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Dr. Alfred G. S. Broughton, who had practised at Batley, Yorkshire, for 45 years, collapsed and died while playing golf at Howley on June 9. He was born in 1875, and after education at the Yorkshire College graduated M.B., Ch.B. of Victoria University in 1900. Dr. Broughton joined the honorary medical staff of the Batley and District Hospital in 1914 and was president 1938-41. He had been closely identified with ambulance work in the neighbourhood since 1907 and received the long service medal in 1924 as surgeon to the Dewsbury and District Corps; he was also a commander of the Order of St. John, K.C.V.O., and J.P. for the borough. He held office as chairman of the Dewsbury Division of the B.M.A. in 1922-3 and again in 1939-43, and had been president of the Yorkshire Branch. He was an enthusiastic musician and a pillar of the Batley Amateur Thespian Society, in whose orchestra he played for several years. His son, Dr. A. D. D. Broughton, also a past chairman of the Dewsbury Division, is serving as squadron leader in the R.A.F.V.R.

We regret to announce that Dr. Robert Cranna, of Bolton, Lancs., died on June 12. He had been honorary secretary of the Bolton Division of the B.M.A. from 1923 and was elected chairman in 1939; he had also been a member of the Insurance Acts Committee for the past seven years. Born at Crimmond, Aberdeenshire, in 1876, he graduated M.B., Ch.B. at the Universities of Aberdeen and Edinburgh and for several years worked in Bolton, where he built up a large practice and was a familiar and greatly respected personality. In 1923 he became honorary secretary of the Local Medical and Panel Committee and in 1931 was elected a member of the Bolton Insurance Committee. For the past four years he had been chairman of the Local Medical Board responsible for passing men and women into the Services, and he was chairman and honorary secretary of several Local Emergency Committees dealing with the populace. By the medical profession of Bolton and district the loss of Dr. Cranna will be sorely felt; they looked upon him as their counsellor and friend, and few can have given greater service to their fellow-practitioners or have been held in higher regard. He leaves a widow, a daughter, and three sons, two of whom are members of their father's profession, one being a major in the R.A.M.C.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Osler Memorial Medal for 1945 has been awarded to Prof. C. G. Douglas, D.M., F.R.S., Fellow of St. John's College. University of Cambridge.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:


UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

At a graduation ceremony, held on June 22, the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Lieut.-Gen. Sir Alexander Hood, K.C.B., C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., Director-General of Army Medical Services.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

At a graduation ceremony, held on June 26, the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Major-General Sir John Taylor, C.I.E., D.S.O., M.D., I.M.S. (ret.), late director of the Central Research Laboratory, B.M.C.

The Harry Stewart Hutchison Prize for an essay on a subject connected with the health of children has been awarded to Marjory N. McFarlane, M.D.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS

At a graduation ceremony, held on June 29, the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on William Thomson Munro, M.D.St.And., F.R.C.P.Ed., late director of Glenlmond Sanatorium.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

His Majesty King Farouk of Egypt has sent a donation to the Restoration and Development Fund of the College. This gift is greatly appreciated by the Fellows and Members of the College as evidence of the importance which King Farouk attaches to the maintenance of close relationships between the Royal Medical Colleges of England and the Medical Faculty of the Egyptian University. The Royal Egyptian Medical Association has sent a gift of £250, which, with the contributions from Egyptian Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, brings the contribution of medical colleagues in Egypt to over £1,000. This generous gesture is particularly valued, for the Royal Medical Colleges are very desirous of maintaining good relations and cementing friendships between the members of the medical profession in our two countries.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS

In the report of the annual general meeting of the College (June 16, p. 857) there was the following omission:

Re-elected to the Council:—Representatives of the Fellows:—A. C. Bruce, H. E. Macafee, C. G. Macafee. Representative of the Members:—H. R. MacLennan.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

R. J. Mitchell, M.B., D.R.C.O.O., has satisfied the examiners at the examination for the diploma of Master of Midwifery.

The Services


Temp. Surg. Lieut. A. K. Mighton, R.C.N.V.R., has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) for bravery, determination, and great devotion to duty while serving in H.M.S. Affleck, when an explosion caused the whole of the ship to be penetrated by chlorousphoric acid fumes. In spite of the appalling conditions the casualties were properly tended and the ship brought back to safety.

Major J. Mackenzie, R.A.M.C., has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) and Major (Temp.) G. E. Parker, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the D.S.O. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma.

Capt. W. De Souza, I.A.M.C., has been awarded the M.C. in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Italy.

The following appointments, awards, and mentions have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in India:


The following appointments, awards, and mentions have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in North-West Europe:


The following appointments, awards, and mentions have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the home service theatre:

C.B.E. (Military Division).—Brig. (Temp.) R. A. Hepple, O.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C.

O.B.E. (Military Division).—Lieut.-Cols. (Temp.) S. A. MacKeith and A. H. Penman, R.A.M.C.

M.C.—Majors (Temp.) and Lieuts. (Temp.) A. E. Paxton, and Capt. J. P. Irwin, R.A.M.C.

Mentioned in Dispatches.—Brig. (Temp.) F. R. Sandford, C.B.E., M.C. T.D., Major (Temp.) A. E. Paxton, and Capt. J. P. Irwin, R.A.M.C.

The following appointments and awards have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma:


CASUALTIES IN THE MILITARY SERVICES

Died on active service.—Col. Basil Cedric Ashton, C.B.E., I.M.S.; M.B.E. (Military Division) since February, 1942; now reported to have died of dysentery as a prisoner of war in Rangoon on Aug. 31, 1942.—Major Hugh McPherson Kilgour, R.A.M.C.

