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study medicine at Aberdeen University. After graduating M.B., Ch.B. in 1938 he held hospital appointments in Aberdeen and at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow. This work with children seemed to help him master a long-established shyness of manner, which he never quite lost. In 1941, immediately after joining the R.A.M.C., he found himself in the Middle East. During much of his four years of active service in the Western Desert, he was occupied with court medical duties and looking after the sick and wounded. He passed the 5th battalion of the Black Watch Regiment, and his constancy in battle earned him the admiration and affection of all his comrades-in-arms. A fellow officer wrote about him: "While the rest of us were scrabbling to get below ground level, Donald would go on treating the wounded. The courage came not from a lack of fear but from overcoming fear. Devotion to duty often led him to neglect his own medical needs in attaining to those of others. He adhered firmly to Christian principles throughout his life. After demobilization Dr. McRobbie worked as a house-surgeon at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, and in 1946 took up general practice in Turriff. He followed a simple approach—"a need of the patients come first"—in all matters of professional care and behaviour he set himself the highest of standards and was shocked by any attempt to abandon honourable traditions. His steadfastness in the face of illness and adversity was worthy of a true son of the north-east. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and to his mother in their sad loss.—W. R. C. L.

Dr. E. W. Routley died at Aldershot on December 5, 1956, at the age of 90. Edwin Walter Routley was born at Bath on October 27, 1866, and was educated at King Edward VI Grammar School, Bath, where he was a scholar. After leaving school he became a pharmacist and an expert phonograph listener before taking up the study of medicine rather late in life. He received his medical training at Guy's Hospital, where he won the Golding-Bird gold medal and a scholarship in bacteriology in 1905. In 1902, while still a medical student, he was awarded a prize for an essay on consciousness by the Guy's Hospital Physical Society. He qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1904, taking the Brussels M.D. in the same year and the Cambridge D.P.H. in 1905. He became a Member of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1911. After qualification he held the post of assistant demonstrator in bacteriology at Guy's Hospital. In 1905 he was appointed medical officer of health for Aldershot, a post he retained until his retirement in 1931. He was also assistant bacteriological officer to the Hampshire County Council and lecturer in sanitary law and administration at King's College, London. Other appointments he held at Aldershot included those of honorary bacteriologist and pathologist to the local hospital, medical superintendent of the isolation hospital, and medical officer to the education committee. During the second world war he reassumed the duties of medical officer of health while his successor, Dr. J. Craig Lindsay, was in the R.A.M.C. In the intervening period of eight years (1931–9) he was employed as a civilian medical practitioner with the R.A.M.C. and was medical officer to the 1st Guards battalion at Aldershot. By nature Dr. Routley was quiet and gentle, with a great love of medicine and was a widower for the last 34 years of his life. He is survived by one daughter and two sons, one of whom is also medically qualified and a Guy's man.

Dr. W. A. Anderson, formerly senior surgeon to the Benn Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Belfast, and chairman of the Board of Management of the Belfast Ophthalmic and Benn Hospitals, died on December 9, 1956, at the age of 71. From the Royal Belfast Academical Institution William Arthur Anderson went on to Clare College, Cambridge. He received his clinical training at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and qualified by taking the London Joint diploma in 1910. After spending the eventful period of the first world war in the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital he graduated M.B., B.Chir. in 1914, and shortly afterwards joined the staff of the Benn Hospital. During the first world war he served in the R.A.M.C. as an ophthalmic specialist in France, Belgium and Italy for four eventful years. He was mentioned in dispatches, and in 1919 was awarded the Médaille des Épidémies (d'Or) by the French Government. After the war he proceeded to the M.D. in 1921. When he returned home the Benn Hospital was a small establishment of twenty beds doing an immense amount of work with very scanty resources Europe bleeding from deficit to deficit. Dr. Anderson, being a man of great energy, was a valuable acquisition, and for over thirty years he was to provide the additional force needed to secure the enlargement of the hospital. When he retired in 1950, as senior surgeon, it was an institution of which he could be proud. On his retirement he became honorary consulting surgeon to the hospital and was presented with an illuminated certificate on his election as an honorary governor. His services were also retained as a member of the Belfast Ophthalmic and Benn Hospitals management committee. Dr. Anderson had held office as president of the Irish Ophthalmological Society and of the Ulster Medical Society and as vice-president of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom. He was a member of the Ophthalmic Group Committee of the British Medical Association from 1945 to 1949, and for many years he was a deputy lieutenant for the city of Belfast. He was a skilled operator, and his opinions were always inspired by common sense and were respected and sought after by all his colleagues. He ultimately became chairman of the board of management of the Belfast Ophthalmic and Benn Hospitals and guided their fortunes successfully in a very difficult time. A true and sincere friend, he could always be relied on in any difficulty. He was always loyal to medicine, but farming was his second love. In 1945 he contributed an article to the Ulster Medical Journal on soil and nutrition. He took farming seriously with sound common sense and his efforts until failing health compelled him to make life more easily. He is survived by his wife and two sons, to whom we extend our sincere sympathy in their loss.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

