

prolytic ion exchanges, prolytic volume changes, and the spot-wise action of lysins. An interpretation is given of evidence derived from various measurements—for example, fading time, impedance of haemolysed cells, and electrophoresis. The measurement of inhibition and acceleration of haemolysis (chapter six) under different influences and conditions indicates some of the properties of complex haemolytic systems. The final chapter is concerned with haemolysis *in vivo*, in which many problems are posed for elucidation.

This monograph will not appeal to many readers, but it is an essential addition to the library of the serious worker in this subject. The book is full of information and most valuable critical discussions of techniques, old and new theories, and mathematical, biochemical, and biophysical considerations of the haemolytic phenomenon.

JOHN F. WILKINSON.

VARICOSE VEINS

Varicose Veins. By R. Rowden Foote. (Pp. 226; 205 illustrations and 3 coloured plates. £1 12s. 6d.) London: Butterworth and Co. 1949.

The author has discussed adequately a very difficult subject, and a study of this book will well repay the time spent. The advice given on this ever-controversial topic is sound and orthodox, and the steps of treatment are lucidly described. The author, in my own opinion, belongs to the correct school, in that he endeavours to achieve a good thrombosis of the entire system of varicosities by a combination of ligation and thorough injection.

It is hard to confine the discussion to varicose veins alone, and the author has dealt with deep thrombosis of the leg veins in addition. In this section enough weight has possibly not been given to the value of femoral vein ligation, both during the active phase and later when complications are appearing in the lower leg. Certainly the dismissal of Leriche's method of lumbar ganglionic injection would not be shared by those who have witnessed the dramatic response to this simple measure.

The book is adequately illustrated, but some of the photographs are poor and could be improved and wrongly placed incisions marked plainly on the legs. Mistakes are few—equin(o)us (p. 186); and Leahy's swabs (p. 94), though small things, are Lahey's own. In the excellent photograph of an arterio-venous aneurysm (p. 49) the increased length of the leg is not commented upon. The historical chapter is excellent, but one looks in vain for the eccentric Baynton who did so much for varicose ulceration.

A. DICKSON WRIGHT.

British doctors have a characteristic fondness for old hospitals, old prescriptions, old signs, and old jokes, and the fifth edition of *Round the Fountain* (pp. 243; 4s.; London: St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal, 1949) should satisfy all four weaknesses. It is a collection of excerpts from the *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal* from 1893 to this year. Some of the material has been published in previous editions, and the best of the last 22 years has been added. Bart's seems to produce poets rather than prose writers, which is unfortunate, as the general standard of the articles is superior to that of the verse. A few passages have the laboured construction of old pieces from *Punch*, but most of the book reads freshly and entertainingly. It is also something of a social-history book, occasionally throwing light on the spacious and more leisured days earlier in the century—for instance, in a serious discussion by a houseman on dressers there is reference to those who "could not . . . be deterred from taking off their hats to me in the Square . . . and who would invite me to dine at their clubs." All students should read "The Keen Man," and every newly qualified resident would profit from the paper on "Housemaniasis." The book is not sufficiently parochial to exclude graduates of other hospitals from its enjoyment; Bart's men, of course, will skip through all the pages with delight.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

The Proceedings of the Ninth International Congress on Industrial Medicine. (Pp. 1,090. 60s.) Bristol: John Wright. 1949.

Soviet Genetics and World Science. By J. Huxley, D.Sc., F.R.S. (Pp. 245. 8s. 6d.) London: Chatto and Windus. 1949.

The Diagnosis and Treatment of Adrenal Insufficiency. By G. W. Thorn, M.D., and others. (Pp. 171. 40s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1949.

Urological Aspects of Spinal Cord Injuries. By G. C. Prather, M.D. (Pp. 146. 27s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1949.

Diagnosis and Therapy of Gynecological Endocrine Disorders. By C. L. Buxton, M.D., and E. T. Engle, Ph.D. (Pp. 62. 14s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1949.

The Neuroanatomic Basis of Surgery of the Autonomic Nervous System. By A. Kuntz, Ph.D., M.D. (Pp. 83. 16s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1949.

