

Dr. L. JORDAN, chief veterinary officer, West Sussex County Council, emphasized the need for the provision of sanitary buildings on farms, the owners of which were contemplating eradication of tuberculosis. He described the success attending the establishment of tubercle-free herds in the south-west of Scotland. In England the only incentive at present was the escape from the levies of the Milk Marketing Board. This had caused the number of tubercle-free herds in England to be doubled within the last year. He criticized the inclusion of a paragraph in the Third Schedule of the Milk (Special Designations) Order, 1936, prohibiting the animals being vaccinated with living abortion vaccine.

Several speakers took part in the subsequent discussion, amongst whom the Hon. Mrs. STIRLING, as a certified milk producer, stressed the difficulty in which the middle-aged farmer, used for many years to haphazard methods, had in understanding sterility precautions, etc. She considered the designations of milk most confusing for and ill-understood by the public, and this confusion had become worse confounded by the alterations made in the new Order. The old Grade A milk was a very bad milk indeed. Lord ROWALLAN pointed out that some of the older veterinary surgeons did not understand or were physically incapable of carrying out the tuberculin test, and this made the farmer lose confidence in it.

On Saturday morning, July 18th, a meeting, under the chairmanship of the MARCHIONESS OF TITCHFIELD, was held, at which the aims and methods of the Christmas Seal Sale for Tuberculosis were described. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Burrow Hill Sanatorium. The colony, which is the property of the association, is the only institution in the country for the treatment and technical education of tuberculous youths between the ages of 13 and 19 years.

## HIS MAJESTY'S HOUSEHOLD

### THE MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

A supplement to the *London Gazette* of July 20th announces the following medical and dental appointments to His Majesty's Household, to date from July 21st, 1936.

#### Physicians in Ordinary :

Lord DAWSON OF PENN, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.D., P.R.C.P.  
Lord HORDER, K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P.  
Sir E. FARQUHAR BUZZARD, Bt., K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P.

#### Physicians Extraordinary :

Sir MAURICE CASSIDY, K.C.V.O., C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P.  
Professor JOHN A. RYLE, M.D., F.R.C.P.

#### Serjeant Surgeon :

WILFRED TROTTER, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.

#### Surgeons :

Sir THOMAS DUNHILL, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., M.D.  
Sir JAMES WALTON, K.C.V.O., M.S., F.R.C.S.

#### Surgeon Oculist :

Sir STEWART DUKE-ELDER, M.D., F.R.C.S.

#### Consulting Surgeon Oculist :

Sir WILLIAM LISTER, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.S.

#### Manipulative Surgeon :

Sir MORTON SMART, K.C.V.O., D.S.O., M.D.

#### Surgeon Apothecary to His Majesty and Apothecary to the Household :

Sir STANLEY HEWETT, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., M.D.

#### Physician to the Household :

ARNOLD STOTT, B.Ch., F.R.C.P.

#### Surgeon to the Household :

Sir JAMES WALTON, K.C.V.O., M.S., F.R.C.S.

#### Surgeon Oculist to the Household :

FRANK ANDERSON JULER, M.B., F.R.C.S.

#### Surgeon Dentist to the Household :

FRANCIS DESMOND DONOVAN, C.V.O., L.D.S.

#### Surgeon Apothecary to the Household at Windsor :

Sir HENRY L. MARTYN, K.C.V.O., M.B., F.R.C.S.

#### Surgeon Apothecary to the Household at Sandringham :

Sir FREDERICK WILLANS, K.C.V.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

### MEDICAL HOUSEHOLD IN SCOTLAND

#### Physicians in Scotland :

JOHN COWAN, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.F.P.S.  
Sir ASHLEY W. MACKINTOSH, K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed.  
ALEXANDER GREIG ANDERSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.

#### Extra Physician in Scotland :

Sir ROBERT WILLIAM PHILIP, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P.

#### Surgeons in Scotland :

Professor JOHN FRASER, M.C., M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed.  
Professor JAMES R. LEARMONTH, Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed.

#### Surgeon Oculist in Scotland :

ARTHUR HENRY HAVENS SINCLAIR, M.D., C.M., F.R.C.S.Ed.

#### Surgeon Dentist in Scotland :

LESLIE CHARLES BROUGHTON-HEAD, M.B., Ch.B., L.D.S.

