, H. J. Cronhelm, R. G. Cross, Sheila Sheehan, E. W. L. Thompson.

The Services

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE DINNER

After a lapse of seven years the annual dinner of the Indian Medical Service was again held in London at the Connaught Rooms on June 19, when 83 serving and retired officers met under the presidency of Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ernest Bradfield. The guests were Surgeon Vice-Admiral H. St. C. Colson, Medical Director-General R.N.; Air Marshal Andrew Grant, Director-General R.A.F.M.S.; Lieut.-Gen. Sir Alexander Hood, Director-General A.M.S.; Lord Moran, P.R.C.P.; Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, P.R.C.S.; Mr. Eardley Holland, P.R.C.O.G.; and Mr. H. S. Souttar, President British Medical Association.

Work of the I.M.S. and I.A.M.C.

After the Royal toast Sir Ernest Bradfield proposed the toast of the Indian Medical Service and took the opportunity of outlining the work of the Service, and of the Indian Army Medical Corps which had been developed from it, during the war. In 1939 the I.M.S. was in a more flourishing state than it had been for some years. The military side with its military hospitals had attained a corporate spirit so long denied it in the individualism of the old regimental system. The civil side still offered opportunities for interesting and important work, though many of its responsibilities in the civil medical administration had been absorbed by an independent medical profession, for the growth of which the I.M.S. has been responsible. In September, 1939, the strength of the Service was 631 officers, of whom 265 were in civil employment. At the end of the war with Japan the Service, including the new Indian Army Medical Corps, had 7,625 officers, of whom 108, and 31 re-employed retired officers were in civil employ. Included in these figures were 206 women doctors, of whom 53 had been recruited in the U.K. The pre-war strength of the Indian Hospital Corps was 12,000; at the end of August, 1943, the strength in Indian officers and other ranks was 156,393. It is of interest to compare these figures with those of the 1914-18 war. At the commencement of that period the permanent strength of the I.M.S. was 770; it finished the war in 1918 with 793 permanent officers and 625 temporary officers—i.e., the recent effort was five times as great. During the war India mobilized over 1,000 field medical units, and provided 1,500 specialists. The total hospital bed strength reached 146,248, and the nursing services and amenities were really first class. Sir Ernest visited the Army Medical Training Centre at Poona last year, which is to carry on as an Indian Millbank. At one time there were 450 medical officers in training, and the results have been excellent. Indian doctors, who included a number of licentiates given commissions in the I.A.M.C., were not only taught the responsibilities of officers, they were given intensive field training and a special very comprehensive clinical course at Poona hospitals. Recruitment to the Indian forces remained on a voluntary basis throughout the war, and 23% of Indian graduates under 45 years of age and 12%,

of the medical licentiates of the same age were recruited to the armed Forces. From May, 1942, recruitment of Europeans to the I.M.S. ceased, and the War Office undertook to provide from the R.A.M.C. British doctors required for duty with Indian troops. "The medical man-power situation in this country, however, became still more serious, and in 1942 I was a member of the Medical Personnel Mission appointed by the Secretary of State to visit India and to make recommendations. We are fortunate in having with us as guests to-night Mr. Souttar, the leader of that mission, and General Hood, Director-General of the R.A.M.C., who has proved himself to be one of the great administrators of this war, and I am glad of the opportunity of paying a tribute to a very happy association and to their great sympathy for the Indian Medical Services as well as for their wise counsel which solved this very difficult problem. It was clear that the medical authorities in India had been asked to build up a medical service to meet the requirements of an Army whose size and rate of expansion had never been envisaged by the General Staff. Although everything possible had been done it seemed that a breakdown could not be long delayed if existing conditions were permitted to continue. Great stress had been laid upon the shortage of doctors, but the real danger of the situation lay in the quality of the recruits provided for the Indian Hospital Corps and the scarcity of trained nurses. A system under which the officers belonged to one service, the I.M.S., the Viceroy's Commissioned officers and Warrant officers to another Department, the I.M.D., and the men to another Corps, the Indian Hospital Corps, was now obviously unworkable. The Mission, therefore, made proposals which were designed to provide one efficient and complete medical corps for all ranks of the Indian Army, and as a result came the I.A.M.C., a solution to India's medical problems which had been suggested before but never until now to provide an efficient medical corps including all ranks in one organization. There was no intention on the part of the Mission that terms and conditions of service of officers in the I.M.S. should be altered in any way, neither have they, but the Army Department has decided that the new corps should be an entirely military corps with no option of transfer to civil appointments."

After surveying the extent of the military effort of the Service and its high scientific record, General Bradfield concluded: "No one can foretell yet the future of the Indian Medical Service. Some of us, including practically all the senior serving officers, felt that our D-Day had arrived; but it is only logical that the disposal of all the Indian Services should be decided when a political settlement is reached as a result of the present negotiations. The creation of an Indian medical profession based on the ideals of British medicine has always been the aim of our Service, which founded the first medical colleges in India more than 150 years ago. The record and place of the I.M.S. in the building up of modern India is second to none of the great administrative services, and the I.M.S. will live in the I.A.M.C., in more than 45,000 registered doctors and the Civil Medical Services of India, who owe their existence in a very large measure to our Service."