The Rationalist Annual, 1950. Edited by F. Watts. (Pp. 100. Cloth cover, 4s. 6d.; paper cover, 2s. 6d.) London: Watts. 1950.

Clinical Radiation Therapy. By I. I. Kaplan, M.D., F.A.C.R. 2nd ed. (Pp. 844. 110s.) London: Cassell. 1949.

Chemical Constitution and Biological Activity. By W. A. Sexton, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. Foreword by A. R. Todd, D.Sc., F.R.S. (Pp. 412. 55s.) London: Spon. 1949.

Selective Toxicity and Antibiotics, No. 3. (Pp. 372. 35s.) Cambridge: The University Press. 1949.

Tuberculosis. By J. B. McDougall, C.B.E., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Pp. 447. 32s. 6d.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1949.

The Pocket Prescriber and Guide to Prescription Writing By D. M. Macdonald, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed. Revised by A. G. Cruickshank, F.R.C.P.Ed. 14th ed. (Pp. 275. 4s. 6d.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1949.

How Your Body Works. By G. H. Bourne, D.Sc., D.Phil. (Pp. 228. 12s. 6d.) London: Sigma Books. 1949.

Lord Lister. His Life and Doctrine. By D. Guthrie. (Pp. 128. 15s.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1949.

The Radcliffe Infirmary Handbook. (Pp. 150. No price.) Oxford: University Press. 1949.

Home-made Sweets. By N. Heaton. (Pp. 123. 6s.) London: Faber. 1949.

Colours and How We See Them. By H. Hartridge, M.R.C.P., F.R.S. (Pp. 158. 15s.) London: Bell. 1949.

Law Relating to Hospitals and Kindred Institutions. By S. R. Speller, LL.B. 2nd ed. (Pp. 587. 42s.) London: Lewis. 1949.

Isotopic Tracers and Nuclear Radiations with Applications to Biology and Medicine. By W. E. Siri. (Pp. 653. 106s. 6d.) New York, Toronto, London: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 1949.

A Short History of Physiology. By K. J. Franklin, D.M., F.R.C.P. 2nd ed. (Pp. 147. 10s. 6d.) London and New York: Staples. 1949.

The Development of Gynaecological Surgery and Instruments. By J. V. Ricci, M.D. (Pp. 594. \$12.) Philadelphia and Toronto: The Blakiston Company. 1949.

Physio-Pathologie de l'Acide Oxalique chez l'Homme. By J. Khouri. (Pp. 120. No price.) Paris: Masson. 1948.

Pocken und Pockenschutzimpfung. By M. Kaiser. (Pp. 207. \$3.80.) Vienna: Springer. 1949.

Bronquitis Crónicas. By D. A. M. Barbero. (Pp. 89. No price.) Barcelona: Ediciones Byp. 1949.

Medical Notes in Parliament

On December 16, before Parliament was prorogued, the Royal Assent was signified to the National Health Service (Amendment) Act, the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act, the Nurses (Scotland) Act, the Adoption of Children Act, and other Acts.

Medical Services in Malaya

Colonel STODDART-SCOTT on December 3 invited Mr. Shinwell to make a statement with regard to the medical services provided for British troops in the Malayan campaign, and to state what improvements could be expected in the immediate future.

Mr. SHINWELL in reply said the medical services in Malaya included an adequate number of Service hospitals and medical officers to maintain the normal health of the troops and to care for the sick and wounded. Difficulties, however, arose in securing the immediate surgical treatment of battle casualties. Since fighting was carried on by numerous small columns of troops which operated in difficult country and were frequently on the move, it was impracticable to provide surgical facilities for carrying out operations in the immediate vicinity of the fighting. Consequently it was necessary for casualties to be evacuated to the hospitals where surgical attention could be given.

