

points not in agreement, but it was always in the most friendly way. I had not seen him very much since his retirement, but when we met it was always a pleasure to have a chat with him, and I like to think he felt the same. I lost a good comrade when Alfred Cox passed on. His friendship was to me a very real one.

Dr. KENNETH COWAN writes: You have published tributes to Dr. Alfred Cox from his old friends. May I, as a comparatively new friend, add an appreciation of a grand old man? Last December the Public Health Committee held an informal party to celebrate the completion of 50 years of work, and to it were invited past chairmen and secretaries. To our great delight Dr. Cox accepted our invitation. He met some of the old friends who had worked with him as well as the "youngsters," now members of the committee—and in a charming little speech he told us of his interest and of his work for the public health service members of the Association. I think I am correct in saying that this was Dr. Cox's last visit to B.M.A. House and one which I know he enjoyed. I am glad that we had this opportunity to pay a small tribute to him for all the work which he did for the public health service, and I know it will be a happy memory to all those who were present.

Miss M. H. ATKINS, secretary of the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board Association, writes: I had the honour and pleasure of working with Dr. Alfred Cox for only a few years, but I thought that you would be interested to know that one of Dr. Cox's last appointments was acting secretary to the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board during the years 1941 to 1946. Dr. Cox, as Medical Secretary of the B.M.A., was concerned in the formation of the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board in 1929 and welcomed the opportunity of renewing his association during the difficult war years, making the tiring weekly journey to the evacuated offices in Leicester during the first two years as a matter of course. Even after Dr. Cox retired, he continued to take a very great interest in the Board's work and latterly the work of the N.O.T.B. Association, making a point of calling at the office from time to time when on a visit to the B.M.A. Last year when I visited him in hospital he still showed keen interest in the future of the association. I shall greatly miss his delightful and characteristic Christmas letter, and his kindly but forthright and knowledgeable opinion on so many subjects.

Mr. C. E. MILNES BLUMER died in Staffordshire General Infirmary, where he was senior surgeon, on August 29, one day before his 56th birthday. Born in 1898, the son of the late Dr. Frederick Milnes Blumer, of Stafford, Charles Eric Milnes Blumer was educated at Marlborough College and at Edinburgh University. Towards the end of the first world war he served in the Army, first as a private in the Sherwood Foresters and later as an officer in the North Staffordshire Regiment. Returning to Edinburgh on demobilization, he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1923, and three years later became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. After graduation he held house appointments at Staffordshire General Infirmary, the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, and the General Lying-in Hospital, Lambeth, before joining his father at Stafford, where he combined the work of his general practice, as his father had done, with many useful years as a surgeon at the Staffordshire General Infirmary, to the staff of which he was appointed in 1927. He gave up general practice in 1947 to become a consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology, always his main professional interest, and a year later, with the advent of the National Health Service, he was appointed consultant obstetrician to the Stafford group of hospitals. Mr. Milnes Blumer was a shy, undemonstrative, and modest man who nevertheless had a host of friends and no enemies in any walk of life. He published little, and took no part in clinical meetings or discussions, but in 1951 he was persuaded to be chairman of the North Staffordshire Divi-

sion of the British Medical Association. He took a prominent part in establishing the Stafford branch of the British Legion, of which he had been president for many years. In the last war he was for a time commandant of the Stafford Home Guard. In May this year, fully aware that he had little time left, he characteristically returned to work and carried on uncomplainingly almost to the end with self-effacing deliberation. His wife died a year ago. He was a devoted father of a daughter and two sons, and the last happy event in his life was to witness the ceremony at which his elder son graduated in medicine in June this year.—J. MACD. H.

Dr. F. RUPERT SNELL, who was in general practice in the Trent Bridge district of Nottingham for many years, died on August 29 at Bournemouth, where he had been living in retirement. He was 74 years of age. Francis Rupert Snell was born on October 15, 1879, and studied medicine at Durham University and at St. Thomas's Hospital, graduating M.B., B.S. in 1905, and taking the M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in the following year. After graduation he held the appointment of assistant house-surgeon at the Nottingham General Hospital, and not long afterwards he settled in practice in the city, his work there being interrupted by service in the war as a captain in the R.A.M.C. He was in charge of an x-ray unit in the *Mauretania* for a time, and later served on the Somme and in military hospitals in this country. His ambition to become a medical missionary was denied him for health reasons, but he maintained an active and lively interest in many missionary hospitals and gave them valuable aid by starting in his own home the C.M.S. Hospitals Bandage Scheme. It was through his initiative and drive that the scheme spread widely and has resulted in half a million bandages being sent overseas. After his retirement from general practice in 1934 he, with Mrs. Snell, visited all the C.M.S. hospitals in East and West Africa. Subsequently he lived at Wimbledon, and then for some eight years at Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire, before he moved to Bournemouth in the spring of this year. At Burton Joyce he was an honorary lay reader in the Southwell diocese and took a very active part in church affairs. When he was in practice his happy and friendly personality made him a very welcome visitor to the sick. A keen gardener—for he loved flowers as well as human beings—he was most generous in his gifts of plants and flowers, and was a fount of sound advice. He is survived by his widow, to whom our deep sympathy is extended.—J. LL. D.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

