Dr. Marion Balfour Marshall Rockwell, for over thirty years a prominent physician at Amherst, Mass., U.S.A., died there on August 15th. She was born in Scotland on April 24th, 1857, the daughter of Thomas R. Marshall. Educated at Edinburgh and in Germany, she travelled in France and Switzerland before starting her medical studies at the school of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, Edinburgh. Two years later the University of Edinburgh was opened to women students, and Marion Marshall studied there, graduating M.B., C.M. in 1889. She then took a post-graduate course in bacteriology and in ear, nose, and throat diseases, and worked at the Royal Infirmary under Dr. Norman Walker (now Sir Norman Walker). In 1901 she went to America and married Dr. Herbert G. Rockwell, whom she had met at Edinburgh while he was taking a post-graduate course there. In 1902 Dr. Marion Rockwell passed the Massachusetts State Board medical examinations, and shortly after this they moved to Amherst. Dr. Herbert Rockwell enlisted in the medical service during the war, and Dr. Marion cared for her own and her husband's practice while he was on service. He died in 1927. She was a practitioner of unusual sympathy, and was noted for the great amount of charitable work she did. She was a widely travelled woman and an interesting speaker. Throughout the years music provided a delightful refreshment from her strenuous life as a physician. But she loved her medical work, and many of her patients were her personal friends. Though she had travelled extensively in Europe, the United States, Mexico, and Canada, she loved to revisit Edinburgh, the home of her childhood. She was a sister of the late Dr. George Balfour Marshall of Glasgow. Dr. Marion Rockwell is mourned by a large circle of friends, both in this country and in America. She was for twenty years a member of the British Medical Association.

The following well-known foreign medical men have recently died: Professor Oskar Welmund, head of the medical department of the Kaiser Franz Joseph Hospital, Vienna, aged 49; Professor Tom Ringel, director of the First Surgical Department of St. George's Hospital, London, aged 65; Dr. Constantin Kaufmann, founder of the Swiss society of industrial diseases and accidents; Professor Kobayashi, director of the lepers' hospital at Otsuka, Japan; Professor Pio Pediconi, a prominent sphyllologist of Rome, aged 55; Professor Luigi Simonetta of Milan, a prominent hygienist and Senator of Italy, aged 77; Gehr. Med. Rat Dr. Paul Krause, professor of internal medicine and director of the medical clinic of St. Moritz, aged 62; Professor M. Hameury, a Ghent psychiatrist, aged 51; Dr. Valdemar Meisen, a Danish surgeon and medical historian, aged 56, of coronary thrombosis; and Surgeon General Inspector Emile Calmette, who took part in the Tunisian Expedition of 1881, and during the war was Director of the Medical Service of the 19th Army Corps, aged 83.

The opening address of the new session at University College Hospital will be given by Dr. Thomas Schorstein in the library of the Medical School on Monday, October 1st, at 3.15 p.m. The annual dinner will be held on Friday, October 12th, at 7.30 p.m., with Sir John Parsons in the chair.

The new session at Guy's Hospital Medical School will open on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 2.45 p.m., when Lord Nuffield will distribute the prizes and Mr. C. H. Fagg will give the inaugural address.

The opening of the ninety-third session of the School of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and the presentation of the Hanbury medal, diplomas, and prizes will take place on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 17, Bloomsbury Square, W.C. The inaugural sessional address will be given by Dr. George Barger, F.R.S., professor of chemistry in relation to medicine in the University of Edinburgh.

The 1934-5 session of the West London Medical Chirurgical Society opens on Friday, October 5th, at 8.30 p.m., when Mr. Howard M. Stratford will deliver his presidential address at West London Hospital, entitled "A General Practitioner Surveys Psychology." On December 7th papers will be read by Mr. Johnstone Abraham on "The History of Syphilis," and by Mr. James Kemble on "The Medical Life of Lord Byron." On January 11th, 1935, Mr. Hugh Cairns will read a paper on "Recent Advances in Intracranial Surgery," and on February 1st Mr. V. B. Green-Armytage will open a discussion on an obstetric subject. A discussion on "Jaundice" will be opened by Dr. J. W. McNeely on April 5th.

The annual dinner of the West Sussex Clinical Society will be held at the Dolphin Hotel, Chichester, on Wednesday, October 3rd, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 8s. 6d. each. Ladies and non-medical guests are invited. After dinner Dr. Habberton Lulham will deliver a lecture on "Human Nature through a Doctor's Eyes."

The final programme has now been issued for the opening of the new session at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Birmingham. Besides the usual address and the annual dinner of the school, a series of post-graduate lectures will be given at the affiliated hospitals. On October 4th there will be lectures at the Queen's Hospital in the morning and afternoon; and on October 28th Mr. V. B. Green-Armytage will deliver the prizes to students and give an address. At 7.45 p.m. a reception by the dean at the Grand Hotel will be followed by dinner in the Grosvenor Room. On October 5th there will be lectures in the morning at the General Hospital, and in the afternoon at the Children's Hospital, Ladywood Road.