There were three Service hospitals in Malaya District, which covered the mainland of Malaya, but there was only one Army surgeon. It had accordingly been necessary to utilize the services of civil surgeons. In Singapore island there were three Service hospitals and three Army surgeons. To meet the deficiencies of surgeons in the Army as a whole, arrangements had been made to engage immediately a number of civil surgeons for short-term contracts. Three had already accepted the terms and conditions of service. Subject to their being physically fit they would be sent to the Far East as soon as possible to complete the establishment in that theatre. The evacuation of casualties presented great difficulties in view of the nature of the country. Efforts had been made for a considerable time to devise a suitable means of air transport from the jungle to the nearest hospital. Various tests had been undertaken, and work was proceeding on the modification of three helicopters to make them suitable for this task. They should arrive in Malaya in April, 1950. In the meantime, the effects of delay before surgical treatment were being minimized so far as possible by the use of penicillin and other drugs.

Antihistamines and the Common Cold

On December 13 Mr. JOHN LEWIS drew attention to the claims recently made in the United States of America about the efficacy of antihistamine preparations for the treatment of the common cold.

Mr. HERBERT MORRISON said in reply that the claims to which Mr. Lewis referred were of great interest to the Medical Research Council workers studying the problem of the common cold at the Harvard Hospital, Salisbury. Unfortunately, a carefully controlled attempt, made last spring, to confirm the value of one of the drugs most commonly recommended in America failed to show that it had any dramatic effect. The experiment emphasized the need for great care in assessing the claims made for cold cures, in view of the extremely variable natural duration of colds without special treatment.

Principals and Assistants in Scotland.—Mr. RANKIN on December 13 invited the Secretary of State for Scotland to indicate the number of general practitioners acting as assistants under the National Health Service scheme, and the number who were principals. Mr. WOODBURN said that on October 1, 1949, the number of assistants in Scotland was approximately 250, and the number of principals was 2,411.

Mass Radiography in Scotland.—Over 300,000 examinations have been carried out by mass radiography in Scotland since 1944. In the last year for which figures are available, up to June 30, 1949, over 97,000 examinations were made, as a result of which 670 persons were found to have active tuberculosis.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

FINAL M.B.—Part I (Surgery, Midwifery, and Gynaecology): M. S. Aldridge, I. I. Bornstein, A. S. F. Butcher, D. Butcher, E. P. Cadbury, N. I. Cardno, J. S. W. Chambers, A. C. Chovil, E. H. Coats, J. E. Dalby, J. W. B. Dalgleish, T. D. W. Davies, H. de Glanville, B. O. L. Duke, D. S. Eastwood, J. G. Elliott, J. Fairgrieve, P. R. Gittins, B. M. Gray, K. W. Gray, K. E. Halnan, J. M. Hodson, G. Holden, T. M. Howell, P. G. A. Irvine, J. D. Jackson, F. E. Kirk, T. P. Kissack, J. F. Lees, C. R. Leeson, T. S. Leeson, D. W. Lemmon, J. P. Lester, R. J. Lunniss, J. P. Lythgoe, K. M. McFadyean, K. G. P. Mackenzie, E. Marley, K. R. Mason-Walshaw, B. J. Muir, A. D. Muirhead, M. J. D. Newman, R. H. Oram, E. M. Orton, G. B. R. Oswald, M. J. Peel, G. N. St. J. Penney, J. C. E. Peshall, S. T. Pickles, R. B. Prowse, D. R. Pugh, J. C. A. Reason, P. J. Randle, M. Rayne, J. N. Redfern, J. R. Rees, A. M. Richardson, C. R. Robinson, J. H. Ross, J. J. H. Rymer, G. E. Sayce, J. O. Seville, I. M. Simmonds, V. H. Smith, J. B. Spargo, D. R. Sweetnam, Mrs. E. R. Taylor, J. C. Turner, A. G. Wallace, W. J. Wigfield, P. L. Williams.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

SCHOOL OF PHYSIC, TRINITY COLLEGE

The following medical degrees and licences were conferred on December 8:

M.D.—W. E. R. Hackett, F. J. C. Loughran, J. D. McKeever, Irene S. Orgel.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—J. H. Ashmore, Evelyn Browne, Joan I. Buchanan, L. J. Clein, Margaret B. E. Ellis, E. G. England, R. C. Gray, R. ff. Jackson, Vyvyan I. K. Johnston, O. H. Killen, W. A. McGaw, E. B. McHugh, Sheila M. McHugh, W. D. McNaul, T. T. E. Michael, E. V. Page, Ruth M. Perrott, Gwendoline G. L. Poots, W. D. H. Powell, R. N. Siberry, B. A. McC. Thompson, F. A. Walkey.

