

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

The following degrees were conferred on October 16th :

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—*T. J. X. Canton, †R. A. Keane, †M. Cooney, M. J. Burns, V. C. Ellis, B. Lagan, J. MacDermott, P. Magner, P. D. Murphy, J. J. O'Brien, J. A. O'Tierney, T. J. Richardson, A. P. Spelman, Teresa J. Walsh.
M.Ch.—H. L. Barniville.

* Passed with first class honours.
† Passed with second class honours.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.
A COMITIA was held on October 26th, when Dr. Frederick Taylor, the President, was in the chair.

Admission of Members.

The following candidates, having passed the required examination, were admitted Members of the College; Edgar Douglas Adrian, M.B.Camb., James Froude Flashman, M.D. Sydney, and Charles Putnam Symonds, L.R.C.P.

Licences.

Licences to practise physic were granted to eighty-nine candidates who had passed the necessary examinations.

Resignation and Election of Censor.

A letter was received from Dr. Pasteur resigning the office of Censor, as he was about to proceed to France on military service. Dr. Sidney Phillips was elected Censor.

Veneral Diseases.

The following resolutions were passed:

- That in the opinion of this College administrative measures for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases will only attain their maximum effectiveness in protecting the public health when the treatment of such diseases by unqualified persons is prevented by law.
- That it is desirable that the recommendations (No. III) of the Patent Medicines Committee of the House of Commons, endorsed by the Royal Commission on Venereal Diseases, should at once be carried into effect.
- That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the Prime Minister, to the Home Secretary, and to the President of the Local Government Board.

Anniversary of the College.

The President drew the attention of the College to the fact that the 400th anniversary of the foundation of the College will occur in 1918.

Reports.

A report dated October 3rd was received from the Committee of Management, which announced (1) that the Grammar School, Ilkley, had been added to the list of institutions recognized by the Examining Board in England for instruction in chemistry and physics; (2) that the University of Allahabad had been added to the list of universities recognized by the Examining Board in England, and that graduates in medicine of the university be admissible to the Final Examination of the Board under the conditions of Paragraph IV, Section III, of the Regulations.

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A CORRECTION.

In the paragraph announcing the award of Entrance Scholarships to the London Hospital Medical College (JOURNAL, October 28th, p. 607), an unfortunate error occurred. The "Price" Science Scholarship awarded to Mr. R. A. Madgwick was of the value of £100, not £50 as printed.

Public Health

AND

POOR LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

POOR LAW MEDICAL OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

A COUNCIL meeting of this association was held at the offices, 9, Copthall Avenue, E.C., on October 20th, when Dr. Napper was in the chair.

The Honorary Secretary reported that a provincial member who held a commission in a Territorial regiment had complained that the War Office proposed to deduct from his military pay the salary he was receiving as workhouse medical officer because his infirmary had been taken over by the military authorities, although he was still attending to certain "scattered homes," attendance on which formed part of the duties for which the said salary was paid. The Honorary Secretary had brought the matter before the Central Medical War Committee, and was happy to report that the War Office had decided to permit this member the full benefit of his Poor Law salary.

From communications received with regard to the dispute between the local profession and the Burnley Guardians it appeared that Dr. Campbell, who had been working for the guardians, was about to be called up for military service. The local profession had expressed its willingness to arrange that Dr. Campbell's duties should be carried out provided the guardians reinstated the old district medical officers and public vaccinators, and had undertaken that one half of all the emoluments were to be paid to Dr. Campbell according to the Burnley war scheme, the arrangement to continue for the

duration of the war. It was thought probable that the guardians would accept the arrangement.

In reply to his inquiry a medical superintendent of a large provincial infirmary had been informed that the Poor Law orders did not provide for a holiday, but that sick leave could be claimed if necessary. He had also been informed that he could not claim extra remuneration for soldiers admitted to the infirmary in the place of sick paupers, but that he had the right of appeal to the Local Government Board as to the propriety of their admission.

A case was considered in which a Poor Law medical officer who had been called up for war service had been refused superannuation or even the return of his contributions. The Honorary Secretary had pointed out that the length of time for which he had held office did not entitle to superannuation, but that the guardians had power to return his contributions. While approving this advice the council expressed the opinion that it was a hardship that resignations in such circumstances should be regarded as voluntary, since a Poor Law medical officer was practically compelled to resign in order to serve his country.

The Services.

EXCHANGES.

CAPTAIN R.A.M.C., over eighteen months' foreign service, now in charge of corps troop, desires exchange with M.O. on home station. London or home county hospital preferred. Address No. 4199, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL Office, 429, Strand, W.C.

M.O., Cyclist, Field Ambulance in Kent, desires exchange (base hospital England or France, or R.M.O. France).—Address No. 4350, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL Office, 429, Strand, W.C.

Obituary.

DR. H. V. HICKMAN died on October 16th, aged 54, at his residence in Wanstead, Essex, where he had practised for twenty-five years. He was educated at the City of London School and at Guy's Hospital, and took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in 1890, and the degree of M.B. Lond. in 1891. At Guy's he held the appointments of house-physician and obstetric resident and was subsequently ophthalmic assistant for two years. He represented his hospital at many cup ties in the three-quarter line and held the second for the mile at the inter-hospital sports. He was a member of the British Medical Association and had held the office of chairman of the Walthamstow Division. At the time of his death he was anaesthetist to the Walthamstow Hospital and medical officer to the 5th Battalion Essex (Volunteer) Regiment, in the work of which he took the warmest interest. A man of fearless honesty and intense kindness of heart his death is a very keen sorrow to his colleagues and patients.

WE regret to announce the death of Dr. JOHN THOMAS KNOWLES-JONES which occurred at Bournemouth on October 25th. He was for many years in active practice in Brixton and was much respected by all who came in contact with him. He received his medical education at Guy's Hospital, where he was an obstetric assistant. He took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.S.A. in 1868 and that of M.R.C.P. Irel. in 1899; he graduated M.D. Durh. in 1893. Before settling in Brixton he for some years helped his father in his native town of Llanfyllin, Montgomeryshire. He was senior surgeon to the Brixton Dispensary. He retired from private practice some years ago and spent much time in foreign travel. He continued, however, to take an active interest in his profession and was well versed in the topics of the day. He had recently gone to reside at Bournemouth. He was a staunch Unionist in politics, a keen sportsman, a genial companion, and had a happy power of making friends. As a Welshman he was true to the Principality, as evidenced by his activities in many ways, especially in the Cymmrodorion Society and as one of the governors of the Ashford Schools. He was twice married and leaves a widow. His only son, Dr. Orford Jones, died some years ago in New Zealand.

THE death is announced of Dr. JAMES DUNBAR-BRUNTON, well known in the sporting world for his work *Big Game Hunting in Central Africa* and his *Sportsman's Guide to N.E. Rhodesia*. He was the son of the late Mr. John