

are a party to the indefinite multiplication of such appointments, and to the education of the public to underestimate the value of a medical education. It is this policy of "drift" which is dangerous to the medical profession at the present time. As it stands, the resolution to which Dr. Heaney gave his support is not likely to receive much consideration from recalcitrant authorities in view of the recent difficulties experienced in persuading local authorities to adopt the £500 a year minimum for all junior appointments.

The time has surely arrived for the British Medical Association to adopt a definite policy on a matter which will have far-reaching effects on the future of medicine.—
I am, etc.,

W. H. DAIVSON.

Birmingham, July 27th.

* * * Our correspondent perhaps does not appreciate all the difficulties. The British Medical Association has not allowed this matter to "drift," but on the contrary has refused a large number of advertisements because they showed no increase on pre-war salaries. It has adopted a minimum of £500 for junior appointments, and it accepts no advertisement for a senior appointment which does not show a substantial increase on pre-war salaries. It attempted to arrive, in conjunction with the Society of Medical Officers of Health, at a new scale which would cover all medical officers, but this was not approved by the Representative Meeting for reasons which seemed good to a body containing a number of medical officers of health. The Association and the Society of Medical Officers of Health are together to attack this problem in the immediate future, and there is no doubt that a way will be found of improving the conditions of medical officers in the public health services just as has been done for those in nearly every other service.

PROPOSED TELEPHONE CHARGES.

SIR,—I have failed to find any reference in the JOURNAL to the proposed new rates of subscriptions for telephones. At present the rate is £5 for the instrument and 500 calls, those calls used in excess of this number being charged at a defined rate. It is now proposed to charge £7 10s. (in the provinces, with exceptions) for the use of instrument and 1¼d. for each call. The excuse is that the small user now pays for the calls of the large user.

Under the new rate the user who makes 500 calls a year will pay over 5d. a call, while the user of 5,000 calls will pay a trifle over 2d. a call! This appears to me to be a case that the British Medical Association might well take up in the interest of the practitioners who are mainly small users.

The most equitable method appears to be a rental which includes a certain number of calls—say, the equivalent to the rental at 2d. or 3d. per call, and all extra calls to be charged at the same rate per call.—I am, etc.,

Mumbles, July 24th.

F. DE COVERLY VEALE.

Obituary.

JOHN GRIMES, M.D., B.Sc.LOND., M.R.C.S.ENG.,
Grassendale, Liverpool.

We regret to record the death of Dr. John Grimes, of Grassendale, Liverpool, at the age of 77, which took place at his residence on July 25th. He took the B.Sc. degree of London in 1865, the M.B.Lond. and the M.R.C.S. the following year, and the M.D. in 1870. In 1871 he settled in Grassendale and quickly built up an extensive practice. He joined the Liverpool Medical Institution in 1872 and so would have celebrated his jubilee in a couple of years had he lived. He was able to retire from practice at the age of 60 and devoted much of his leisure to public work which he loved, and in which he was eminently successful. The older members of the community remember with gratitude the gracious personality and uniform kindness which marked his practice and which were associated with a recognized skill in his profession. His interest was at all times exercised on behalf of the poorer people, and after his retirement he devoted himself without stint to their service. He was elected as one of the representatives of Garston on the West Derby Board of Guardians, of which he subsequently became chairman, having served on nearly all the committees.

Recognizing the paramount importance of centres for hospital treatment near the homes of the people he worked hard, together with the other local practitioners, to provide a general hospital in Garston in place of the old Local Government Board hospital, which was only for accident cases. Subscriptions were obtained, but it was not until a generous grant from the estate of the late Sir Alfred Jones was secured, together with a grant from the Corporation, that the present beautiful Sir Alfred Jones Memorial Hospital was erected and opened in 1916. Dr. Grimes was made the first chairman of the committee. He was also a member of the executive of the Liverpool Central Relief Organization, and an enthusiastic supporter of the University Extension Movement, being for many years chairman of the Grassendale Society for University Extension. His home was a centre of culture, and for many years was the head quarters of various committees. He was engaged in committee work up to within a week of his death, and may be said to have died in harness. His was a fine character, the type of the general practitioner that has exalted the profession of medicine. He leaves a widow but no children. Prior to cremation a largely attended service was held in Grassendale Parish Church, of which he was for years a sidesman.

