diphtheria, most will prove fatal: in fact, I always regard it in the nature of a miracle if such a case can be saved, no matter how much antitoxin is given to or how it is given whether intravenously or intramuscularly. The diphtheria toxin has got such an anchorage into the cardiac system that nothing will remove it; the throat may have cleared completely, but still the child will die.

4. There is no doubt whatever that certain cases of faucial diphtheria may give negative swabs—at any rate, throat swabs—although possibly the nasal swab, if taken, might have proved positive. Such patients, unless treated as diphtheria, will certainly die, and clinical evidence of the disease in these instances should certainly justify specific treatment. One such case I can recollect did not give a positive swab until the child had been ill for a fortnight and was on the point of death. I am, etc.,

F. A. Belam, M.D., Medical Officer of Health.

### The Services

**DEATHS IN THE SERVICES**

Lieut.-Colonel Edward Pettingall Younger, Madras Medical Service (ret.), died on July 11th, aged 76. He was born on February 4th, 1856, was educated at Oxford where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1879. Entering the I.M.S. as surgeon on October 1st, 1881, he became lieutenant-colonel after twenty years' service, and retired on March 2nd, 1918. He served in the Burma campaign in 1886-8, receiving the frontier medal with a clasp. His whole service was passed in military employ in Madras regiments.

Colonel Claude Kyd Morgan, C.B., C.M.G., late R.A.M.C., died at London, Ontario, on August 10th, aged 62. He was the son of the late David Morgan, J.P., of Llanfair, Carmarthenshire, was born at Monmouth, on December 2nd, 1871, and was educated at Aberdeen, where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1895. Entering the R.A.M.C. as surgeon lieutenant on July 28th, 1894, he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel in the long war promotion list of March 1st, 1915, became colonel on December 26th, 1917, and retired on September 22nd, 1920. He was on special plague duty in Bombay in 1899-1901, when he received the thanks of the Government for his work. He served in the war of 1914-18 as A.D.M.S., and was mentioned in dispatches in the London Gazette of February 17th and June 22nd, 1915, January 1st, 1916, and May 29th, 1917. He received the C.M.G. in 1910, the C.B. on June 3rd, 1919, and the Legion of Honour. In 1918 he was a member of a British mission to Washington. Two years ago he was appointed honorary colonel of the Canadian Fusiliers of the City of London Regiment. In 1905 he married Eleanor (O.B.E., 1919), daughter of the late T. H. Smallman of London, Ontario. By a curious mistake—a confusion with another officer of the same name and initials—his name was entered as dead in the casualty list in the War Office Army List for May, 1930.

### Universities and Colleges

**UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE**

**Centenary Celebrations**

The one hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne, will be celebrated on Thursday and Friday, October 4th and 5th. During the afternoon of the first day the College will be open for inspection, and at 8.30 p.m. there will be an official reception of visitors by the President, Sir Thomas Oliver, in the Great Hall, followed by a conversazione and dance. On Friday morning visits will be paid to the clinical facilities of the College, the Department of Dentistry, and the Bacteriological Department and Public Health Laboratories.

In the afternoon there will be a luncheon party in the Great Hall of Durham Castle, and a special convocation in the University Chapel. The celebration of the Centenary of the University will be continued as follows: Doctor of Civil Law, Sir E. Hilton Young, Minister of Health, and Sir Holburn Waring, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; Doctor of Surgery, Major-General J. A. Hartigan, R.A., Medical Services; Dr. J. W. Leech, M.P., and Dr. William Robinson; Master of Arts, Dr. W. D. Arnison. The closing event will be a commemoration service at 3 p.m. in Durham Cathedral, at which the Bishop of Durham, Visitor of the University, will give an address. A Centenary History of the Medical School, published by Andrew Reid and Co. Ltd. at 10s., has been prepared for the occasion by Professor G. Grey Turner and Dr. Arnison.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON**