At a graduation ceremony on December 12, 1956, the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—J. Watt (with honours), Jessie C. Yorston (nee Millar) (with commendation).

Ch.M.—T. L. Carr.


ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the College held on December 12, 1956, with Sir Walter Mercer, President, in the chair, the following candidates, having passed the requisite examinations, were admitted fellows:


ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

At a meeting of the Council of the College held at Melbourne on October 9 the following candidates, who were successful at an examination by the Australian Board of Censors, were admitted to Membership of the College: Dr. A. G. Zaver, of Queensland; Dr. C. S. H. Reid, Dr. D. E. Smith, and Dr. N. J. Yorkston, of New South Wales; Dr. C. W. Baird, Dr. R. H. D. Bean, Dr. J. L. Blunt, Dr. A. C. L. Clark, Dr. R. K. Dolg, and Dr. W. H. Orchard, of Victoria; Dr. N. D. Abbott, Dr. R. G. Gold, and Dr. P. M. Last, of South Australia; Dr. D. D. Letham, of Western Australia.
SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Saturday, January 5
B.R.G. SOCIETY.—At National Hospital, Queen Square, W. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., meeting. Scientific papers.

Monday, January 7
MARLBOROUGH DAY HOSPITAL.—8.15 p.m., Dr. H. C. Bectie: Role of the Contemporary Psychologist in Modern Psychiatry.

●UNITED HOSPITALS CATHOLIC SOCIETY.—At 13, Devonshire Place, W. 1, 8 p.m., The Reverend John McDonald: The Moral Law and Medicine.

Tuesday, January 8
BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FOUNDATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Sir Sirly Zuckerman, F.R.S.: Tropical Medical Systems.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Phyllis Wade: Radiation Treatment of Skin Cancer (Part II).

Wednesday, January 9
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Significance of Yeasts in Skin Diseases.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CREST.—5 p.m., Mr. D. S. M. Barlow: Oesophageal Obstruction.

ROYAL MEDICO-Psychological ASSOCIATION: PSYCHOTHERAPY AND SOCIAL PSYCHIATRY SECTION.—At 11, Chandos Street, W. 8, 8 p.m., Dr. M. Ballin: General Practice and Psychiatry. (Open to members and thirty guests.)

SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY: MICROCHEMISTRY GROUP.—At “The Feathers,” Tudor Street, E.C., 6.30 p.m., London discussion meeting.

Thursday, January 10
ACADEMY OF ADLER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11, Chandos Street, W. 8, p.m., Dr. E. Weismann: The Unconscious in Adlerian Psychology and Psychotherapy.

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FOUNDATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Professor Geoffrey Haldifield: The Role of Anaesthetics in Cardiac Surgery. Dr. W. Nixson: The Endocrine System in Breast Cancer.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Phyllis Wade: Radiation Treatment of Skin Cancer (Part III).

Friday, January 11
●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. C. D. Calman: Clinical Dermatophatology.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CREST.—5 p.m., Dr. R. K. Dobson: Clinical Anatomical Pathology.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., Mr. A. R. Dinsley: Cancer of the Mouth and Pharynx.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Lecture Theatre, St. Mary’s Hospital Medical School, 5.30 p.m., lecture on the renal arteries and the endocrine system in pregnancy by Professor H. J. J. Dryden (Harvard). "Physiology of the Gonads and Tissue Proteins.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Watson Smith Lecture by Dr. R. M. B. MacKenzie: Acne Vulgaris.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor J. P. J. James: Paralytic Stenosis.

Friday, January 15
ACADEMY OF ADLER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11, Chandos Street, W. 8, p.m., Dr. E. Weismann: The Unconscious in Adlerian Psychology and Psychotherapy.