DEATHS IN THE SERVICES

Lieut.-Col. John Charles Lamont, C.I.E., I.M.S., died on June 19 in Edinburgh at the ripe age of 80. He was educated at the Liverpool College and Edinburgh University, where he graduated M.B., C.M. in 1885 with first-class honours. In 1886-7 he was demonstrator in the anatomy and physiology laboratories, and it was there that he determined his life's work. In 1887 he entered the Bengal Medical Service and saw active service with the Chin-Lushai Expedition of 1889-90 and the Mipunipur Expedition in 1891, receiving the Frontier medal with clasp. Three years later he was appointed professor of anatomy in the Punjab University at Lahore, a post that he occupied with distinction until 1906, when he went on leave preparatory to retiring in 1908 from the Indian Medical Service. He then took up appointments in the Universities of Trivandrum, University College, Dundee, which he filled from 1906 to 1914, and for three years he was examiner in anatomy at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. He published a number of papers in the Journal of Anatomy, and was elected to F.R.S.Ed. in 1920. In 1914 he volunteered for military service, was re-employed by the Government of India, and was awarded the C.I.E. in 1919. His recreations were fishing and golf, and he was one of the five original members of the Calcutta Golf Club, founded in 1895. His wife, a daughter of Stephen Adam, of Edinburgh, died in 1935, and in 1940, to commemorate her, he magnanimously gave his house at 7, Merchiston Park to the Corporation of Edinburgh, with the suggestion that it should eventually be used as a rest for convalescent houses with which it could bear comparison. He died in present war as an A.R.P. depot. Col. Lamont was a sound anatomist with wide interests and many friends and admirers. He had an unbroken membership of the B.M.A. from January, 1888.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Diphtheria Statistics.—The following information was given by Mr. Willink in reply to questions on June 7: (1) According to returns received from all but a few local authorities in England and Wales the number of notifications of diphtheria during 1944 in children under 15 who had completed the course of immunization with B.A.M.-M.C. was 2,455 cases in non-immunized children. (2) Returns from local authorities in England and Wales, which do not include immunizations by doctors in private practice, show that the year 1944 approximately 386,240 children under 5 and 175,080 between the ages of 5 and 15 were immunized against diphtheria. (3) 23,152 cases finally diagnosed as diphtheria were notified in England and Wales during 1944. Deaths from that disease registered in the same period are provisionally numbered at 934.

Tuberculous Persons in Prisons.—Sir Donald Somervell told Dr. Summerskill on June 7 that much attention had been given of recent years to prisoners suffering from tuberculous disease, but many of the notifications were made in doubtful cases, and the prison medical officers received valuable help from the local tuberculosis officers. Care must be taken to keep tuberculous prisoners whose condition was infectious apart from others. At prisons where there were several such prisoners special working parties were arranged. Where possible they were employed on light gardening work.

Ministry of Health Nursing Staff.—In the Ministry of Health nursing division the professional staff wholly engaged on nursing questions comprises one chief nursing officer, two deputy chief nursing officers, and nine nursing officers, of whom three are permanent. In addition there are on the public health side 18 officers with nursing qualifications. The future complements are under discussion.

Vaccination and Death Certificates.—Mr. Viant inquired on June 7 how many death certificates were received in the year 1944 in which vaccination, vaccinia, post-vaccinal encephalitis, generalized vaccinia, or any other complications were mentioned as the cause or one of the causes of death. Mr. Willink replied that the deaths were reported as caused by vaccine 1,2, post-vaccinal encephalitis 4, and generalized vaccinia 2, encephalitis myelitis 1. In addition vaccination was mentioned on the death certificate in the case of 1 death assigned to septicaemia.

Training of Midwives in Gas-and-air Anaesthesia.—In reply to Dr. Summerskill on June 7 Mr. Willink said that out of 185 local supervising authorities in England and Wales, 101 had made arrangements before Dec. 31, 1943, for the instruction of their midwives in gas-and-air anaesthesia. The position was that a training figure in the 1938 returns was 30, but there is reason to think that this was an understatement.

Notes in Brief

Mr. Butler states that miners partially disabled by silicosis or pneumoconiosis are eligible for the training and other facilities now provided to assist the rehabilitation of disabled persons. A number have secured satisfactory employment in this way. These cases will also be eligible for the further facilities to be provided under the Disabled Persons (Employment) Act which are in active preparation.

The Teviot Committee on Dentistry is proceeding with its inquiry as speedily as possible, but Mr. Willink cannot say when the final report will be presented.

The total number of experiments on animals performed during the year 1943 was 1,170,412, a large number of which were simple procedures for the prevention of disease or as a test to determine the toxic properties of drugs. The Home Office and the official bodies with a view to preservation of the public health or directly for the diagnosis and treatment of disease in man or animals. Figures for 1944 are not available.

The National Insurance (Industrial Injuries) Bill was introduced on June 12 and printed.

Mr. Harold Macmillan states that the release of students from the Services is under consideration.

In the ten-year period April, 1924, to March, 1934, 46,979 dwellings were erected by the L.C.C. For the ten-year period April, 1934, to March, 1943, the figure was 33,836, of which 30,189 houses completed before new housing operations were suspended in September, 1939.

Payments made by the Exchequer for tuberculosis allowances during the year ended March 31, 1945, amounted to approximately £115,000.

The Trinidad Committee of Investigation on Local Medical Services has completed its survey. The committee's report has been published in Trinidad as a Legislative Council Paper. Copies should be available shortly at the Crown Agents for sale in the United Kingdom.
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