LICENCE IN MEDICINE, SURGERY, AND OBSTETRIC SCIENCE.—B. J. O'Reilly.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Antony Clifford Dornhorst, M.D., M.R.C.P., has been appointed to the University Readership in Medicine tenable at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School from October 1, 1949.

William Howard Hughes, M.D., has been appointed to the University Readership in Bacteriology tenable at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School from October 1, 1949.

Jack Joseph, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.O.G., has been appointed to the University Readership in Anatomy tenable at Guy's Hospital Medical School from April 1, 1950.

Raleigh Barclay Lucas, M.D., M.R.C.P., has been appointed to the University Readership in Pathology tenable at the Royal Dental Hospital of London, School of Dental Surgery, from January 1, 1950.

The title of Reader in Pharmacology and Therapeutics in the University has been conferred on Cyril Arthur Keele, M.D., F.R.C.P., in respect of the post held by him at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School.

Professor F. R. Winton and Mr. P. H. Mitchiner have been appointed representatives of the University on the governing bodies of the Institute of Psychiatry and Reigate Grammar School, respectively.

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *King's College Hospital Medical School:* Dr. R. S. Lewis (Oto-rhino-laryngology); Dr. Mary J. Wilmers (Children's Diseases). *Middlesex Hospital Medical School:* Dr. J. A. Hobson (Mental Diseases); Mr. I. MacG. Jackson (Obstetrics and Gynaecology). *Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine:* Dr. Frances Gardner (Medicine); Dr. Gladys Hill (Obstetrics and Gynaecology); Mr. G. Qvist (Surgery). *St. Mary's Hospital Medical School:* Mr. A. G. Cross (Ophthalmology); Dr. L. H. Morris (Anaesthetics). *University College Hospital Medical School:* Mr. J. W. Schofield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.D.S. (Dental Surgery). *Westminster Medical School:* Dr. G. Garmany (Mental Diseases). The following teachers have been granted probationary recognition for two years from October, 1949: *London Hospital Medical College:* Mr. A. M. Horsnell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S. (Dental Surgery). *Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine:* Dr. A. G. Stansfield (Pathology (Morbid Anatomy)).

The John Marshall Fellowship in Surgical Pathology, of the value of £700 a year, for two years in the first instance and tenable at University College Hospital Medical School, has been awarded to Benjamin Bethel Milstein, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—¹E. Brenman, ¹W. Calder, ¹D. H. Clark, ¹J. A. Ewing, ¹Joan I. Hallinan, ¹J. Hömig, ¹S. Jacobson, ¹J. M. Macdonald, ¹J. H. McDougall, ¹D. F. Macgregor, ¹S. Mansvelt, ¹J. D. Morrissey, ¹C. Rose, ¹Lotte Rosenberg, ¹I. M. Shepherd, ¹M. Shuaib, ¹R. L. Sikes, ¹R. J. Stanley. The following have passed in Part A only: A. S. Clenaghan, K.-C. Dubé, O. Elgare, L. H. Field, Mercy I. Heatley, J. C. S. Houston, B. J. Phillips, A. A. Robin, D. B. Stone, A. A. Valentine, H. de B. Warren, R. H. Wheeler.

¹With Mental Diseases (Psychiatry) in Part B. ²With Mental Deficiency in Part B.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES

The following candidates for the degrees of M.B., B.Ch. at the Welsh National School of Medicine have satisfied the examiners at the examination indicated:

PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.—A. G. Alexander, S. I. Davies, A. R. Harris, S. E. Ll. Morris, G. J. Moses, S. J. S. Polwin, Elizabeth M. M. Price, Margaret Pugh, T. A. I. Rees, Esther H. Thomas.

