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** On the facts, No. Presumably when "S. W." went to take up his colonial appointment two years or more ago he intended to sever his residential connexion with this country, and, in fact, he maintained no residence here. Consequently, such part of 1931-2 as he spent in the United Kingdom was spent as a colonial resident coming here for a temporary purpose only. His liability will therefore be confined to income arising in the United Kingdom, and even then he will be entitled to deduct a part of the usual personal allowances.

LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

Light at Last

We have received a communication headed "The Next Advance in Medicine" from the Rev. R. P. Byers, M.A., B.D., of Toronto. Not feeling sure whether it is meant as a contribution to medicine or as a contribution to the gaiety of the medical profession, we have decided to publish Mr. Byers's letter verbatim and literatim, and leave

our readers to judge his purpose for themselves.

Let me at once state that the next important advance in Medicine is a dependable classification of the Diseases. It is coming and is due to the use of a more delicate method than the Scientific. There is of course no lack of terms to represent the Diseases, but for want of precise classification the actual number of the Diseases has not yet been determined and much less the order in which they occur. It is commonly believed that the Diseases are decidedly numerous, whereas they are decidedly few. Strictly speaking, there are only twelve Diseases and they divide into four main Diseases and four subsidiary Diseases and four supplementary Diseases. For instance Tuberculosis is the first main Disease and Bronchitis is the first subsidiary Discase and Pleurisy is the first supplementary disease. But while the Diseases are limited to twelve, each one of them subdivides into five types and thirty antitypes and this it is that makes any of the Diseases really multiple rather it is that makes any of the Diseases really multiple rather than simple. The idea for instance that Tuberculosis is exclusively a disease of the lungs was long ago and necessarily abandoned. But though the Diseases are so few, the term 'Diseases' is very widely applied and this leads to confusion. For instance the Disorders which number eight and also divide into five types and thirty antitypes must sharply be distinguished from the Diseases. Thus Indigestion is the first Disorder and Rheumatism is the second Disorder. Then too the ten Illnesses are often called Diseases as are also the ten Ailments and the ten Complaints and the ten Indispositions and the ten Investigations and the ten Investigations and the ten Investigations and the ten Investigations and the ten Indispositions and the ten Investigations and the ten Indispositions and the ten Investigations and the ten Indispositions and the ten Complaints and the ten Indispositions and the ten Unwellnesses and the ten Troubles. But all these latter differ from both Diseases and Disorders by being simple i.e. not dividing into five types and thirty antitypes. For instance Diabetes is not a Disease but the tenth Ailment and Tonsilitis is the ninth Complaint. The nexus between the Diseases and the Disorders is Sickness. The twelve Diseases are the twelve modes of Sickness and the eight Disorders are the eight extramodes of Sickness. But the types and antitypes of the Diseases and of the Disorders and of Sickness itself are the non-modes of Sickness or the Affections which number 770. sixty times as numerous as the Diseases."

Instruments of Historical Importance

Letters have lately appeared in the lay press over the signatures of Lord Rutherford and others asking for the to be of historical importance. In 1925 the Institute of Physics appointed a committee to advise on the preservation of such apparatus. This committee is anxious to trace any of such apparatus. This committee is anxious to trace any pieces with which fundamental research in physical science has been carried out, and to arrange for their preservation. The committee has also entered upon the task of drawing up a catalogue of such pieces. Several pieces of great historical importance have already been secured for the nation, and are now housed in the Science Museum at South Kensington, and the response to the letters recently published has brought to light several other important pieces. Some articles describing and cataloguing such pieces are published from time to time in the Journal of Scientific

Instruments. Many of our readers may have such apparatus in their possession or under their charge, and the secretary of the Institute of Physics, 1, Lowther Gardens, Exhibition Road, London, S.W.7, will be grateful for any information that will assist in tracing such pieces or in completing the catalogue.

Chemical Warfare and Disarmament

"HOPEFUL" writes: The interesting annotation on chemical warfare and disarmament (July 9th, p. 66) ends on a note which seems unduly pessimistic. The writer says that "it is difficult to see a solution apart from the closing of all chemical and bacteriological laboratories." This is quite true if interpreted to mean that in the event of a war lasting longer than a year such laboratories can be converted to war uses, suitable containers for the destructive agents can war uses, suitable containers for the destructive agents can be manufactured, and workers be taught how to fill the containers—a highly skilled operation. If, however, the manufacture of containers be prevented (as has been done in Germany) there will be a time lag of months before the forbidden weapons can be used. Major Lefebure, an authority on arms manufacture and himself engaged in the chemical industry has given avamples in his book Scientific. chemical industry, has given examples in his book Scientific chemical industry, has given examples in his book Scientific Disarmament (Benn, London) of the time lag in the production of various weapons in the last war after they had been approved for production. This lag hinders sudden and unexpected offensives, and so gives time for negotiations when disputes arise. Doctors who know the waste of war and the human suffering which it brings will wish to direct the heroism and daring of marking in other directions. the heroism and daring of mankind in other directions. It would be a pity if discouragement should come to them from the most influential organ of the medical profession in Great Britain.

