

in the thirty-second volume of the *Transactions of the Obstetrical Society*. He also edited the fourth edition of Tanner's *Index of Diseases*, and for six years took upon himself the arduous duties of editor of the *Transactions of the society* which he served so faithfully.

Dr. Boulton was twice married but had no children.

DR. CHARLES KENNEDY, of Edinburgh, died with startling suddenness early in the morning of Monday, May 17th. He was apparently in his usual state of health on Sunday, and soon after midnight he left his house to visit a patient. He had only gone a yard or two from his door when he died. Born fifty years ago, the son of David Kennedy, the famous Scottish vocalist, he, like many members of his family, had inherited the musical talent of his father, and at the various medical dinners he was always good for two or three excellent songs. He was educated in the University of Edinburgh, took the degrees of M.B., C.M. in 1881, and the degree of M.D. in 1885, when he was awarded a gold medal for his thesis. He had a considerable family practice in the south side of Edinburgh, and was esteemed both by his professional brethren and the public. On May 15th, he was elected Chairman of the South Edinburgh Division of the British Medical Association. He was also a prominent member of the Edinburgh and Leith Medical Practitioners' Association, and a popular member of the Pen and Pencil Club. He had been a Freemason for many years. He leaves a widow and three sons, one of whom is now a student of medicine at Edinburgh University.

OLD St. Mary's men will hear with regret of the sudden death, at the early age of 34, of Dr. WILLIAM FERRIS, who was holding the post of Second Assistant Medical Officer to the Middlesex Asylum, Wandsworth. He was the son of the late William Edward Stiles Ferris, of Donnington Square, Newbury, Berks, and grandson of the late William Ferris, of Milton Manor, Pewsey, Wilts. William Ferris started his medical career at St. Mary's Hospital in 1893. After obtaining the M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Lond., and M.B., B.S. Lond., he was appointed Assistant Medical Officer at the Greenwich Infirmary, and whilst there took the D.P.H. In 1902 he was appointed an Assistant Medical Officer to the Middlesex Asylum, Wandsworth. In 1904 he obtained the M.D. Lond., being the first candidate to take that degree in Psychological Medicine. He was a great favourite with all with whom he came in contact, and was especially beloved by patients and colleagues. His keenness for detail and his methodical ways made many a difficult task appear simple, and he kept himself thoroughly up to date in the modern treatment of the insane. He was good at all sorts of games, especially at football, which he continued to play up to as late as last season. His sudden death, on May 15th, from an attack of double pneumonia, after only five days' illness, will come as a shock to many.

WE regret to record the death of JOHN HODGSON, M.B. Lond., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., formerly of Oldham. Dr. Hodgson was the son of a minister of the Congregational Church. His medical studies were conducted at the Owens College and the Manchester Royal Infirmary, where he held the post of house-physician. Later he acted as medical officer at the Barnes Convalescent Hospital, Cheadle. He commenced practice in Oldham, and was appointed assistant surgeon to the Oldham Infirmary, and in 1898 became Honorary Acting Surgeon. He also held the post of medical officer to the Oldham School Board. He was the first Honorary Secretary of the Oldham Medical Society; he occupied the position for fifteen years, and the prosperity of the society was largely due to the enthusiasm with which he discharged the duties of the office. Failing health compelled Dr. Hodgson in 1905 to resign his position as honorary surgeon to the Oldham Infirmary and to give up practice. He first went to West Kirby and afterwards to Bowdon, and his health greatly improved. About two months before his death, he was appointed medical officer to the Southport Council Schools. He, however, had only held that post about three weeks, when his health broke down, and he died after about a fortnight's illness at his home in Bowdon. He leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his loss. Dr. Hodgson was universally respected by all with whom he came into contact.

## The Services.

### ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

At the entrance examination for Surgeons in the Royal Navy, completed on May 14th, 32 candidates presented themselves for 15 vacancies. Two gentlemen withdrew 8 were rejected for physical defects, and of the remaining 22, 18 obtained qualifying marks.

The following is the list of successful candidates:

Name.	Qualifications.	Medical School.	Marks.
Hole, K. H....	M.B., B.S. Lond., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	Guy's Hospital.	2,151
Syms, G. F. ....	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	Guy's Hospital.	1,963
Sanders, A. A. ....	M.B., Ch.B. Birm.	Queen's Hospital, Birmingham	1,933
Fitzgerald, M. P....	M.B., B.Ch.R.U.I.	Queen's College, Cork	1,927
Hadwen, J....	M.B., B.S., B.Sc. Lond.	St. Bartholomew's Hospital	1,914
Briggs, H. F. ....	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	Edinburgh University	1,900
Jackson, G. A. ....	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.	Dublin University	1,734
Miller, W. ....	M.B., Ch.B. Glasg.	Glasgow University	1,710
Orwin, J. S. ....	M.B., Ch.B. Edin.	Edinburgh University	1,685
Barrett, J. ....	M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.R.U.I.	Catholic University, Dublin	1,645
Nichols, H. W. ....	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	Middlesex Hospital	1,638
Roberts, R. P. M....	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	Guy's Hospital	1,505
Malcolm, M. G. ....	M.B., Ch.B. St. And.	St. Andrew's Univ.	1,495
Devas, H. C. ....	L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S.	St. Thomas's Hosp.	1,420
Burns, H. ....	M.B., Ch.B. Edin.	Edinburgh University	1,405

The above-named gentlemen will undergo a course of instruction in special subjects at Haslar Hospital, on the completion of which another examination will be held, and prizes consisting of a gold medal, a silver medal, and three navy regulation pocket cases awarded. The final position on the list will be determined by the combined results of the London and Haslar examinations.

## Public Health AND POOR LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

### REPORTS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.

*Borough of Brighouse.*—The annual report of Dr. Martin (M.O.H.) shows that the birth-rate of Brighouse for the past year averaged 20.21 per 1,000 and the death-rate 14.3, against rates of 26.5 and 14.7 respectively for the whole country. The zymotic death-rate was much higher than the previous year, due largely to an epidemic of measles which led to the partial closing of six elementary schools, and primarily caused fourteen deaths. There was no small-pox, and very little scarlet fever.

*Wallasey Urban District.*—Mr. T. W. Naylor Barlow, Medical Officer of the Urban District of Wallasey, near Liverpool, has just published his first annual report for the district, to which he was appointed late in the year 1907. The district is becoming a popular suburb of Liverpool on the west side of the Mersey. It comprises 3,408 acres, and has a population estimated at about 71,000 in the middle of last year. The birth-rate was 24.2 per 1,000, and the death-rate was at the low figure of 12.7. The population is growing with great rapidity, having been only 21,000 in 1881. In view of the expressed opinion of the local medical practitioners the Notification of Births Act has not been adopted. A lady sanitary inspector visits houses in which births have been registered as having taken place and gives advice as to the feeding of the child. It has occasionally been found that the baby had died before the visit, perhaps, Mr. Barlow suggests, from a cause which a little timely advice might have prevented. He reserves his opinion as to the desirability of adopting the Act until he has had further experience of the district. The infantile mortality is exceptionally low—namely, 101 per 1,000—although in 1898 it was 168. Only 1 case of small-pox had occurred since 1904, the patient being a man who was landed from a ship. Energetic measures were taken, including vaccination of contacts, and there was no spread of the disease. Scarletina was notified 248 times, most of the cases being near the end of the year, and is attributed to introductions from Liverpool and Birkenhead, chiefly as the result of Christmas shopping. The question of return cases is discussed at some length in connexion with 9 cases which might be so classed; 6 of these, however, were apparently not of that nature. Mr. Barlow evidently doubts