Professor Charles Singer will deliver his presidential address before the London Jewish Hospital Medical Society at the London Jewish Hospital, Stepney Green, E., on "Jewish Influence on Western Europe in the Early Middle Ages," on Thursday, October 4th, at 8.30 p.m. A series of lectures on "The Prevention of Disease," delivered under the joint auspices of the Royal Institute of Public Health and the Institute of Hygiene at 28, Portland Place, W., opened on September 26th, and will be continued on Wednesdays at 3.30 p.m. to December 12th inclusive.

The old students' post-graduate course at the London Hospital Medical College will be held from Wednesday to Saturday, October 17th to 20th inclusive. The Schorstein Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Sir Farquhar Buzzard, Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Cambridge, in the Medical College on October 18th at 4.30 p.m., and the old students' dinner will be held on that day at 7.30 p.m. in the Tucadero Restaurant, when Dr. J. H. Thomas, a former student, will preside.
The British Institute of Philosophy (University Hall, 14, Gordon Square, W.C.) has arranged a course of four lectures on the importance of a philosophy of life for modern society. The medical profession on Thursdays at 5 p.m. from November 1st to 22nd. The first lecture, on "The Biology of Social Life," will be delivered by Professor W. Langdon Brown; the second by Dr. William Brown on Health, Self-determination, and Free Will; the third, on "Creative Activity and Mental Health," by Dr. Emanuel Miller; and the fourth by Dr. H. Crichton-Miller on "Belief and Adaptation." Applications to attend the course, fee for which is 12s. 6d., should be addressed to the director of studies at the Institute.

A course in tropical medicine and hygiene will be held at the Hamburg Institute for Naval and Tropical Diseases from October 8th to December 8th. Further information can be obtained from the Institut für Schiffsfälleaptenkrankheiten, Bernard Noah Strasse 74, Hamburg.

A course in cardiovascular diseases will be held at the Hôpital Broussais, Paris, from October 8th to 20th, under the direction of Dr. C. Laubry. The fee is 150 francs. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Lemant, Hôpital Broussais, Paris 14e.

Professor Portmann of Bordeaux will give a course in oto-rhino-laryngological surgery in Paris from October 17th to 24th.

The Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) announces that lecture-demonstrations will be given at 11, Chandos Street, W., at 2.30 p.m. on October 2nd and 9th. Courses of instruction include a week-end course on diseases of the heart and lungs at the Royal Chest Hospital, occupying the whole of October 13th and 14th; medicine and surgery, at the Metropolitan General Hospital from October 8th to 20th, 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.; cardiology, at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart, October 8th to 29th, occupying the whole of each day; ophthalmology, at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital from October 15th to November 3rd, every afternoon; clinical surgery, at the Royal Albert Dock Hospital, October 20th and 21st; gynaecology, at the Chelsea Hospital for Women from October 22nd to November 3rd. These courses are open only to members and associates of the Fellowship.

The second international Congress of the History of Science will be held at Madrid under the presidency of E. García del Real from October 7th to 14th. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Professor Francesca Vera, Calle de Caracas 8, Madrid.

The annual prize distribution and conversation of the Royal Dental Hospital of London, School of Dental Surgery (University of London), will take place at the hospital in Leicester Square, W.C., on Friday, October 8th, at 8 p.m., when Professor William Wright will preside.

A congress of the Association for Photographic and Cinematographic Documentation in Science will be held at the State Paedagogic Museum, Rue d'Ulm, Paris, from October 8th to 12th. Further information can be obtained from Dr. Claué, 39, Rue Scheffer, Paris, 16e.

A severe epidemic of poliomyelitis has recently broken out in Denmark.

Professor Bruno Oskar Priribram, director of St. Hilde-gard's Hospital of Berlin, has been made a corresponding member of the Société Nationale de Chirurgie of Paris; Dr. Ludwig Robert Müller, professor of internal medicine at Erlangen, honorary member of the Neurological Society of Tokyo; and Dr. Ludwig Frankel, professor of obstetrics and gynaecology at Bresliau, honorary member of the Italian and Brazilian Societies of Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

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QUERIES AND ANSWERS

Chronic Bone Sinus

"A. B. C." invites suggestions for the treatment of chronic bone sinus, three to four inches in depth, the result of acute osteomyelitis many years ago. Non-healing is due to a narrow neck, and the cavity being in bone now much sclerosed. Is frequent irrigation after curettage best, or can the vascelle pack be employed? If irrigation, what solution, what strength, and how often? The correct treatment of "sacralization" in this case is impracticable.

The disease is one of many years' standing and the patient elderly.

Are internal communications, such as pet. iodide, manganese, etc., of any help?

Amidol Poisoning

"M. B." (Aden) wishes to know if there is any chemical inactivating or detoxicating agent other than rubber gloves to prevent amidol poisoning through the skin.