Anencephaly in Sequence

Dr. H. F. Ellis (Hyde) writes: The following should be of interest in view of the unusualness of monsters occurring in successive pregnancies following the birth of a normal child; also because of the behaviour of the patient's heart. The obstetrical history is as follows: In July, 1927, the patient had a miscarriage at approximately three months. In April, nad a miscarriage at approximately three months. In April, 1930, she was delivered by forceps of a normal male child, who remains perfectly healthy. During this pregnancy the patient developed such severe cardiac trouble that the question of therapeutic abortion was raised, but was refused by the patient. After the confinement the heart settled down, and became normal. In March, 1931, the patient delivered herself of a female child—an anencephalic foetus—which was born dead. During the pregnancy there was delivered herself of a temale child—an anencephalic foetus—which was born dead. During the pregnancy there was again such severe cardiac trouble that the patient spent the last two months of the pregnancy in bed. On June 4th, 1932, the patient again delivered herself of another female anencephalic foetus—born dead. During this pregnancy there was no cardiac trouble, and the patient is doing well.

Cutting off the Nose

The surgeon in charge of a large ear, nose, and throat departmer surgeon in charge or a large ear, nose, and throat department sends us a postcard he has received from one of his out-patients. This heroic lady writes: "Dear Sir, Just a line to let you now my Nose is still the same. I have made my mind up to have it removed, will you kindly let me now when."

Poor Litigants

The Secretary of the Bentham Committee (1, Lincoln's Inn he Secretary of the Bentham Committee (I, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2) writes: This committee, the executive of the London Council of Poor Man's Lawyers, would welcome assistance by the doctors who have attended poor people injured in street accidents or at their work. Thousands of these persons are seen by the Poor Man's Lawyers, and a simple preliminary report is often all that is wanted upon which to base the advice, but there are times when the poor person cannot find the fee. The hospitals are concerned to see their patients are righted, and we appeal to the generosity of the medical profession and the hospitals to give such reports when the Poor Man's Lawyer certifies that it is a proper case.

Vacancies

Notifications of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 73, 74, 75, 76, 80, and 81 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 78 and 79.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears at page 182.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Captains N. S. Meiklejohn, D.S.O., to the Vivid, for R.N. Barracks; F. L. Smith to the Victory, for R.N. Barracks.
Surgeon Commanders F. St. B. Wickham, O.B.E., to the Victory, for Royal Marine Infirmary, Portsmouth; H. H. Babington to the Pembroke, for Chatham Hospital; J. G. Boal to the Egmont, for the Maine; A. W. Gunn to the Dolphin; C. H. M. Gimlette to the Madman.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders J. J. Keevil to the Dauntless; W. P. E. McIntyre to the Egmont, for Malta Hospital; H. W. Strong to the Victory, for Portsmouth Dockyard.

Surgeon Lieutenants S. Jenkinson to the Alecto; W. S. Davidson

The seniority as Surgeon Lieutenant of S. J. Savage has been adjusted to September 9th, 1928.

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVY

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander R. Martin to be Surgeon Commander.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Commander L. C. D. Irvine to the Victory, for Haslar Hospital.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander H. Parry-Price to the Tiverton. Surgeon Lieutenants H. G. Ungley, A. S. Pearson, and J. F. Corr to the *Victory*, for Haslar Hospital; H. A. M. Whitby to the *Victory*, for R.N. Barracks; W. Gough (probationary) to the *Concord*.

Probationary Surgeon Sublicutenant F. W. Baskerville to the Victory, for Haslar Hospital.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captain A. M. Simson to be Major.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

J. F. Dales is granted a short service commission as a Flying Officer for three years on the active list.

AUXILIARY AIR FORCE: MEDICAL BRANCH
Flying Officer A. T. G. Thomas (No. 604 County of Middlesex
Bomber Squadron) to be Flight Lieutenant.

VACANCIES

BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.-Second H.S. (male, unmarried).

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.-H.S.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND SKIN HOSPITAL.—Clinical Assistants in O.P. Consulting Room.
BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—Assistant Lecturer in Anatomy.

BOURNEMOUTH: ROYAL VICTORIA AND WEST HANTS HOSPITAL .- H.S.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.-C.H.S. (male).

BURNLEY: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male).

