

Obituary

A. R. NELIGAN, M.D.

We regret to announce the sudden death on Dec. 8 of Dr. A. R. Neligan, who in later life was well known as a spa physician at Droitwich, but before then had been for twenty years physician to the British Legation in Tehran.

Anthony Richard Neligan, son of J. W. Neligan, M.D., was born in 1879 at Tralee, Co. Kerry. He was educated at Whitgift School and St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where he had a distinguished career, winning the Brackenbury scholarship in medicine, the Matthews Duncan gold medal and prize in obstetrics, the Skynner and Burrows prizes in pathology. He graduated M.B.Lond. in 1903, and after serving as house-physician to Sir Norman Moore and Sir Archibald Garrod became interne gynaecological assistant under Sir Francis Champneys. He had been honorary secretary of the Hospital Amalgamated Clubs and later one of the three founders of the Students' Union. He represented Bart's, the United Hospitals, and Surrey County at rugby football. In 1906, after taking his M.D. and while demonstrator of pathology under Sir Frederick Andrews, Neligan was appointed by the Foreign Office to the post at Tehran on the death of D. F. Odling, who had spent thirty years in Persia. Neligan found the professional and social life in Tehran most interesting; it included service at the Legation dispensary, where poor Persians had received free treatment for more than a century, and consulting work among Europeans and Persians. He started the first pathological laboratory in the capital and carried out all the clinical pathology. For twenty years he had a place as the British representative on the Persian Sanitary Council and was its vice-president for a year. He did especially good work in the prevention of malaria and small-pox, and was first director of the public vaccination service. The village of Gulahek, where the Legation spent the summer, came to be spoken of as a sanitary model for the country. In the war of 1914-18, during which he was retained in Persia by our Foreign Office, Neligan was lent, with his friend J. S. Scott, to the Persian Government to reorganize its hospital at Tehran. He was a founder and first secretary of the Tehran Medical Society and adviser to the Legation on Persian opium traffic. When he retired in 1926 he received the thanks of the Secretary of State. On returning home he took up the study of chronic rheumatic conditions, visited medical centres in Europe, the U.S.A., and Canada, and made lasting contacts with men of like interests. As its first superintendent he helped to organize the Red Cross Clinic for Rheumatism in Regent's Park (1930), and later settled at Droitwich in spa practice and took part in the proceedings of British and international societies concerned with rheumatism and physical medicine. At Droitwich he was honorary physician to the Royal Brine Baths Clinic, and chairman of the fund for treatment of rheumatism in poor persons. He was a medical officer in the Home Guard during the last war and a member of the Worcester Medical Board.

Neligan joined the B.M.A. in 1920, he served on the Spa Practice Committee for several years, and was a member of the Rehabilitation Committee up to the time of his death; he also served on the Spa Practitioners Group Committee from 1934 onwards. A man of most kindly and courteous nature, he will be much missed by many friends. Bart's has had no more loyal son, and his election as a governor gave him great pleasure.

On Jan. 1, 1947, an Order-in-Council will bring under the control of the Dangerous Drugs Act the following drugs and preparations which have not hitherto been so controlled. Dihydrodesoxymorphine (commonly known as desomorphine), pethidine (1-methyl-4-phenyl-piperidine-4-carboxylic acid ethyl ester), or any preparation, not being a preparation capable of external use only, made from extract or tincture of Indian hemp. From Jan. 1 next, therefore, it will be unlawful for any person who is not authorized to manufacture, supply, procure, or possess any of these drugs. Doctors and retail chemists should therefore be careful to comply with the regulations regarding the issue of prescriptions and the keeping of registers in respect of these drugs.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The following appointments to posts in the Department of Biochemistry and Pathology in connexion with Addenbrooke's Hospital have been made from Oct. 1, 1946: University biochemist to the hospital, N. R. Lawrie, Ph.D.; university morbid anatomist and histologist, A. M. Barrett, M.B., B.Chir.; university bacteriologist, M. H. Gleeson White, M.B., B.S.Lond.

The forthcoming appointment of a Huddersfield lecturer in special pathology is announced in the *University Reporter*. The person appointed will be required to undertake research and give instruction on viruses and on diseases produced by viruses. Candidates should send their applications to the secretary of the Appointments Committee of the Faculty of Biology "B" at the Department of Pathology, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, to reach him by Feb. 1. Further information about the duties and conditions of the post may be had from Prof. H. R. Dean at the Department of Pathology.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

The following appointments were made at a meeting of the University Council held on Dec. 13: *Lecturer in Physiology*, Q. H. Gibson, M.D., Ph.D. *Lecturer in Medicine for Dental Students*, W. D. Wallace, M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B. *Lecturer in Surgery for Dental Students*, M. F. A. Woodruff, M.D., M.S. *Assistant Tutor in Medicine at City General Hospital*, K. J. G. Milne, M.D.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

At a Graduation Ceremonial on Dec. 13 the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—³M. W. Archdall, ²³L. F. Brown, ²E. M. Donaldson, ²J. Greenstein ²A. F. Lang, T. Macleod, ²³I. R. Milne, R. W. G. Ransome-Wallis, ¹G. D. F. Steele.