THE death took place recently, at the age of 66, of Dr. JAMES ISAAC PADDLE, medical superintendent of the lunatic asylums of Mauritius. Dr. Paddle had a distinguished career, first at the Royal College at Mauritius, and later at University College, London, where he won an entrance exhibition, many gold medals and prizes, and the Gilchrist scholarship. He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in 1880 and obtained the B.A., B.Sc., and M.D. degrees of the University of London. On his return to Mauritius he held a succession of posts under the Government, and eventually became superintendent of the Government lunatic asylum—a post which he retained without taking a holiday for twenty-five years. Dr. Paddle died at Bournemouth, during his first leave of absence, from malaria complicated by influenza and pneumonia. Dr. D. E. Anderson (London) writes: Dr. Paddle had a high sense of duty, and was held in great esteem by everybody in the island. He was upright in his dealings, and to his meekness he added the virtue of piety. His judgement was held in high esteem by his fellow practitioners. He leaves a widow and a large family, of whom two sons fought in the war, and one—now a student of medicine—received the Military Cross.

The Services.

STANDARD ARTIFICIAL LIMBS FOR PENSIONERS. FOR over three years the Ministry of Pensions has had under consideration the standardization of the types of artificial legs supplied to pensioners, the object being to facilitate repair and replacement. Work upon this standardization was carried out last summer by a committee under the chairmanship of Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon, and completed by the Minister's advisers, Sir Charles Kenderdine, K.B.E., Director of Artificial Limb Supplies, Mr. T. H. Openshaw, C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S., Mr. E. Muirhead Little, F.R.C.S., Mr. R. C. Elmslie, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., Mr. Michael Longridge, C.B.E., Past President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and Mr. A. D. Bailey, Technical Adviser to the Ministry of Pensions.

The specification of these standard limbs has now been approved by the Advisory Council to the Ministry and Colonel Sir Lisle Webb, K.B.E., Director-General of Medical Services. In a few months all artificial legs of wood or leather supplied to pensioners will comply with the new specification. The method adopted has been to standardize the mechanism of the limb and the metal component parts, leaving the actual limb to be fitted to and assembled for the individual pensioner by the limb-maker. The latter point is of great importance, as every limb must necessarily be adapted to the individual needs of the man. Standardization is not to be allowed to interfere with progress. It is a standardization of those types of limbs which have been thoroughly and extensively tested, and of which about 35,000 have been issued. Further improvements will be made, and the types will be modified as these are tested and proved.

The Ministry has had in hand the problem of providing a lighter artificial leg made of duralumin or some similar metal instead of wood and leather, and one type of this light limb has now received the approval of the advisers. Light limbs have evident advantages for certain cases. The pattern now approved will, it is hoped, be capable of being made by an engineering firm in such a way that only the actual fitting to the man need be carried out by a skilled limb-fitter.

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TERRITORIAL DECORATION.

THE Territorial Decoration has been conferred upon the following medical officers of the Territorial Force:—*Army Medical Service*: Colonel Creighton H. Lindsay, C.M.G., D.S.O. *Royal Army Medical Corps*: Lieut.-Colonels James F. MacIntosh, 1st Highland Field Ambulance, and Arthur E. Jerman, 4th London Field Ambulance.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

AT a special congregation held on July 29th the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on Dr. J. J. Abel, Professor of Pharmacology in Johns Hopkins University, and on Dr. Harvey Cushing, Professor of Surgery in Harvard University.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.

AN ordinary Comitia was held on July 29th, the President, Sir Norman Moore, Bt., being in the chair.

On the recommendation of the Censors Board it was resolved:

That Frederick Arthur Pring be declared to be no longer a Licentiate of the College, and that he forfeit all rights and privileges of a Licentiate, and that his name be removed from the list of Licentiates during the pleasure of the College.

