of sleep they should have for their age. I once had an inquiry made as to bedtime hours in all chorea cases admitted to hospital under me. The result quite bore out my expectations—that is, that these children were up hours after they should have been in bed. For example, children of 10 years of age and under were running about till after 9 p.m.

In the treatment of chorea I am quite sure rest is the most vital factor. One has seen quite a variety of drugs used at different times for this complaint, and usually good results are obtained from them all, provided the case is also kept strictly at rest. May it not be also conceivable that the heart condition, so often found associated with chorea, is due, anyhow, in part, to the same cause? The heart in this child has been over-worked, and has succumbed to an infection that otherwise it might have resisted. Some observers have noted that the heart in children develops irregularly, and that when the period of rapid growth is taking place the softer fibres are more prone to injury and disease.—I am, etc.,

Wolverhampton, Feb. 6th.

E. Hayling Coleman.

Ultra-violet Rays and Seminal Stains

Sir,—In his letter in the Journal of January 6th (p. 37) Dr. F. W. Martin very rightly draws attention to the value of filtered ultra-violet light in determining the site of seminal stains; he does not, however, point out that in the present state of our knowledge evidence of fluorescence alone, uncorroborated by chemical or microscopical tests, is insufficient proof that the stains are due to semen and to nothing else. Work on fluorescence is being carried out in this laboratory, but must still be considered to be in the experimental stage, and a considerable amount of work remains to be done. At the present time I advise the use of filtered ultra-violet light for locating a stain which is not obvious to the naked eye, followed by chemical or microscopical tests for determining its nature.—I am, etc.,

Norman Burgess, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P.

Criminal Investigation Research Laboratory, Central Police Station, Bristol, Feb. 8th.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Dr. William Stoble, Hon. M.A., has been appointed representative of the University at the conference of the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Dr. Eric Holmes has been appointed a member of the Faculty Board of Medicine until December 31st, 1934, in the room of Dr. R. A. Webb. Mr. W. H. Bowen, M.S.Lond., F.R.C.S., has been appointed a member of the M.D. Committee until September 30th, 1934, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Sir F. Gowland Hopkins.

The third report of the Council of the Senate on proposed amendments to the regulations for academical dress is published in the Cambridge University Reporter of February 6th. The recommendations end with a proviso that a member of the University may continue to wear any academical dress which when he first wore it conformed to the practice of the time.

At a congregation held on February 10th recommendations for the establishment of a Shield Readership in Pharmacology in the Faculty of Biology "B," and of a Subdepartment of Pharmacology in the Department of Physiology, were approved. Recommendations in regard to the Molteno Institute of Paleopathology were also approved. Professor E. H. Kettle, M.D.Lond., was appointed an elector to the Professorship of Animal Pathology in succession to the late Sir William Hardy. Professor G. H. F. Nottall was appointed to represent the University at the centenary of the University of Bern, in June next.

The following medical degrees were conferred on February 10th:

M.D.—S. Vatcher.
M.B., B.Chir.—G. F. Barran.
M.B.—C. R. T. Lane, W. D. Brown.

The title of the degree of B.Chir. has been conferred by diploma on E. D. Thompson of Girton College.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL RADIOLOGY AND ELECTROLOGY (Part 1):

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Dr. G. P. Wright has been assigned to the Faculty of Medicine as from March 1st. Mr. H. L. Eason, C.B., C.M.G., has been reappointed representative of the University on the General Medical Council.

Applications for grants from (1) the Dixon Fund, for assisting scientific investigations, and (2) the Thomas Smythe Hughes and Beaverbrook Medical Research Funds, for assisting original medical research, must be sent in between April 1st and May 15th. Particulars can be obtained from the Academic Registrar.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

A meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons was held on February 8th, with the President, Sir Holburt Waring, in the chair.

The President reported the appointment of Mr. Victor Bonney as Bradshaw Lecturer for the ensuing collegiate year. Mr. Bonney was also re-elected the representative of the College on the Central Midwives Board.

Diplomas

Diplomas of Membership were granted to the following candidates who have passed the final examination in medicine, surgery, midwifery, and pathology of the Conjoint Board:—C. B. Harvey, H. D. Fairman, J. R. Kingdon; and to 150 other candidates whose names were printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London in the Journal of February 3rd at page 220; as were the names of the fifteen candidates who have been granted Diplomas in Public Health.