On September 8 the degree of M.D., with commendation, was conferred *in absentia* by diploma upon J. A. McFadzean.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates, having completed the final examination, have been granted the diploma of L.M.S.S.A.:

W. R. Peniston, N. W. Fogg, G. W. Carp, R. D. H. Kelly, C. G. Young, H. A. Williams, C. D. Chilvers, N. S. Halabi, R. G. Tarrant, B. W. Subhyah, B. C. Roughton, K. P. Walker, R. V. F. Williams, L. R. Jenkins, M. M. Adams, S. K. Young, T. H. Harries, B. R. Morgan, R. J. W. Adamson, P. F. Stebbing, M. H. Khatan, R. D. Lowe, A. Danilowicz, J. A. Maling, A. M. Lindsay, M. N. Khurshid, F. C. V. Brightman, J. Grey, A. J. Lacey, R. Young, H. Backer, L. W. Reeves, D. V. Burke, S. Jones, R. M. Stewart, N. W. Sargent, G. Codd, E. S. Price, S. H. Jamaldeen, W. P. Neville, E. R. Frohlick, B. S. H. Hsu, P. Stanesby, D. W. Griffith, M. R. G. Hour, A. R. Matthews, G. L. Goodwin, D. K. Brooks, Chan Ban, S. R. Hunt, A. M. Freeman.

J. Wessels has been awarded the diploma of Master of Midwifery.

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Industrial Health:

S. M. Bieber, R. B. Body, J. Cameron, R. L. Luffingham, W. M. McCutcheon, P. C. Murray, F. W. Newby-Good, B. L. Shapiro, K. M. Williams, J. D. Stewart.

U.S. Troops and Influenza Vaccination.—According to a statement from the Surgeon-General's office in Washington, all American troops, wherever stationed, will be vaccinated against influenza this year. Vaccination is to be completed by November 15.

Family Planning Association.—A list of F.P.A. Voluntary Clinics in England, Wales, and Scotland may be obtained for 1s. (post free) from 64, Sloane Street, London, S.W.1. The list is revised quarterly. At some clinics premarital advice and advice on subfertility are given in addition to help with birth control.

COMING EVENTS

"The Child Through the Ages."—A new exhibition is now open at the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum (28, Portman Square, London, W.1) on the management of children and their diseases from the earliest times until the beginning of the present century. The exhibition includes a section on the care of the child among primitive races. Opening times: 10 a.m.—5 p.m. daily, including Saturdays.

Television.—A documentary programme, "Medical Officer of Health," will be televised from 9 to 10 p.m. on September 21. At 8.35 p.m. on September 20 JEANNE HEAL will introduce a half-hour programme on "Aids for the Handicapped"—a demonstration of appliances, arranged in association with the British Red Cross Society and King's College Hospital, London.

National Smoke Abatement Society.—21st Annual Conference at Scarborough, September 22–24.

William Blair-Bell Memorial Lecture.—Dr. THOMAS E. C. BARNES will lecture on "The Natural History of Pelvic Tuberculosis" in the Barnes Hall of the Royal Society of Medicine on September 24 at 5 p.m. Admission by ticket only, from the Secretary, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 58, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

Vellore Reunion Meetings.—At the Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1, on October 6. Chairmen: 3.30 p.m., Sir PHILIP MANSON-BAHR; 7 p.m., Dr. EDITH SUMMERSKILL. Speakers include Dr. HOWARD SOMERVELL and Dr. DONALD PATERSON.

Society of Apothecaries.—The Liverymen of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London are summoned to appear at Guildhall on Wednesday, September 29, at 10.30 a.m. After a service at the Church of St. Margaret, Lothbury, they will return to Guildhall for the election of a Lord Mayor (12 noon).

Lloyd Roberts Lecture.—Dr. CHARLES SINGER will lecture before the Medical Society of London on "How Medicine Became Anatomical," at 5 p.m. on September 30.

International Federation of Medical Student Associations.—General Assembly in Rome, October 1 to 5. Details from Mr. JORGEN FALCK LARSEN, 12, Kristianagade, Copenhagen (see *Journal*, July 24, p. 238).

Film at B.M.A. House.—The Film Committee has arranged a showing of the film, "The Conjoined Twins of Kano" (recently acquired for the B.M.A. film library), at 8.30 p.m. on October 7. Any member of the Association will be welcome. Professor IAN AIRD will introduce the film.