The toast of "The Guests" was proposed by Major-General Sir John Megaw and replied to by Mr. H. S. Souttar who, as Chairman of the Central Medical War Committee, had been deputed to India in 1942 along with Sir Alexander Hood and Sir Ernest Bradfield to advise on the medical man-power situation in India in relation to the greatly expanding needs of the Forces. The result of the Mission had been the formation of an Indian Army Medical Corps in which all ranks were included, and he had had no hesitation after seeing the work of the Indian doctors in military hospitals in making the recommendation which led to this. He was specially appreciative of the work of the Indian licentiates who, on the recommendation made, were given commissions in the Corps. These men filled a serious gap, and their subsequent work fully justified the action taken. Mr. Souttar paid a tribute to the I.M.S., whose spirit had been diffused throughout the medical services in India. India would not forget the work of the Service, which would remain a great tradition.

Col. (Acting) R. D. Davy, M.C., R.A.M.C., has been appointed O.B.E. (Military Division) and Capt. P. M. Kirkwood, I.M.S., has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field.

Capt. J. H. Keesey, R.A.M.C., has been mentioned in dispatches in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field.

The Efficiency Decoration has been conferred upon the following officers of the Territorial Army: Lieut.-Col. (Hon. Cols.) W. A. Lister and W. H. D. Patterson, Lieut.-Col. J. C. Anderson, O.B.E., Major (Temp. Lieut.-Col.) T. F. Briggs, Majors (Hon. Lieut.-Cols.) W. R. Everett and J. J. Myles, Hon. Major H. F. Watford, Capts. (Hon. Majors) R. E. Davie, M.C. (T.A.R.O.), and J. G. McDowell, and Capt. W. P. Blackstock, R.A.M.C.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Died.—Major Samuel Barratt Browning, R.A.M.C.

Killed in air crash in Nigeria.—Capts. Reginald Thomas Moore and Evan McGregor Stirling, R.A.M.C.

Medical Notes in Parliament

HEALTH SERVICE BILL

On June 25 Mr. BEVAN moved that the Committee should meet in the morning and afternoon, so as to get the Bill through the House of Commons by the summer recess. There was agreement on many fundamental features of the Bill and an administration must start as early as possible to get the Bill into operation by 1948. Mr. Bevan's proposal was accepted.

ASSISTANTSHIP WITH VIEW—OR WITHOUT

Resuming the discussion of Clause 35, the Committee agreed to a proposal by Mr. KEY to amend subsection 6 dealing with instances where a doctor performed services as an assistant to another doctor for payment substantially less than those services might reasonably be expected to be worth and afterwards succeeded to the practice. Mr. Key's amendment was to add after the words "expected to be worth" the further words "having regard to the circumstances at the time when the remuneration was fixed."

Mr. J. S. C. REID, discussing this provision whereby a low payment to an assistant should be deemed to have been a sale or part sale of the goodwill if the assistant subsequently succeeded, moved to insert "if" instead of "unless" in the proviso "unless it is shown that the said remuneration of the first practitioner was not fixed in contemplation of his succeeding to the said practice or any part thereof." Mr. Reid also proposed that the word "not" in the same proviso should be left out. In the proviso as it stood the Government proposed to put the onus of proof on the accused person in a difficult inquiry which might be entered upon after the passage of a number of years. A doctor could not possibly know if it was in the contemplation of the assistant that he would succeed to the practice.

Mr. BEVAN said Clause 35 had been very difficult to draft because the Ministry had sought to find a whole series of offences to protect the whole scheme. He would look at the Clause again to see if any of the fears expressed at the previous meeting of the Committee were justified and whether any cause for apprehension could be removed before the report stage. He thought he would be justified in resisting Mr. Reid's amendment. He asked how a prosecution was to know what had been in contemplation, and said it was reasonable to put the onus of proof on the accused person. The Government was trying to protect the assistant in these cases against being mulcted and having to accept an unreasonable reward at the beginning of his career. These prosecutions would arise very unusually. It might be that the assistant took a very small amount of money because he had no experience or because it was in his interest to become assistant to an eminent physician. Those would be justifications. In other words, the circumstances would have to be taken into account and the assistant would be asked: "What was in your mind when you took so small an amount of money?"

Mr. WILLINK accepted the assurances of the Minister that he would look into the Clause as a whole. He pointed out that there might be a running agreement for an assistant partly before and partly after the appointed day, whereby the assistant would succeed to the practice not under the partnership agreement but by selection by the medical practices committee. In those circumstances, nevertheless, there might be deemed to have been a sale of the goodwill. Mr. Reid withdrew his amendment. In doing so, he asked Mr. Bevan to re-examine what should be done with the assistant's agreements which were no longer appropriate.

CERTIFICATION BY MEDICAL PRACTICES COMMITTEE

Mr. BEVAN moved to leave out the final subsection (10) and to add:

"(10) Any medical practitioner or the personal representative of any medical practitioner may apply to the medical practices committee for their opinion as to whether a proposed transaction or series of transactions involves the sale of the goodwill or any part of the goodwill of a medical practice which it is unlawful to sell by virtue of this section, and the committee shall consider any such application and, if they are satisfied that the transaction or series of transactions does not involve the giving of valuable consideration in respect of the goodwill or any part of the goodwill of such a medical practice, they shall issue to the applicant a certificate to that effect, which shall be in the prescribed form and shall set out all material circumstances disclosed to the committee.

(11) Where any person is charged with an offence under this section in respect of any transaction or series of transactions it shall be a defence to the charge to prove that the transaction or series of transactions was certified by the medical practices committee under the last foregoing subsection, and any document purporting

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