#### Surgeon Apothecary to the Household at Balmoral :

GEORGE PROCTOR MIDDLETON, M.B., Ch.B.

#### Surgeon Apothecary to the Household at the Palace of Holyroodhouse :

NORMAN SCOTT CARMICHAEL, M.B.

#### Coroner of the Household :

W. H. L. MCCARTHY, D.S.O., M.C., M.D.

### QUEEN MARY'S HOUSEHOLD

Queen Mary has made the following medical and dental appointments to Her Majesty's Household.

#### Physicians in Ordinary :

Lord DAWSON OF PENN, G.C.V.O., K.C.B., K.C.M.G., M.D., P.R.C.P.  
Sir JOHN WEIR, K.C.V.O., C.M.G., M.D.

#### Surgeons :

Sir ALFRED E. WEBB-JOHNSON, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.B., F.R.C.S.  
Sir JAMES WALTON, K.C.V.O., M.S., F.R.C.S.

#### Surgeon Apothecary :

Sir STANLEY HEWETT, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., K.B.E., M.D.

#### Surgeon Oculist :

Sir RICHARD CRUISE, G.C.V.O., F.R.C.S.

#### Surgeon Dentist :

GUY BIRT, C.V.O., M.R.C.S., L.D.S.

## BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN

Viscount HAILSHAM, who recently accepted the chairmanship of the Campaign, presided at the quarterly meeting of the Grand Council on July 13th.

Grants totalling £5,296 were approved: £1,187 to Dr. A. Pollard, working at the Courtauld Institute of Biochemistry at the Middlesex Hospital on a special scheme of biochemical research inaugurated by the Scientific Advisory Committee; £150 to Dr. F. G. Spear, working at the Strangeways Research Laboratory, Cambridge, for the purchase of a low-voltage equipment apparatus, and £700 for the purchase of a 200 kV 10 mA Greinacher set; £300 for six months for work being carried out under the direction of Mr. F. C. Pybus, through the North of England Council of the Campaign; £1,256 for fifteen months to Dr. Alexander Haddow, who is transferring from his research appointment in Edinburgh to continue special research work at the Royal Cancer Hospital (Free); £320 to Mr. Nevill Willmer, working at the Physiological Laboratory, Cambridge, for technical assistance and purchase of apparatus; and £150 for six months to Mrs. Alice Leigh-Smith, D.Ph., working under the direction of Dr. Thomas Lumsden at the London Hospital.

Grand Council considered the scheme formulated by the Central Educational Propaganda Committee, of which Dr. Malcolm Donaldson is chairman, and, following upon the experience gained in the recent lecture organization in Hampshire, Sussex, and Kent, has made a grant of £1,233 for the further development of the scheme in Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Bedfordshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, and Surrey.

A report was received from Mr. Cecil Rowntree, senior surgeon, Royal Cancer Hospital, and one of the delegates to the Union Internationale Contre le Cancer, on the arrangements made to date for the Brussels Cancer Conference to be held in September.

## Letters, Notes, and Answers

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### QUERIES AND ANSWERS

#### Fifteen Months in Elastoplast

Dr. M. MELGRAVE (Dagenham) writes: To what extent is it necessary to change elastoplast bandages in cases of varicose veins of the leg? I put one on an elderly lady of 69 on March 14th, 1935. She had had for twenty-five years a long, narrow ulcer about one-third of an inch wide on the outer side of the foot below the malleolus. The bandage was sponged now and again with lysol solution. She was disinclined to have the bandage removed, and I saw no reason for removing it, and, in fact, encouraged her to leave it on. Now, after fifteen months, she felt some discomfort at the heel, and so the lower portion of the bandage over the foot and to just above the malleoli has been removed. The ulcer is soundly healed and covered with firm, pinkish-white skin. The cast-off epidermis was noticed to be in some four layers, the colour changing layer by layer from the original chocolate-brown to white. During the last three months the lady, previously a semi-invalid, has been doing most of her housework, and, more recently, at 70 years of age, she has done a heavy day's washing of blankets, etc. Obviously it is unnecessary to change these bandages unless there is a definite indication. They are preferably left undisturbed. Clearly this will result in great economy.

#### Medical Equipment for a Ship's Doctor

Dr. E. C. ATKINSON (Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading) writes: I am shortly going on a world's cruise as doctor to a small schooner. Can any one tell me what medical equipment and drugs (particularly those for use in the Tropics) I ought to take? Perhaps there is a reader who has sailed under similar circumstances and could give me some useful hints. I should be very grateful for any suggestions.