Council Election

The President reported that an election of four Fellows into the Council would take place on Thursday, July 5th, at 11 a.m., in the vacancies occasioned by the retirement in rotation of Mr. Ernest W. Hey Groves, Mr. G. Grey Turner, and Mr. Hugh Lett, and by the death of Mr. R. F. Rowlands; that notice of the election would be given to the Fellows by advertisement and by circular on March 9th; that March 19th would be the last day for the nomination of candidates; and that a voting paper would be sent on April 3rd to every Fellow of the College whose address was registered at the College.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

A meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh was held on February 8th, when Dr. A. H. H. Sinclair, professor, was in the chair. The following candidates, having passed the requisite examinations, were admitted Fellows: T. W. Carroll, M.B., B.S., Melb.; J. B. MacIntyre, M.B., M.Ch.; B. Reid, M.B.; Ch.B.; B. Williams, M.B., B.S., Melb.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

A quarterly meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh was held on February 8th, with the president, Dr. Edwin Bramwell, in the chair. Dr. Ian George Wilson Hill (Aberdeen) and Dr. Sydney Alruth Smith (Edinburgh) were introduced, and took their seats in the College. Dr. Francis Wm. Murray Cunningham (Hove), Dr. Prem Nath Suri (Lahore), and Dr. Alex. MacAndrew Gillespie (Gold Coast) were elected Fellows.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND

At a meeting of the President, Vice-President, and Council held on February 9th, William Norman Rae, M.A., F.I.C., was elected professor of chemistry and physics in the Schools of Surgery of the College.
The death took place at his residence in Brighton, on February 10th, of George Charles Louis Vintras, B.Sc., Paris, M.D., Durh. He was born in London sixty-nine years ago, son of Dr. Achilles Vintras, founder of the French Hospital and Dispensary in Shaftesbury Avenue, and of the French Convalescent Home at Brighton. Louis Vintras was educated in France and England, and spoke and wrote French and English with equal facility. He received his medical education at St. Mary's Hospital, qualifying M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1890. He was a Knight of the Légion d'Honneur, and a Knight and Officer of the Order of the Lion and Sun of Persia, and also held the medal of King Albert of Belgium. He was consulting physician to the French Hospital and director of the French Convalescent Home in Brighton for twenty-one years, from 1907 to 1928. In his earlier years he travelled extensively as medical officer in the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company Service in the West Indies and South America, and he also was medical officer to H.M. Transport Tagus in the Boer War. During the Great War Dr. Vintras was commandant and medical officer to the French Convalescent Home and Auxiliary Hospital in Brighton. He had also been assistant secretary to the French delegates at the Congress of Hygiene and Demography in London, 1891, and was physician to the Société des Gens de Lettres. He was for some years a member of the British Medical Association, and had contributed many articles to English and foreign medical journals. Dr. Vintras was possessed of a very charming personality, and when just over a year ago he recognized the fatal character of his illness, his courageous acceptance of the inevitable and his cheerful demeanour throughout were a source of admiration and inspiration to all who came across him.

The Services

DIRECTOR-GENERAL A.M.S.

The War Office announces that Major-General J. A. Hartigan, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B., Honorary Physician to the King, at present Deputy Director of Medical Services, Aldershot Command, has been appointed Director-General, Army Medical Services, with effect from March 1st, 1934, in succession to Lieut.-General Sir Harold B. Fawcus, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.L., M.B., Honorary Physician to the King, who is retiring at his own request.

Medical News

The Rickman Godlee Lecture will be delivered in the Great Hall of University College, London, to-day (Friday, February 16th). The lecturer is Sir Arthur Eddington, F.R.S., Plumian Professor of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, and his subject “The Constitution of the Stars. The chair will be taken at 5.30 p.m. by Lord Dawson of Penn.

Dr. R. G. Canti will give an address and cinematograph demonstration on “The Cultivation of Living Tissue” to the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, on Tuesday, March 6th. Members will be received by the president of the Branch, Dr. C. F. T. Scott, at 5 p.m.