BURY INFIRMARY, LANCS.—(1) II.S. to Special Departments. (2) Third H.S.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE, AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray'S Inn Road, W.C.1.—Assistants in O.P. Department.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.—H.P. (male).

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—(1) H.S. for Aural and Ophthalmic Departments. (2) C.H.S.

DONCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY .- C.H.S.

DUBLIN: DR. STEEVENS' HOSPITAL.—Assistant Resident S. EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.1.—H.S. (male).

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.-H.S. HARTLEPOOLS HOSPITAL.-H.S.

HARTLEPOOLS HOSPITAL.—H.S.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Medical and Surgical Clinical Assistants (males) in O.P. Department.
HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Third H.S. (2) A.H.P. Males.
INVERNESS COUNTY COUNCIL.—Local Medical Officer for part of North

INVERNESS: ROYAL NORTHERN INFIRMARY .-- H.P.

JERUSALEM: ST. JOHN OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL .- R.H.S.

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KING EDWARD VII WELSH NATIONAL MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.—Third
A.R.M.O. at Glan Ely Hospital.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—J.A.M.O. (male, unmarried) for Wrightington Hospital.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL.—J.H.S. (male, unmarried).
LIVERPOOL AND SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—H.S.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—R.A.M.O. at St. Charles' Hospital, Ladbroke Grove, W.

LORD MAYOR TRELOAR CRIPPLES' HOSPITAL, Alton.—A.R.M.O. (male).

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL HOSPITAL.-R.M.O.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—H.S. (Orthopaedic).

MANCHESTER CITY.—(1) A.M.O.'s at Withington Hospital (unmarried).

(2) A.M.O. (male, unmarried) at Booth Hall Hospital.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Surgical Officer to O.P.

MILLER GENERAL HOSPITAL, Greenwich Road, S.E.-C.O. (male, un-

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE: ROYAL VICTORIA INFIRMARY.—R.M.O. (male). NEWPORT, MON.: ROYAL GWENT HOSPITAL.—J.R.M.O. (male).

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NOTTINGHAM HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN .-- H.S. OLDHAM ROYAL INFIRMARY .- H.S.

PRINCESS BEATRICE HOSPITAL, Finborough Road, S.W.-Hon. Clinical Assistant.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—C.H.S. (male).
ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.—Hon. A.P. ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, Lewisham.-R.M.O.

SI. JOHN S HOSPITAL, EWISHBHI, H. M. J.
SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL,—C.H.S. (male).
SHEFFIELD: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL,—H.S.
SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Aural H.S. (2) A.H.S. Males.
SHEFFIELD: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Aural H.S. (2) Assistant Aural
and Ophthalmic H.S.

STOCKPORT INFIRMARY.—J.R.S. (male). STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S.

SUNDERLAND: ROYAL INFIRMARY.-H.P. (male).

TUNBRIDGE AND COUNTIES GENERAL HOSPITAL .- II.S. (male, unmarried).

WALLASEY: VICTORIA CENTRAL HOSPITAL.-J.II.S. (male).

WALSALL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S.

WOLVERHAMPTON: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—H.P.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The appointment at Sandbach (Cheshire) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

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Diary of Central Meetings

JULY

23 Sat. Council, 9 a.m., B.M.A. House.

26 Tues. Council, 10 a.m., Imperial Institute, South Kensington,

APPOINTMENTS

BLIGH, John Murray, M.D.Liverp., F.R.C.P., Honorary Physician to the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital.

BURKE, Noel H. M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., D.M.R. and E., Medical Superintendent, Cell Barnes Colony for Mental Defectives, St. Albans, Herts.

MORRIS, Leslie, M.D., F.R.C.S., Honorary Orthopaedic Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Leicester.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—C. W. N. Anderson, L.R.C.P. and S.I., for the Talybont District, Cardigan; W. J. A. Laird, L.R.C.P. and S.I., for the Lenham District, Kent.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

Anderson.—On July 13th, the wife of J. S. Anderson, M.D., Seacroft Hospital, Leeds (Mary Stirk, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.), of

DOUGLAS.—On July 15th, 1932, to Dr. and Mrs. John Douglas of the City Hospital, Bradford, a daughter.

LILLIE.—On July 17th, to Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Lillie of Lubeck House, 796, Washwood Heath Road, Birmingham, a son.

DEATHS

Currie.—On July 12th, at 107, Eastbourne Road, Darlington, John Currie, D.S.O., M.R.C.S.Eng., B.Sc.

Ellison.—On July 11th, at 120, Domestic Street, Leeds, Arthur Ellison, M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond.



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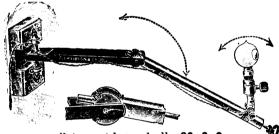


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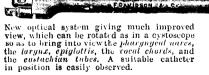
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