MEDICINE.—Marjorie J. Adams, C. H. Burman, R. B. Davies, B. M. Frost Smith, J. I. Hopkins, H. B. Jenkins, Beryl H. Jones, Mair G. Lloyd, D. Phillips-Miles, H. M. N. Rees, R. M. Richards, C. P. Seager, D. G. H. Thomas, J. D. Thomas.

PHARMACOLOGY.—Vyvian J. Bennett, B. N. Davies, W. E. J. Horton, J. H. Naysmith, C. J. Revington, Joyce M. Smith, Glenna Thomas, M. S. I. Wilkinson, Isobel M. Young.

K. S. Ray has satisfied the examiners at the examination for the Tuberculous Diseases Diploma.

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—¹T. J. Harrison, W. I. Forsythe, Maude Stevenson, F. R. Johnson.

M.B., B.Ch.—²Mary F. Brown, ²E. N. F. Browne, ²H. M'W. Lyle, B. J. Beatty, Hester C. Blagden, J. Blundell, R. H. Bolton, Barbara J. Bunting, Ruth M. Burns, M. M'C. Burrows, L. J. Byrne, R. L. Carson, J. C. Clarke, J. M. Clarke, W. H. Cochrane, Joan S. Dales, A. D. Dickson, Abigail F. R. Dodd, D. M. Downing, S. D. Emerson, J. T. Fisher, Margaret L. Fisher, Agnes A. Flewett, V. R. Gardiner, J. D. Glover, J. G. Gray, I. H. Greer, Denise M. Hall, J. H. Harland, Louise M. E. Hogg, J. G. Hudson, L. J. Hurwitz, R. B. Irwin, H. F. Jackson, S. M. Johnston, Margery C. Jones, T. W. Leitch, J. M. B. Lenfesty, Elizabeth S. Lindsay-Rea, J. B. Lowry, Jean E. M'Gowan, H. D. M'Kee, J. C. M'Nulty, H. H. M'Cartney, S. A. Millen, Elizabeth M. J. Milligan, O. H. A. Mitchell, W. R. Moffatt, E. J. Mulholland, D. Murphy, J. R. Nelson, K. A. Nelson, K. G. Orr, R. A. Robinson, Olive M. Russell, W. E. B. Scott, R. W. Simpson, H. J. Sloan, J. H. Smith, Dorothy Stewart, R. C. Stewart, F. R. Stinson, H. P. Swan, Charlotte M'E. Taggart, Patricia A. Thomas, T. N. F. Todd, H. A. Wagner, M. J. Wauchob, N. W. F. Weir, Edith S. Wells, R. W. Whiteley, L. M. Wolf, G. I. Young.

¹With commendation. ²With second-class honours.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on December 8 with Sir Cecil Wakeley, President, in the Chair, Sir Harry Platt was appointed Bradshaw Lecturer for 1950.

The following examiners were appointed for the Primary Fellowship examination to be held in Ceylon, India, and Pakistan: Sir Gordon Gordon-Taylor (Anatomy), Professor G. Hadfield (Pathology), and Professor A. St. G. Huggett (Physiology).

Sir James Paterson Ross was reappointed as the Representative of the College on the Council of the National Association for Mental Health.

Hunterian Professorships were awarded to Professor Milroy Paul (Ceylon) and Mr. R. T. Johnson (Manchester).

The following hospitals were recognized under the F.R.C.S. regulations:—*General Surgery*: Auckland, New Zealand—Cornwall Hospital, Green Lane Hospital, and Middlemore Hospital (while controlled by the Auckland Hospital Board); Sydney, N.S.W.—Royal North Shore Hospital (being a teaching hospital); Brisbane—Mater Misericordiae Hospital (for six months only); Hobart—Royal Hobart Hospital; Launceston—Launceston General Hospital. *Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology*: Derby—Derbyshire Royal Infirmary; Brisbane—Mater Misericordiae Hospital; Victoria—Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital.