The next quarterly meeting of the Royal Meteorological Association will be held at Tavistock Square, 5th, on Thursday, February 22nd, at 2.30 p.m., when Dr. T. Lindsay will read a paper on “Mental Deficiency at Caterham.”

The annual meeting of the Industrial Health Education Society will be held at Lord Luke's house, 29, Portman Square, W., on Wednesday, February 28th, at 4 p.m. The speakers will include Lord Horder, Sir Thomas Oliver, and Mr. George Hicks, M.P., secretary of the Building Trade Workers’ Union. All communications in regard to the work of the society should be addressed to the secretary, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, W.C.1.

The next meeting of the Royal Microscopical Society will be held at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C., on Wednesday, February 21st, at 5.30 p.m., when papers will be read by Professor R. Tanner Hewlett, and Mr. J. E. Barnard and Mr. F. V. Welch.

At a meeting of the Medico-Legal Society at 11, Chandos Street, W., on February 22nd, a paper will be read by Sir Lancelot Sanderson on law and order and medicine in India in the future, to be followed by a discussion.

The next course of post-graduate lectures and demonstrations on medical, surgical, and special subjects, given by honorary staff of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, will open on Tuesday, February 20th, and will continue each week (with the exception of April 3rd) till May 15th. The demonstration of clinical cases and methods in the wards and special departments, which commence on Friday, February 23rd, will be continued till Friday, May 11th (with the exceptions of March 30th and April 6th). There is no fee, and arrangements are made for the parking of cars.

The Fellowship of Medicine and Post-Graduate Medical Association (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces that the sixth lecture-demonstration, by Dr. Clark-Kennedy, on Thursday, will take place at 11, Chandos Street, on February 20th, at 2.30 p.m. The subject of the seventh lecture, on February 27th, will be jaundice. A demonstration on the treatment of recent and old fractures will be given on February 27th, at 2.30 p.m., by Mr. Alan Gairdner, at St. George-in-the-East Hospital. Forthcoming courses will include medicine, surgery, and gynaecology at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, March 5th to 24th; proctology at the Gordon Hospital, March 5th to 10th; week-end course in clinical surgery at the Royal Albert Dock Hospital, March 10th and 11th; orthopaedics at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, March 12th to 25th; week-end course in diseases of the chest, March 24th and 25th, at the Brompton Hospital. Courses of instruction, clinics, etc., arranged by the Fellowship are open only to members and associates.

At the annual meeting and luncheon of the Institute of Child Psychiatry, held on February 8th at the Florence Restaurant, the directors, Dr. Margaret Lowenfeld and Dr. Ethel Dukes, gave an account of the work done at the Institute in the investigation and treatment of the psychological disturbances of childhood. Begun in a small way in 1928 as a centre for research and study, the increasing demands upon the Institute led to the acquisition of new and larger premises at 26, Warwick Avenue, W.9. Among those present at the luncheon, over which Professor Winifred Cullis presided, were Lady Glenconner (vice-president), Dr. G. E. Oates, medical officer of health, Paddington, and Miss M. C. L. Greaves, Board of Education.

A demonstration of contraceptive methods, for medical practitioners only, will be given at 108, Whitfield Street, Tottenham Court Road, W., on February 21st, at 2.30 p.m. Application for tickets should be made in writing to the honorary secretary, C.B.C., at that address.

At the annual meeting of the American Association of Oral and Plastic Surgery held at New York last November, Dr. J. P. Webster delivered an address on Gaspare Tagliazuzzo, the father of plastic surgery.

The issue of Paris Medical for January 27th contains the English text of the four bulletins written in pencil by Major Archibald Arnott, surgeon to the 26th British Regiment, at Napoleon’s deathbed, and now in possession of M. Gentili de Giuseppe.

January 29th was the centenary of the birth of the celebrated physician Rudolf Heidenhain, who died on October 13th, 1897.

The following bequests are included in the will of the late Mr. Samuel Taylor, of Acorns Green, Birmingham; £50 each to the General Hospitals of Stevenage, Queen’s Hospital, Birmingham; the Children’s Hospital, Ladywood Road, Birmingham; Birmingham Midland Eye Hospital, Church Street, Birmingham; Birmingham and Midland Ear and Throat Hospital; and Birmingham Midland Skin and Urinary Hospital.