The following appointments were announced by the President: Dr. F. Parkes Weber to deliver the new Mitchell Lecture in 1921; Dr. Arthur Whitfield the Lumleian Lecture in 1921; Dr. R. O. Moon the FitzPatrick Lectures in 1921; Dr. George Graham the Goulstonian Lectures in 1921; Dr. Thomas Lewis the Oliver-Sharpey Lecture in 1921; Dr. Gordon M. Holmes the Croonian Lectures in 1922.

A grant of £100 was made to Sir F. W. Mott from the Croonian Trust for his researches.

Dr. Eardley Lancelot Holland was admitted to the Fellowship of the College.

The following were admitted to the Membership after having passed the required examination:

Arthur Cecil Alport, M.D.Edin., Frederic Vivian Bevan-Brown, M.D.Lond., Gerald Kessick Bowes, M.B.Oxf., Henry Cecil Herbert Bull, M.B.Camb., William Seigfried Dawson, Geoffrey Barrow Dowling, M.B.Lond., Harold Gardiner-Hill, M.B.Camb., Theo Jenner Hooper Hoskin, M.B.Camb., John Inkster, M.D.Aberd., Jack Joffe, M.B.Lond., John William McNeer, M.D.Glasg., Thomas Herbert Oliver, M.D.Manch., Roland John Perkins, M.B.Lond., Joseph Harold Sheldon, M.D.Lond., George John Sophianopoulos, Ambrose Thomas Stanton, M.D.Toronto, Hugh Stott, M.D.Lond., Richard James Campbell Thompson, Arthur Peregrine Thomson, M.B.Birm., Alfred Gregson Williams, M.B.Camb., Thomas Pearce Williams, M.D.Lond., Irene Yates, M.D.Lond.

Licences to practise physic were granted to eighty-five candidates who had conformed to the by-laws and regulations and passed the required examinations, and Diplomas in Public Health were granted jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons to thirty-five candidates, whose names are printed below.

The Murchison Scholarship was awarded to Rowland John Perkins, and a special award of ten guineas was made to John Vernon Cannadine Braithwaite *proxime accessit*.

The following appointments were made on the nomination of the President and Council:—*Censors*: Dr. H. W. G. Mackenzie, Sir John Rose Bradford, Sir James Galloway, Dr. John Fawcett. *Treasurer*: Sir Dyce Duckworth. *Registrar*: Dr. J. A. Ormerod. *Harveian Librarian*: Dr. T. H. Arnold Chaplin. *Library Committee*: Dr. Dawson Williams, Dr. A. F. Voelcker, Dr. Herbert R. Spencer, Dr. Raymond H. P. Crawford. *Curators of the Museum*: Dr. J. Mitchell Bruce, Sir Seymour J. Sharkey, Sir Frederick W. Andrewes, Dr. William Hunter. *Finance Committee*: Dr. Sidney P. Phillips, Dr. Arthur Templer Davies, Dr. Herbert R. Spencer.

Dr. G. E. Blacker was elected, on the nomination of the Council, a councillor to take the place of Dr. Fawcett, appointed Censor.

Fellows newly elected to any office gave their faith to the College.

Communications were received from: (1) The Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons, reporting proceedings of the Council of that College on May 13th, June 10th, and July 8th respectively; (2) Dr. Reginald Vaughan Solly, dated June 18th, 1920, asking that the Membership resigned by him in January last may be restored to him.

The President announced that he had awarded the Bisset Hawkins medal to Dr. W. H. Hamer; and that he had nominated Sir William Hale-White to serve on a committee appointed by

the Minister of Health to advise upon the control of therapeutic substances which cannot be tested by direct chemical means.

A letter was read from the Registrar of the University of Birmingham, asking the College to appoint a representative on the governing body of that University in the place of the late Dr. Samuel West. On the nomination of the President, Dr. Dawson Williams was elected to this office.

A report from Sir Humphry Rolleston and Mr. H. J. Waring, representatives of the Royal Colleges, upon their visit to the examination held at Philadelphia, May 19th-26th, 1920, by the National Board of Examiners, was received and referred to the Committee of Management. The President referred to the great value of this report.