DIPLOMAS

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted as follows: J. L. Reid, G. D. Channell, J. C. Watts, I. A. Donaldson, R. Ramsay, B. Fairburn, N. C. Rogers, F. S. Gorrill, F. A. Henley, S. Pillai, L. A. Atkinson, R. C. Jack, D. O. Williams, J. S. Tomkinson, A. E. Howarth, H. A. Ripman, D. A. Langley, M. G. Wilson, J. P. Mitchell, D. L. Evans, M. P. Durham, J. W. Betts, F. T. Graves, G. S. Ramsay, F. R. Sutton, D. A. T. Farrar, B. H. Hand, D. W. Thomas, M. O. Carruthers, K. Chitty, B. V. Jones, R. W. Tudor, V. S. Brookes, D. A. C. Reid, A. Brown, A. W. Nurick, I. P. Todd, I. B. Smith, J. S. R. Golding, A. M. H. Bennett, N. J. Blockey, A. G. Dingley, P. N. Robson, J. F. Bolton Carter, M. C. T. Reilly, C. Taylor, R. Iskander, M. A. Radwan, A. J. Clyne, W. W. Davey, M. M. Nath, Marjorie A. Powys, S. A. Bond, J. N. Appleton, W. M. Manchester, B. M. Omar, T. G. Barlow, R. D. Condon, H. H. Gilbert, H. El S. Higazi, G. P. Ramayya, T. G. Cameron, W. W. Hallwright, L. Bonnin, R. R. Dickson, P. H. Greenwell, J. S. Guest, L. Jayasuriya, R. C. R. Loane, A. F. Murphy, E. R. W. Thomson, A. J. Aldred, J. Block, P. W. Cotter, C. Dundon, R. C. Evans, B. P. Flannery, F. E. J. Gabel, A. J. Gunning, G. F. T. W. Henson, T. P. Morley, R. Patuck, A. A. Roper, M. I. Symonds, D. Ainslie, A. Clain, P. R. R. Clarke, C. P. de Fonseka, J. Hewet, D. A. Macfarlane, A. B. Mackenzie, W. J. McLaren, I. W. MacPhee, T. H. L. Rosser, C. L. Tucker, L. S. Walsh, J. A. Baird, H. D. W. Black, A. F. Bromwich, M. F. Butler, J. F. Dark, N. C. Davis, J. D. K. Dawes, W. R. Lang, W. A. Liddell, N. J. Shah, D. B. Caro, D. H. Keller, D. N. Ross, A. G. Parks.

The following lectures will be delivered at the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.) at 5 p.m. each day. January 3, Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. C. E. Shattock, "Tumours of the Kidney"; January 5, Otolaryngology lecture by Mr. Rainsford Mowlem, "Injuries of the Nose and Sinuses"; January 6, Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. C. E. Shattock, "Tumours of the Testicle"; January 11, Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. L. W. Proger, "Recent Additions to the Museum"; January 12, Ophthalmology Lecture by Professor Arnold Sorsby, "Prospects in the Control of Genetic Disease"; January 17, Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. F. Douglas Stephens, "The Diagnosis and Management of Hirschsprung's Disease"; January 18, Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. D. F. Ellison Nash, "The Surgical Aspects of Renal Damage in Childhood: Assessment, Salvage, and Aftermath"; January 19, Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Dr. Magnus Haines, "Tumours of the Ovary"; January 24, Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. L. W. Proger, "Recent Additions to the Museum." The lectures are open to those attending courses in the College and to all other medical practitioners, dental surgeons, and advanced students.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Mr. Terence Millin will deliver the Miss Weild Lecture in the Hall of the Faculty, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Wednesday, January 11, 1950, at 5 p.m. His subject is: "Retropubic Surgery." Medical practitioners are invited to attend.

The Services

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander E. J. S. Woolley, O.B.E., R.N.V.R., has been awarded the R.N.V.R. Decoration.

Brigadier J. M. Macfie, C.B.E., M.C., has been appointed Commandant and Director of Studies, Royal Army Medical College, and has been granted the temporary rank of major-general.