**King's College Hospital Medical School**

The following entrance scholarships have been awarded at King's College Hospital Medical School: Raymond Gooch Scholarships, D. I. Williams (King's College, London); C. C. T. Morgan (Trinity Hall, Cambridge); Durham Yeo Scholarships, C. I. Morphey (Wadham College, Oxford), R. B. Niven (Queen's College, Oxford), D. Whitteridge (Migdale College, Oxford); Epson College Scholarship, E. M. F. Edmonds (Queen's College, Oxford); Seaman Scholarship, J. Smallpeice (King's College, London).
the members will inspect the Finchley open-air swimming pools in the Great North Road. The mayor will receive the members at 4 p.m. and entertain them to tea, and at 5 p.m., in the dance hall, papers will be read on "The Finishing Swimming Pools" by Mr. P. T. Harrison, and on "The Purification of Swimming Bath Water" by Dr. A. A. Turner.

The Minister of Health has had under consideration, in consultation with the Commissioners of Customs and Excise, what further steps can be adopted for avoiding conflicting decisions on the question of blindness for the purposes of (a) blind old age pensions under Section 1 of the Blind Persons Act, 1920, and (b) the registration of blind persons under schemes made by local authorities in pursuance of Section 2 of that Act. It has been decided that from October 1st next the pension officer, before reporting on a claim for a blind pension in England and Wales, shall send a form of inquiry (Form O.A.P. 87) to the appropriate registration authority asking the following questions: (1) Has the claimant applied for registration as a blind person? (2) Has the claimant been registered or refused registration? (3) In either case, was the claimant examined and certified by a medical practitioner with special experience in ophthalmology? (4) If the answer to (3) is in the negative, on what evidence was the claimant registered or refused registration? Where the Minister gives a decision on a pension appeal which is contrary to that previously given by the registration authority on the question of registration, he will on the request of the authority send it a copy of the medical certificate obtained by him.

The issue of Paris Medical for September 1st is devoted to ophthalmology and oto-rhino-laryngology.

Queen Marie of Yugoslavia will open the new Anglo-Yugoslav Children's Hospital at Kamenica this month. The hospital will specialize in the treatment of tuberculosis. According to Dr. Katherine Macphail, who founded the Anglo-Yugoslav Children's Hospital at Belgrade, where 170,000 patients have been treated, tuberculosis accounts for the death of 50,000 persons annually, and at any given time there are estimated to be more than half a million people suffering from the disease out of a population of rather more than thirteen millions. The Belgrade Hospital, which was for some years the only children's hospital in the country, has received support from the Save the Children Fund from its earliest years.

The King's Fund, a miniature hospital, built for King Edward's Hospital Fund for London at the cost of firms of nearly £3,500, has recently completed a year's successful tour of the provinces. The model is now to be exhibited at various leading stores in the London suburbs during the next few months.

Sir Grafton Elliott Smith of London and Professor Charles Nicolle of Tunis have been elected honorary foreign members of the Royal Academy of Medicine of Belgium.

Medical stamp collectors will be interested to know that the Hungarian Government has recently introduced stamps bearing the likeness of Philip Ignaz Semmelweis after the model of the French stamps with the head of Pasteur.

The Berne University Foundation for the Advancement of Researches on Encephalitis has offered a prize of 1,000 Swiss francs for the best work on the diagnosis and treatment of encephalitis. Competitors should communicate with the dean of the Faculty of Medicine of Berne.

The following appointments to professorial chairs have recently been made in the American faculties of medicine: Boston: Dr. W. Overholsen, psychiatry; Dr. L. C. Howard, orthopaedic surgery and traumatology; Dr. D. Jacoby, dermatology; and Dr. L. W. Colburn, otoLOGY. Columbia University, New York: Dr. D. Szymers, general pathology; Dr. M. D. Rosenbluth, clinical medicine; Dr. C. Gordon Heyd, clinical surgery. Chicago: Dr. Amburger, clinical medicine. Harvard: Dr. S. H. Waite, ophthalmology.