#### Income Tax

##### Partnership Assessment

"Z. X." puts the following inquiry. A. and B. were in partnership until April 1st, 1936, when C. acquired B.'s share. A. and B. were assessed for the year 1935-6 on the basis of their cash profits in the previous year. What options are open to A. and C. as regards the present year's assessment—that is, 1936-7?

\*\* It has to be borne in mind that the earnings basis is the correct legal basis and that the cash basis is a matter of convenience only. Where, however, cessation and succession are not claimed (and that would require B.'s co-operation) the Revenue authorities do not normally object to the continuance of the cash basis, in spite of a change of partners. A. and C. can therefore make their return for 1936-7 on the basis of the gross cash receipts of A. and

B. in 1935-6 less A. and B.'s expenses. The assessment is on the firm, and each year all practice receipts must be brought in, whether they are taken by A., B., or C. If, however, A. and C. elect to be assessed on the earnings basis—that is, on the probable amount of the receipts from the work done by partners in 1935-6—the only difficulty lies in estimating the amount of bad and doubtful debts at the beginning and end of that year. If they wish to have the present practice regarded as starting at April 1st, 1936, as a new one (and assuming B. joins in the request) 1935-6 may be adjusted at the Revenue option to the earnings of that actual year, and A. and C. can start on an earnings basis, ignoring all receipts from work prior to April 1st, 1936.

#### Comprehensive Insurance

"W. H. H." has a comprehensive policy on which he pays a premium of £3 10s., of which £2 5s. relates to the building and £1 5s. to the contents. What can he claim for "maintenance allowance" against the Schedule A assessment?

\*\* £2 5s. The £1 5s. in respect of "contents" is an occupier's, not an owner's, expense.

### LETTERS, NOTES, ETC.

#### Poverty and Public Health: Correction

We regret that the number of pages and the price were wrongly stated in the footnote to the review of Dr. G. C. M. McGonigle's book—*Poverty and Public Health*—which appeared in our last issue (July 18th, p. 125). The book consists of 275 pages, and is published at 6s. net, and not at 25s. as stated.

#### Ultra-short Wave Therapy

Dr. A. KHASTGIR (Manchester) writes: I would like to add to Mr. Morton Whitby's experience (*Journal*, July 4th, p. 48) that with ultra-short wave therapy I have obtained similar good results in the treatment of bronchial asthma, bronchiectasis, and pulmonary tuberculosis. One case, a male aged 41, in August, 1935, weighed 8 st. and had a sputum showing "a moderate number of tubercle bacilli." He had previously been treated with ultra-violet therapy and auto-haemotherapy. Since being treated every other day for the last three months with ultra-short wave therapy he has improved considerably, weighs 10 st., and has a negative sputum. He is back at his work, and is still continuing with the treatment now twice a week. The apparatus I use is also made by Stanley Cox, Ltd., Gerrard Street, W.1.

#### "Ampuliques"

A new booklet on "ampuliques" has just been issued describing the number and variety of drugs and glandular preparations available in this form for hypodermic injection. A special alkali-free glass is used, each ampoule containing only one dose of the preparation, and they are conveniently packed in boxes of six or twelve. Enough solution is put into every ampoule to allow the full dose to be obtained without waiting for the liquid to drain from the sides, a point of some importance when dealing with oily solutions or suspensions. This booklet may be obtained on application to the manufacturers: Messrs. C. J. Hewlett and Son, Ltd., 35-42, Charlotte Street, London, E.C.2.

#### Scottish Medical Golf

A Sunday meeting of the Scottish Medical Golfing Society was held on July 19th at Berkhamsted Golf Club. Medal and bogey competitions were held, with the following results: *Medal*: 1. Dr. Burton Yule, 79 less 4 = 75; 2. Dr. John Grant, 81 less 3 = 78. *Bogey*: 1. Dr. Burton Yule, all square; 2. Dr. John Grant, 3 down.

#### Vacancies

Notifications of offices vacant in universities, medical colleges, and of vacant resident and other appointments at hospitals, will be found at pages 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, and 47 of our advertisement columns, and advertisements as to partnerships, assistantships, and locumtenencies at pages 44 and 45.

A short summary of vacant posts notified in the advertisement columns appears in the *Supplement* at page 75.