The Efficiency Decoration of the Territorial Army has been conferred upon Major F. H. Blackburn, R.A.M.C., T.A.

The Efficiency Decoration and 1st Clasp of the Territorial Army has been conferred upon Lieutenant-Colonel A. G. Henderson and Major W. B. Evans, R.A.M.C., T.A.

The following have been mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya during the period January 1, 1949, to June 30, 1949: Colonel A. E. Campbell, late R.A.M.C.; Colonel (temporary) R. S. Dickie, Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Y. Knight, and Captains G. B. Brown, A. C. Milne, and J. C. Walker, R.A.M.C.

In the Northern Ireland Parliament recently the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Local Government said that special geriatric units had been established in Ballymena and at the Belfast City Hospital. There was accommodation at Ballymena for 130 and at Belfast City Hospital for about 300 cases.

Medical News

Physician to the King's Household

Dr. R. Bodley Scott has been appointed Physician to the King's Household in succession to Dr. D. T. Davies, who has been appointed Physician to the King.

Nuffield Foundation Medical Fellowships

The Nuffield Foundation is offering a number of fellowships to enable selected persons to receive such higher training as will qualify them for senior appointments in medical teaching and research. All medically qualified persons are eligible to apply for them, but preference will be given to those who wish to specialize in the following: child health, psychiatry, social medicine, industrial health, and chronic rheumatism. The fellowships will be open to persons of either sex—usually between the ages of 25 and 35 years—who hold a university degree in medicine registrable in the United Kingdom, who are normally resident there, who are of high merit, and whose ability and inclinations fit them for an academic career in medicine. Candidates on application should already hold the M.R.C.P. or F.R.C.S. Candidates must be recommended by the executive authority of a university medical school in the United Kingdom. They will be expected to have had at least one year's general clinical experience since registration and as a rule to have held residential hospital appointments in general medicine and surgery. A fellowship will be awarded for one year and is extendable, but, save in exceptional cases, will not be tenable for longer than three years. Normally the annual value of a fellowship will be between £900 and £1,300, subject to income tax. A Fellow may not hold any other award concurrently with his fellowship without the permission of the trustees of the Nuffield Foundation. He will be required to carry out, at institutions approved by the trustees of the Foundation, a programme of work and training similarly approved. Other work, paid or unpaid, may not be undertaken without the permission of the trustees. Applications must be received by May 1, 1950. Forms of application are obtainable from the secretary of the Nuffield Foundation, 12 and 13, Mecklenburgh Square, London, W.C.1.

Bulletin on Narcotics

The United Nations has started publishing a new periodical entitled the *Bulletin on Narcotics*. It is prepared by the Division of Narcotic Drugs. The first number includes articles on the international control of narcotic drugs and opium products throughout the world. The *Bulletin* will publish articles on the scientific and legislative aspects of narcotic drugs and give up-to-date news on their control. The annual subscription for four copies a year is \$2, which may be paid in other currencies to the authorized sales agents of U.N. (H.M. Stationery Office in Britain).

Prospective Parliamentary Candidate

Dr. A. D. Robertson has been adopted as prospective Parliamentary candidate by the Motherwell and Wishaw Unionist and Liberal Nationalist Associations.

Film on Food-poisoning

The Ministry of Health has sponsored a new film called "Another Case of Poisoning," which has been produced by the Central Office of Information in collaboration with the Central Council for Health Education. The film takes about 20 minutes to run and shows the many ways in which a patient with food-poisoning may have become infected. Further information about the film can be obtained from the Press Officer at the Ministry of Health.

Sickness Insurance for Women

The directors of the Medical Sickness Annuity and Life Assurance Society, Ltd., state that the present age limit of 35 imposed in connexion with sickness insurance on female lives has now been removed.