D.Sc.—*Department of Pure Science*: Lydia D. Parsons, M.D. M.B., Ch.B.—H. I. O. Armstrong, G. H. Blair, J. Calder, G. R. Duffes, Janet T. Y. Forrest, Mary G. Forsyth, G. R. C. D. Gibson, A. C. Jacob, Muriel G. James, D. L. Kirk, W. H. Lloyd, J. M. Loughran, N. C. Low, A. MacLennan, Jean C. I. Melville, Catherine S. Paterson, J. P. Payne, J. C. Phemister, K. Robertson, C. M. C. Smelt, Anne M. Stewart, I. C. Wilson, ³J. H. Young.

The following degrees were conferred in the Polish School of Medicine at Edinburgh:

M.D.—A. J. Baranski, J. F. Majeranowski. M.B., Ch.B.—B. Adamski, S. Dyakowski, M. Gonsztor, A. Jarosz, A. Kepinski, J. Klimczynski, T. Klosowski, J. K. Kozioł, J. G. Lipski, W. Mitus, Z. Prokopowicz, Anna M. Sokolowska, M. Szamocki, Z. Teleszynski, J. Wilczynski, Hanna H. Wozniak, S. Wozniak, W. Zaleski, W. Zarski.

¹Highly commended for thesis. ²Commended for thesis. ³In absentia.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the Council of the College, held on Dec. 12, with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, Bt., President, in the chair, Prof. Ian Aird, F.R.C.S.Ed., was admitted *ad eundem* to the F.R.C.S.Eng.

The Hallett Prize was presented to Mr. R. P. Melville (Sydney).

Mr. J. G. Turner and Prof. Evelyn Sprawson were elected Charles Tomes Lecturers for 1947.

Mr. P. H. Mitchiner was appointed editor of the forthcoming College publication.

A diploma of Membership was granted to E. N. Rees (Cardiff).

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following successful candidates:

A. G. Tresidder, J. Penry, D. B. Cater, T. Denness, W. G. France, J. A. R. Johnson, C. M. Dransfield, M. A. Margo, J. W. M. Leslie, J. A. Rhind, W. D. Doey, K. H. Taylor, J. A. S. Green, C. A. Jackson, R. G. Robinson, D. H. Thompson, T. H. Cullen, J. S. McConnachie, K. W. Martin, A. J. Walker, F. H. D. Hutter, G. K. Rose, G. E. Stein, L. R. S. Taylor, C. E. Drew, H. H. G. Eastcott, A. Klidian, P. C. Watson, T. L. Kennedy, H. W. A. Baron, A. Jolleys, C. O. Fung-Kee-Fung, A. M. Wood, L. K. Bromley, I. A. Alexander, A. H. M. H. Ashoor, C. H. Bartlett, S. K. Burcher, M. Burdman, H. A. Daniels, J. B. Dowe, H. B. Hattam, L. H. Hiranandani, E. S. R. Hughes, H. Ibrahim, D. S. Iyer, D. R. Leslie, J. Loewenthal, S. D. Loxton, A. B. McCarten, R. J. Maneksha, R. Marcus, K. W. Priddis, J. G. Pyper, R. F. Read, W. S. Rees, D. B. Robertson, D. R. Ryder, V. S. Sheth, F. N. Street, J. M. Tyler, S. A. Vincent, Muriel C. Waterfall, T. E. Wilson.

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

E. F. Adams, S. N. Albert, G. S. Ambardekar, J. D. M. Barton, W. L. Bilsland, R. P. Bliss, N. H. Bloom, R. A. Bowen, D. M. Brown, C. A. Cheate, H. C. Churchill-Davidson, R. E. W. B. Comerford, R. L. Coulter, J. I. Davies, W. W. Deane, A. G. Doughty, G. L. Evans, H. Fairlie, D. J. H. Goodnew, Helen E. Gordon, R. W. G. Grindlay, J. R. Hamerton, G. Herington, M. H. W. Holloway, G. Houseman, M. S. Howe, J. McN. Inglis, R. G. G. Jones, W. A. Jones, F. M. Lancaster, R. A. Lattey, J. D. Loughrey, T. H. McCall, I. M. McCully, A. I. MacKenzie, L. Mather, Julia M. Middleton, M. Nash, J. North, J. R. Odell, H. F. Patrick, A. W. Raffan, G. A. Rawlins, D. F. Rees, G. J. Rees, T. B. L. Roberts, Eleanor H. Russell, L. T. Scott, J. J. Slowe, J. Stratton, E. I. Tate, W. N. Vellacott, G. L. Way, J. H. Willis, F. G. Wood-Smith, S. D. Young.