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SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY: MICROCHEMISTRY GROUP.—At “The Feathers,” Tudor Street, E.C., 6.30 p.m., London discussion meeting.

Monday, January 18
ACADEMY OF ADLER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11, Chandos Street, W. 8, p.m., Dr. E. Weismann: The Unconscious in Adlerian Psychology and Psychotherapy.

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INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Phyllis Wade: Radiation Treatment of Skin Cancer (Part III).

Friday, January 22
ACADEMY OF ADLER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11, Chandos Street, W. 8, p.m., Dr. E. Weismann: The Unconscious in Adlerian Psychology and Psychotherapy.

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COMING EVENTS

United Hospitals Catholic Society.—Course of seven lectures in medical ethics on alternate Mondays, 6.15 p.m., at 13, Devonshire Place, London, W.1, starting January 7. Fee 5s. for non-members of the society.

Institute of Diseases of the Chest, London.—Clinical demonstrations open to medical practitioners will be held on Fridays at 5 p.m., January 11 to March 29. No fee.

Marc Daniels Lecture.—Dr. W. D. W. Brooks will deliver the Marc Daniels lecture on January 15 at 5 p.m. at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, London, S.W.1. His subject will be "The Prevention of Tuberculosis."

Goulstonian Lectures.—Dr. Raymond Daley will deliver the Goulstonian lectures on January 17 and 22 at 5 p.m. at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, London, S.W.1. His subject will be "The Autonomic Nervous System in its Relation to Some Forms of Heart and Lung Disease."

Disorders of Bone.—Details of a week's course (January 28–February 2) on disorders of bone, arranged by the Institute of Orthopaedics, London University, are given at p. 53 of the advertisements this week.

"Education for Motherhood."—Seminar for medical officers and divisional assistant medical officers will be held at St. John House, Collingham Gardens, London, S.W.5, February 26 to March 1. Professor W. C. S. Nixon will deliver the inaugural address. Details from the Medical Director, Central Council for Health Education, Tavistock House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

NEW ISSUES

British Journal of Ophthalmoogy.—The new issue (Vol. 40, No. 12) is now available. The contents include:

PERMEABILITY OF THE CORnea AND THE BLOOD-AQUEOUS Barrier TO OXYGEN.
Kathleen Hesk and Maurice E. Langham.
ECZEMA OF THE EYELIDS. Peter Boirrie.
OXYPHENONUM Bromide AS A MYDRIATIC. H. Finer.
ANOMALOUS DEVELOPMENT OF RETINAL VESSELS. Marjory B. Snodgrass.
PARAPHIMOSIS Orbicularis. Lloyd M. Weereekoon.
HERPES OPHTHALMICUS. R. S. Macleish.
CORRESPONDENCE. BOOK REVIEWS.
NOTES.

Issued monthly; annual subscription £4 4s.; single copy 8s. 6d.; obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Ophthalmoic Literature.—The new issue (Vol. 10, No. 2) is now available. It contains a comprehensive selection of abstracts of the literature on ophthalmology and related subjects. Six issues and a volume index each year; annual subscription £4 4s. (or in combination with British Journal of Ophthalmology, £7 7s.); single copy 25s.; obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Jones.—On December 26, 1956, at St. David’s Hospital, Bangor, to Mary Dorothy Seligman, wife of Eliss Jones, a son.

Watson.—On October 3, 1956, to Moira, wife of John S. Watson, M.D., M.C.P., of 22, Cambus Road, Patney, London, S.W., a daughter for William.


MARRIAGES


DEATHS

Browns.—On December 4, 1956, at Byron Bay, New South Wales, Australia, James Alexander Spence Brown, B.Ch., aged 57.

Hawks.—On December 13, 1956, at The Lines, Walkden, near Manchester, Mary Kate Hornby (formerly Carroll), M.B., B.Ch.


Patterson.—On December 8, 1956, at Dunedin Nursing Home, Deal, Kent, Major John Patterson (formerly Captain, R.N., retired), of King'sdown, Deal, late of Christchurch, New Zealand.


Schofield.—On December 8, 1956, at Catterick Military Hospital, Yorks, Robert Ashley Ramsay Topping, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M.&H., Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., son of the late Professor Andrew Topping.

Topping.—On December 11, 1956, at Horsham, Walter Watts, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 72, late of March, Cambs.