Kempner Rice Diet

The Food Rationing (Special Diets) Advisory Committee of the Medical Research Council has recommended to the Minister of Food that supplies of rice and one extra ration of sugar should be made available for the treatment of patients with severe hypertension by means of the Kempner rice diet. The Minister of Food has therefore arranged that patients who on medical advice adopt the Kempner rice diet shall be allowed 4 lb. of rice and one extra ration of sugar a week in place of their allowance of milk and rations of meat, bacon, cheese, and fats. The Advisory Committee considers that there is considerable evidence that a diet consisting entirely of rice, sugar, fruit, and fruit juice as recommended by Kempner (*Amer. J. Med.*, 1948, 4, 545) will lower the blood pressure in certain cases of hypertension, but that the diet must be rigidly observed if it is to be effective. It points out that the treatment may be not without danger, since progressive renal failure has been observed to occur in patients taking the diet, and the treatment should not be used unless facilities for biochemical control are readily available. Doctors who have not received a copy of Med. 2 (Revised 1948) may obtain one on application to their local food office.

COMING EVENTS

British Association of Physical Medicine

A short course of lectures on the various aspects of physical medicine will be delivered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from January 3 to February 9, 1950, inclusive, at 5 p.m., and will be suitable for candidates preparing for Part II of the Diploma in Physical Medicine. Further details can be obtained from the honorary secretary, British Association of Physical Medicine, 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

Neurological Teaching

A limited number of clinical clerkships for students who are preparing for the membership or other special diplomas are available at the school for postgraduate teaching in neurology now in existence at the Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, W. A course of twelve weekly clinical demonstrations open to all members of the medical profession at a fee of £1 1s. will begin on January 6 at 5 p.m. Full particulars can be obtained from Dr. Redvers Ironside, F.R.C.P., dean of the medical school of the hospital.

N.O.T.B. Association

The annual general meeting of the N.O.T.B. Association will be held at 5 p.m. on February 10, 1950, at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTH

Bain.—On December 8, 1949, at the Simpson Memorial Pavilion, to Mabel Gertrude (née Hall), M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., wife of Dr. A. J. Bain, Craigbinning House, Dechmont, Broxburn, West Lothian, a son.

DEATHS

Brierley.—On December 8, 1949, at St. Olave's, Ramsey, Isle of Man, Edward Edelsten Brierley, M.B., C.M., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), aged 77.
Brown.—On November 21, 1949, at Adelaide, Australia, Marie Brown, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., wife of Gilbert Brown, M.B., Ch.B., D.A., aged 66.
Caine.—On December 12, 1949, at 1, New Chester Road, New Ferry, near Birkenhead, Nathaniel Caine, M.D., J.P.
Champion.—On December 13, 1949, at "Beckets," Framfield, Uckfield, Sussex, Selwyn Gurney Champion, M.D.
Dods-Brown.—On December 11, 1949, John Lawson Dods-Brown, M.B., Ch.B., of Newbridge House, Upwell, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, aged 32.
Elliott.—On November 28, 1949, at Sea Point, Capetown, South Africa, Charles Caldwell Elliott, M.D., aged 83.
Hannigan.—On December 12, 1949, at Gardenfield House, Drumcollogher, Co. Limerick, Maurice Hermann Hannigan, M.D., D.P.H., late of Botesdale, Diss, Norfolk, aged 91.
Hawkes.—On December 8, 1949, suddenly, Alfred Ernest Underwood Hawkes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 41, Penkett Road, Liscard, Cheshire, aged 75.
Liversidge.—On December 15, 1949, at a Harrogate nursing-home, William Liversidge, M.D.
Macfarlane.—On December 14, 1949, Ian William Macfarlane, M.B., Ch.B., of 4, Union Place, Montrose.
MacKessack.—On December 9, 1949, at 83, East Avenue, Bournemouth, Peter MacKessack, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Colonel R.A.M.C., Ret.
Rayner.—On December 6, 1949, Percy Chambers Rayner, M.B., Ch.B., of Barwell, Leics, late of Brook House, Earl Shilton, Leics, aged 78.
Russell.—On December 6, 1949, at St. Anthony's, Crowborough, Sussex, Sir Michael William Hansby Russell, K.C.M.G., C.B., M.R.C.S., Major-General A.M.S., Ret., aged 89.