Dr. Sidney Martin, Chairman of the Committee of Reference, presented a complete report of the proceedings of the Committee of Reference. The warmest thanks of the College were voted to Dr. Martin and to Mr. F. G. Hallett, who acted as Secretary to the Committee.

The annual report of the Cancer Research Fund was received and the thanks of the College were accorded to the Executive Committee.

A report, dated June 9th, 1920, from the representative of the College on the General Medical Council, upon the proceedings of the Council at the meeting held in May-June last was received and entered on the minutes.

A report from Sir George Savage, concerning the Chelsea Physic Garden, was received, and Sir George Savage was re-appointed a representative on the Committee of Management.

The Committee recommended that Sir Charles Ballance be appointed visitor to the examinations of the Egyptian School of Medicine for the next period of examination.

After some further formal business the President declared the Comitia closed.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

AN ordinary Council was held on July 29th, when Sir Anthony Bowlby, President, was in the chair.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to the eighty-four candidates found qualified at the recent examinations. The names are given below under English Conjoint Board.

Mr. Evelyn Sprawson, Dental Surgeon at the London Hospital Dental School, was elected a member of the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery.

With regard to the Primary Examination for the Fellowship, it was resolved that in future the paper of four questions be set in anatomy, and the paper of six questions in physiology, four of which in the latter subject must be answered.

The College, Bishop's Stortford, and Victoria Institute, Worcester, were added to the list of institutions for instruction in chemistry and physics already recognized.

The Lister Memorial Fund.

The following letter was read from the honorary secretary of the Lister Memorial Fund:

The Royal Society,
Burlington House, W.1.

I am directed by the Executive Committee of the Lister Memorial Fund to ask whether the Royal College of Surgeons of England would be prepared to become Trustees and Administrators of the Lister Memorial Fund. If they would be willing to do this, it is proposed that they should have the entire administration of the Trust subject to the following provisions:

1. That out of the General Fund a sum of £500, together with a bronze medal, be awarded every three years, irrespective of nationality, in recognition of distinguished contributions to surgical science, the recipient being required to give an Address in London under the auspices of the Royal College of Surgeons.
2. That the award be made by a Committee constituted as follows:

- Two members nominated by the Royal Society.
- Two members nominated by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.
- One member nominated by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.
- One member nominated by the University of Edinburgh.
- One member nominated by the University of Glasgow.

3. That any surplus income of the General Fund, after providing for the erection of a monument, and after defraying administrative expenses, be either devoted to the furtherance of surgical science by means of grants or be invested to increase the capital of the Fund.

A letter of July 21st was read from the Honorary Secretary, Sir John Rose Bradford, reporting the transference of stocks into the name of "The Royal College of Surgeons of England" in pursuance of the undertaking of the College to become the Trustees and Administrators of the Lister Memorial Fund.

CONJOINT BOARD IN ENGLAND.

THE diplomas of L.R.C.P. and M.R.C.S. have been conferred upon the following successful candidates at the final examinations:

A. N. Aitken, H. S. Baker, W. J. Birchall, S. Blackman, T. L. Bonar, J. P. Brown, G. N. Campsey, L. E. R. Carroll, G. W. Cheater, H. S. Cohea, Sarah A. Cooper, D. Crawford, J. W. Crawshaw, F. W. Crook, K. V. Deakin, S. N. Deboo, G. V. J. A. de Rynck, W. D. Doherty, T. A. J. Duff, R. S. Fawcett, J. Flanagan, Ada M. Freeman, Blanche S. Gardner, A. D. Gill, C. I. C. Gill, Doris E. F. Goodall, E. E. D. Gray, Hilda T. Haggitt, Gertrude E. Harze, H. A. Harris, F. Heber, L. W. Hefferman, Sylvia K. Hickson, G. F. W. Howorth, H. V. Jackson, F. J. Jauch, Marjorie M. Jefferson, Doris E. P. Jolly, S. G. Jones, Dorothy