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* Passed with Honours.

LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.

THE following candidates were approved at the examination held at the end of the forty-third session:

*†W. H. Kauntze, *†A. R. Paterson, *†M. F. Reaney, D. T. Mitchell, †B. F. Steel, †A. S. Burgess, †D. L. Graham, J. R. Ridlon, †R. Drummond, †T. P. Fraser, E. H. Griffin, R. G. Perkins, †C. R. Bakhle, H. W. Furnival, J. K. A. Hofmeyr, †P. A. Clearkin, †E. J. H. Garstin, A. I. Jackson, K. Ghosh, †L. R. Sharples, Miss J. Crozier, C. R. Avari, I. G. Fink, W. E. Masters, †R. G. Ball, Miss M. I. Balfour, J. R. Dodd, †G. V. Fiddian, C. S. Harwood, S. Shephard, B. Sefton, D. S. Bryan-Brown, I. M. Bisvas, C. B. Mack, †J. Atkinson, E. B. Pearson.

* Passed with distinction. † Colonial Service.
‡ Indian Medical Service.

Medico-Legal.

INTERPRETATION OF AN AGREEMENT.

Eastes v. Russ.

AT page 1252 of the JOURNAL of June 7th, 1913, an account was published of an action in which Dr. G. L. Eastes charged Dr. Charles Russ with a breach of an agreement under which he had formerly assisted Dr. Eastes in the conduct of his clinical research laboratory. No formal contract of service had been signed by the parties, but a statement of the conditions of his employment had been handed to the defendant by the plaintiff, and it was agreed by both parties that the rights of either should be judged by its contents. One of the conditions was that the defendant should not take part in the conduct of any other clinical research laboratory within ten miles of the plaintiff's laboratory. The clause formulating this stipulation did not state whether it related merely to the term of the defendant's employment by the plaintiff or to his whole life, and mainly on the ground that all the other conditions obviously related solely to the former period, Mr. Justice Sargant, who tried the case, ruled that this particular condition could not be held to debar the defendant permanently from practising his speciality within the prescribed area. Hence he gave judgement for the defendant with costs. On December 19th the same case was considered by the Court of Appeal, the judgement of the lower court being upheld by a majority. Two of the judges took the view that though the intention of the agreement was that the restriction should be for life, the appeal should be dismissed because the interests of the public had to be considered in such cases, and it was neither necessary nor reasonable to exclude all competition on the part of the respondent. The third judge held that the life-long duration of the restraint was not unnecessarily great in the circumstances, nor the area of restriction unreasonably wide.

Obituary.

JOHN HENRY BROWN, M.D.,
SHEFFIELD.

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. John Henry Brown of Sheffield, which took place on December 12th, after a long illness at the comparatively early age of 54 years. A native of Whitby, he received his medical education at the University of Edinburgh, of which he was a graduate. After holding resident hospital appointments in the Manchester Royal Infirmary and elsewhere, he commenced practice in Sheffield. From the first he made his mark, and for many years he conducted one of the largest practices in the city. While a good all-round man, he took special interest in gynaecology, and was a frequent visitor at the meetings of the Gynaecological Society. When the British Medical Association met in Sheffield in 1908 he was elected a vice-president of the Section of Gynaecology.

He was much beloved by his patients, who recognized under an exterior which at times could be stern enough, a generous and sympathetic nature, a clever doctor, and a loyal friend.

Possessed of extraordinary energy he did everything that he undertook with all his might. This strenuousness he

maintained even in his games and holidays, and it is too probable that the high pressure at which he constantly worked brought on arterial sclerosis, which was the cause of his death. For many years he hunted regularly with the Fitzwilliam hounds, commencing his professional rounds at a very early hour in the morning in order that he might snatch half a day for his favourite sport.

He married Miss Allott of Barnsley, who, with two sons and a daughter, survive him. We join with a large circle of his friends, among whom are many fellow practitioners, in offering our sympathy to his bereaved family.

J. G. DURRAN, M.B., C.M. ABERD.,

LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

THE sudden death of Dr. John George Durran, of Leighton Buzzard, at the early age of 55, came as a shock to his friends, and removes from the medical profession of the locality one whom it could ill afford to lose. He was taken ill on December 4th, 1913, with influenza, and died of heart failure on December 8th.

He was born at Bower, Caithness, and was the son of the Free Church minister of the parish. He was educated at the Glasgow High School and at Aberdeen University, where he took the degrees of M.B., C.M. He practised for some years at Kirriemuir, Forfarshire, and married in 1898 the daughter of the Town Clerk. He leaves a widow and a family of six children, the eldest being only 14 years old. He went to Leighton Buzzard eleven years ago, and was in partnership with the late Dr. Stedman, and recently with his son, Dr. Percy Stedman.

He was a man of deep religious convictions, and was appointed a lay reader by the Bishop of Oxford some time ago. He was also a member of the Church of England Missionary Society.

His connexion with the British Medical Association began about six years ago, when he took an active part in the formation of the Bucks Division. He represented the Division on the Branch Council of the South Midland Branch for some time. On the introduction of the Insurance Act he at once came to the front as a strong opponent, and he was proposed by the Division as a member of the Central Council of the Association, and elected in 1912. He attended all the numerous meetings of the Division during that eventful year and impressed the members by his eloquence and earnestness. He acted as Representative for the Division at the meeting in December, 1912, and in support of Dr. Todd's amendment made a powerful speech, which was listened to by the meeting without interruption. He had the foresight to see that resistance was impossible all over the country, and that it was best to allow each locality to act as it wished. He foresaw what would occur, and that there would be large numbers who would join the panels in spite of the majority voting against it.

For some years past Dr. ORPHOOT has not been the familiar figure on the streets of the New Town of Edinburgh that he was in the 'seventies and 'eighties of the last century, for he had retired from practice as a dentist and had gone to reside at Greenhythe, North Berwick. It was there that he died on December 17th, 1913, and his funeral, to the North Berwick cemetery, took place on Saturday, the 20th. He was in his eighty seventh year, and is survived by a widow and a family. He and his brother (Sheriff Orphoot) were the sons of Mr. John Orphoot, a printer in Edinburgh. He received his education partly at Carentan in France and partly at Edinburgh, and he graduated M.D. in the University of Edinburgh in 1852. He had a large and good class practice as a surgeon-dentist, his house being not far from the west end of George Street, in the days when that street was a favourite residential centre for both doctors and dentists. His memories went back to the time of the death of William IV, an event which he used to tell he heard shouted across the water from a passing ship as he was travelling by sea to London.

DR. KENNETH McADAM, of Oamaru, New Zealand, died on October 29th at the early age of 43. He was born in Glasgow, and as a child left his native land with his parents, who settled in Dunedin. There he spent his youth.