Conference on District Nursing.—The Queen's Institute has arranged a conference on "Future Developments in District Nursing Services Associated with General Medical Practice" at the Royal Institution, Liverpool, on November 4 at 2.30 p.m. Speakers: Sir HENRY COHEN and Dr. J. L. BURN. Doctors will be welcome. Tickets from Queen's Institute of District Nursing, 57, Lower Belgrave Street, London, S.W.1 (not later than October 14).

"Tuberculosis and the Family Doctor."—Postgraduate course at Kingston Hospital and Chest Clinic, Kingston-on-Thames, October 23 and 24. Fee one guinea. Applications to Tuberculosis Educational Institute, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Wessex Rahere Club.—Autumn dinner at the Grand Spa Hotel, Clifton, Bristol, on October 23. Details from the hon. secretary, Mr. A. DAUNT BATEMAN, 11, The Circus, Bath.

London Medical Exhibition will be held on November 15 to 19 at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W.1. Tickets from British and Colonial Druggist Ltd., 194, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Wednesday, September 22

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Hillingdon Hospital, 4.30 p.m., Annual general meeting. Address by chairman, Mr. Howard G. Hanley: A Passing Glance at American Medicine.

Thursday, September 23

LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Mr. Anthony Radcliffe: Evolutionary Changes in Otolaryngology

Friday, September 24

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Biochemistry, The University, Sheffield, 11 a.m., 332nd meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

JOEL, MARY F., M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Maternity and Child Welfare Department, Blackpool.

MATTHEWS, M. B., M.D., M.R.C.P., physician, and assistant physician to the cardiac department, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh.

RAMSAY, BARTHOLOMEW MACM., M.B., D.P.M., L.M., Assistant Inspector of Mental Hospitals, Department of Health, Dublin.

SZUMOWSKI, PIOTR, M.D., Clinician in Tuberculosis (S.H.M.O.), Royal Sea-bathing Hospital, Margate, Kent.

WILLIAMS, OWEN GLYNN, M.D., M.R.C.P., Director, Beck Laboratory, Swansea General and Eye Hospital, Swansea.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Appleton.—On August 11, 1954, at Boundary Park Hospital, Oldham, Lancs, to Pearl (formerly Osborn-Smith), wife of Mr. Norman Appleton, F.R.C.S., D.L.O., of 89, Queens Road, Oldham, a son—Graham Victor Norman.

MARRIAGES

Millard—Flenley.—On September 11, 1954, at St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs, Dr. John Leslie Millard to Dr. Margaret Kathleen Flenley.

DEATHS

Altmann.—On September 2, 1954, at Viège, Switzerland, the result of a car accident, Manfred Altmann, M.D., D.M.R.E., and his wife, Hannah, of 352, Finchley Road, London, N.W.

Annisson.—On September 9, 1954, Richard William Annisson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 22, Powys Lane, Southgate, London, N., aged 68.

Atkinson.—On August 31, 1954, at Guy's Hospital, London, S.E., Cecil Hewitt Atkinson, M.C. (Two Bars), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 60.

Back.—On September 1, 1954, at the Middlesex Hospital, London, W., Marjorie Back, M.D., D.P.H.

Barr.—On August 28, 1954, at Chesterfield, John Fulton Barr, M.B., C.M., of Hundall, Unstone, near Sheffield.

Bartlett.—On August 30, 1954, at his home, Brownie, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, Sussex, George Norton Bartlett, M.B., B.S., aged 72.

Benson.—On September 7, 1954, at Hampstead, London, N.W., Ernest George Dryden Benson, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H., late of Stanley, Co. Durham.

Blackburne.—On August 31, 1954, Alan John Blackburne, M.B., Ch.M., of Aston House, Bognor Regis, Sussex.

Blumer.—On August 29, 1954, at Staffordshire General Infirmary, Charles Eric Milnes Blumer, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., of Abbey Lands, Weston-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

Constantine.—On September 8, 1954, at Bradford, Yorks, Mary Cecilia Emley Constantine, M.D., late of Karachi, Pakistan.

Deakin.—On September 4, 1954, at Truro Infirmary, Howard Vipond Deakin, M.D., of Byways, Carlyon Bay, St. Austell, Cornwall, aged 65.

Fry.—On September 1, 1954, Arthur Brownfield Fry, C.B., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.D., D.T.M.&H., Colonel, I.M.S., retired, aged 81.

Gilmour.—On August 29, 1954, Richard Withers Gilmour, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., of 20, Vincent Road, Stoke D'Abernon, Surrey, aged 84.

Hanna.—On August 31, 1954, at his home, Culderly House, Samarès, Jersey, C.I., John Ridgway Hanna, M.B., B.Ch., aged 53.

Hayward.—On September 4, 1954, at 11, King Edward's Road, Ruislip, Middlesex, Charles William Hayward, L.M.S.S.A.

Ness.—On September 7, 1954, at 19, Woodside Place, Glasgow, Robert Barclay Ness, M.B., C.M., F.R.F.P.S.

Norman.—On August 28, 1954, Newman Frederick Norman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex.