



The Services

Wounded in Egypt.—Lieutenant A. J. Cavanagh, R.A.M.C., attached Parachute Regiment (Bedford).

Surgeon Rear-Admiral S. G. Weldon, C.B.E., R.N., has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen in succession to Surgeon Captain D. H. Kernohan, R.N.

Colonel H. Sissons, O.B.E., T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., has been appointed Honorary Colonel, 42 (Lancs) Inf. Div., R.A.M.C., in succession to Colonel J. F. O'Grady, T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., tenure expired.

Colonel M. H. Summers, D.S.O., T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., has been appointed Honorary Colonel 57 (Mx.) General Hospital.

A *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* has announced the following appointments in recognition of distinguished services in Malaya for the period January 1 to June 30, 1956:

C.B.E. (Military Division).—Colonel (temporary) J. C. Reed, O.B.E., R.A.M.C.

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Captain E. W. Brentnall, R.A.M.C.

Medical News

Royal Medal.—On the recommendation of the council of the Royal Society and with the approval of the QUEEN, Dr. DOROTHY HODGKIN, F.R.S., reader in x-ray crystallography at Oxford, has been awarded one of this year's two Royal Medals. The award, states the citation, is "for her distinguished work in the elucidation of structures of penicillin, vitamin B₁₂, and other important compounds by the methods of x-ray crystallography."

Gowers Memorial Medal.—We illustrate here the Gowers memorial medal which was presented to Sir FRANCIS WALSH, F.R.S., by Sir RUSSELL BRAIN, P.R.C.P., on Thursday evening, when Sir Francis delivered the first Gowers



memorial lecture at the Royal Society of Medicine (see p. 1168). At the lecture the chairman was Sir ERNEST GOWERS, whose father, Sir William Gowers, the lecture and medal commemorate. Sir Ernest is chairman of the board of governors of the National Hospitals for Nervous Diseases. The medal, which is in gold, was designed by Mr. T. H. PAGET, and bears on its obverse a likeness of Sir William Gowers based on contemporary photographs, and the words "Sir William Gowers, F.R.S., 1845-1915." It is understood that the lecture and medal will be awarded triennially.

Mental Hospitals.—The Board of Control's report on the condition of mental hospitals and other institutions for the mentally ill (excluding mental defectives) in England and Wales in 1955 states that at the end of the year the mental hospitals were overcrowded to the extent of nearly 18,000 patients and that the nursing shortage persisted. However, the figures showed some improvement on the previous year. The encouraging feature of the report is that the proportion of voluntary patients continued to rise, being 75% of the total admissions to designated mental hospitals during the year; in 1946 the comparable figure was 50.8%. At the end of 1955 a total of 150,856 patients were notified to the Board as being then under institutional care for mental illness. This figure includes 4,291 private patients and 1,108 "criminal lunatics," and represents a fall of 1,288 since the beginning of the year. Of the total admissions 41.6% were readmissions, and there was, as previously, little difference between the readmission rates for voluntary and certified patients. Sir FREDERICK ARMER is continuing as chairman of the Board, despite his retirement this week from the post of deputy secretary at the Ministry of Health.

Chair of Medical Entomology.—Dr. D. S. BERTRAM, Ph.D., reader in entomology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, has been appointed to the London University Chair of Medical Entomology tenable at the School. Dr. Bertram, who is 42, was educated at Glasgow University, where he graduated B.Sc. in zoology (with first-class honours) in 1935, proceeding Ph.D. in 1940. After holding appointments as lecturer and demonstrator in medical zoology and entomology at Glasgow and later the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Dr. Bertram joined the R.A.M.C. as an entomologist in 1940. He was a prisoner of war in Germany from 1941 to 1945, and later in charge of the department of

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Monday, November 19

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Apothecaries' Hall, 8.30 p.m., discussion: That Scientific Medicine is Incompatible with "The Bedside Manner." For the motion, The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Verulam and Mr. A. Dickson Wright. Against the motion, Professor W. Melville Arnott and Dr. J. H. Hunt.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. J. P. M. Tizard: Mental Deficiency.

Tuesday, November 20

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. P. Wood: Physiological Basis of Clinical Signs in Heart Disease.
ILFORD MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At King George Hospital, 8.30 p.m., "General-Practitioner Obstetrics," in conjunction with Northern Home Counties Faculty, College of General Practitioners. To be addressed by Mr. J. A. Stalworthy and Dr. K. O. George. Members of Stratford Division, B.M.A., are invited.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Diagnosis of Fungus Infections.
LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—At Arts Theatre, 5.15 p.m., 1st McMurray Lecture in Orthopaedic Surgery by Professor B. L. McFarland: Life and Work of Thomas Porter McMurray.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Lloyd Roberts Lecture by Sir Maurice Bowra, F.B.A.: Greek Science; its Greatness and its Failure.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. I. M. Jackson: Carcinoma of the Vulva.
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. J. Minton: Ocular Manifestations in Clinical Neurology (Part II).

Wednesday, November 21

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Histology of Cellular Naevi.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. T. Holmes Sellers: Atrial Septal Defects—Their Diagnosis and Treatment.
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. G. F. Murnaghan: Prostatic Cancer.
MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 154, Great Charles Street, Birmingham. 8.15 p.m. Mr. T. J. Millin: Some Aspects of Urinary Incontinence.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. V. Wynn: Salt and Water Metabolism.
ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—3.30 p.m., Miss Audrey Wood, S.R.N., S.C.M.: Role of the Midwife in Public Health.
ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. D. Lacy: Studies on the Neurons of Patella Vulgata by Light and Electron Microscopy.
●ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.—2.30 p.m., Mr. A. Dickson Wright: Quacks Through the Ages.
SOUTH-WESTERN LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Rembrandt Hotel, S.W.. 8 for 8.30 p.m., annual dinner.

Thursday, November 22

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. C. Gilson: Tests of Lung Functions: An Assessment of Their Usefulness.
CHADWICK TRUST.—At Royal Society of Health, 5.30 p.m., Dr. P. A. Raffle: The Health of the Worker.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—7.30 p.m., debate with Royal Medical Society: That Specialists Now Know Everything About Nothing.
HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURES.—At University New Buildings, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Professor A. Kennedy: Unreason and Inquisition.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. P. D. Samman: Reticulo-endothelial System and Reticuloses.
●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—3 p.m., Professor W. C. W. Nixon: Action of the Uterus in Labour.
LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8 p.m., Dr. D. J. B. Ashley: Two Cases of Haemophilia with Normal Clotting Time; Dr. R. McL. Todd: Plasma Proteins in Rheumatic Fever and Nephrotic Syndrome.
NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Mr. N. R. Greville: The Mayo Clinic: Impressions of Three Years' Experience.
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Aspects of Refraction Work—(7) Treatment of Anisometropia, Aniseikonia, and Aphakia.
ROYAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW.—At Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, 8.30 p.m., combined meeting with Southern Medical Society. Mr. D. J. Browne: Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Congenital Deformities.
ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department, Queen's College, Dundee, 5 p.m., Professor N. H. Martin: Significance of Serum Globulins.
ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. M. A. Partridge: psychiatry demonstration.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY.—At Physiology Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. Dorothy Needham, F.R.S.: Biochemistry of Muscular Action.

Friday, November 23

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. J. Wallace: clinical demonstration.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. J. R. Belcher: clinical demonstration
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., clinical meeting for general practitioners. Mr. J. C. Hogg: Hoarseness.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Mr. A. H. Hunt: Recent Conclusions on the Surgical Treatment of Portal Hypertension.
ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.—8 p.m., dissertation by Mr. J. Black: Malignant Melanoma.

Saturday, November 24

SCOTTISH OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Glasgow Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital, 2 p.m., 73rd meeting.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Pattison.—On November 3, 1956, at Bedford General Hospital, to Mary Romaine (formerly Andrews), wife of Dr. Peter Pattison, a brother for Peter and Susan—Charles William.

MARRIAGES

Stewart—Himmers.—On November 3, 1956, at Fairfield, Buxton, Dr. J. Gordon Stewart, of Withington, Manchester, to Margaret Himmers, of Poole, Buxton.

DEATHS

Bottrell.—On October 20, 1956, at his home, Stanley Henry Reginald Bottrell, L.R.C.S.Ed., L.S.A., aged 89.
Bryson.—On October 30, 1956, in an infirmary, Thomas Bryson, M.B., Ch.B., of Glasgow, and Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.
Davison.—On October 27, 1956, at Hildenborough, Kent, the result of an accident, Guy Beaumont Davison, M.B., B.Chir., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., of Philpotts, Hildenborough, aged 29.
Dunn.—On October 31, 1956, at 42, Upper Cheyne Row, Chelsea, London, S.W., Williamina Shaw Dunn, M.D., D.Sc., D.P.H.
Eardley.—On October 29, 1956, William Eardley, M.B., B.Ch., of Lindum House, Boothferry Road, Goole, Yorks., aged 92.
Glegg.—On October 29, 1956, William Little Glegg, D.S.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., B.Hy., of 19, Horston Road, Leicester.
Hardy.—On October 30, 1956, at Torquay, Devon, Thomas Mellor Hardy, M.D., of "Prospect," Barton Hill Road, Torquay, formerly of West Byfleet, Surrey.
Heppollette.—On October 30, 1956, at his home, Southdene, Regent Road, Jersey, John Emmanuel Reid Heppollette, M.B.E., F.R.C.O.G., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Agra, India.
Simpson.—On October 29, 1956, Thomas Edward Norman Simpson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of West Hythe, Patchway, Bristol, aged 53.