little more than a cottage hospital. He held this appointment until 1938, and during that time steadily raised the quality of the surgery and the prestige of the hospital. He always maintained that the most comprehensive hospital service should be provided locally, and it became obvious that this was not possible in the cramped and old-fashioned building of the town. Overcoming opposition he was the prime mover in securing a magnificent site on the outskirts of the town, and in raising funds for building the 120-bed hospital which was opened in 1928. Continuing as senior surgeon he fulfilled the duties of medical superintendent, and Stirling Infirmary became one of the leading provincial hospitals in Scotland. For his services in the great war he was awarded the O.B.E. and appointed as chairman of the hospital, an office he held for many years. Dr. McFarlan was a confirmed believer in the co-operation of voluntary hospitals with local authorities, and he was instrumental in forming the Divisional Council for Hospital Services for Stirlingshire, Clackmannan, Dunbarton and West Perthshire. In many years he was a member of the Branch Council of the B.M.A., and was president of the Branch for two periods; he was also a co-opted member of the Hospitals Subcommittee of the Scottish Committee of the B.M.A. "Paddy" McFarlan will be remembered by his colleagues as a sound, practical surgeon and a very helpful general consultant, as an outstanding hospital administrator, and as a very lovable man. He leaves a widow and four children, of whom a son and a daughter are members of the medical profession.

We regret to announce the death on July 19 of Dr. NORMAN BLACK, O.B.E., M.C., at the age of 63. He was born at Greenock in 1881, the youngest son of the late John Robert Black, M.D., and was educated at King William's College, Isle of Man, and at the University of Edinburgh, where he studied medicine from 1900 to 1905, qualifying M.B., Ch.B. After leaving the university he held medical appointments in Dublin before going to Singapore as lecturer in obstetrics at King Edward VII Medical School. He was granted a commission in the Singapore Volunteer Corps, attaining the rank of major, and was officer commanding the Singapore Volunteer Field Ambulance. Dr. Black returned home in 1914 to enter the R.A.M.C. in the war of 1914–18; he served in France and was twice wounded; he was awarded the M.C. In 1917 he was appointed senior medical officer to the Straits Settlements, and in the following year received the O.B.E. Ill-health obliged him to retire from Singapore in 1921 and he settled in practice at Waddesdon, Bucks, where he became medical officer and cashier to the country club. At the outbreak of war in September, 1939, Dr. Black organized a first-aid party at Waddesdon and later became medical officer to the local Home Guard unit. He retired from practice as recently as June 30 last to live at home, to sportsman and shone particularly at Rugby football, representing the Isle of Man when only 16 years of age; he was captain of the Singapore Scottish Rugby XV. He was a keen angler. Dr. Black had unbroken membership of the British Medical Association from 1906. His death came as a great shock to the people of the Waddesdon area, where he was held in great esteem, especially by the many old people to whom he showed much kindness, and the general feeling was clearly demonstrated by the attendance at the funeral service on July 24.

The following well-known medical men have died abroad: Dr. PIERRE ABRAHIM, a leading Paris physician, aged 66; Dr. FRANCISCO MURILLO PALACIOS, the Spanish epidemiologist who was one of the founders of sanitary organization in Spain; Dr. JOAN HARRIS, a member of the Medical College of Madrid, emeritus professor of the Madrid Faculty of Medicine and an eminent dermatologist.

The Services

Col. M. S. Joshi, I.M.S., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the King in succession to Major-General J. S. Martin, C.S.I., I.M.S., retired.

Lieuts. A. O. Harrises and G. Ollertshew, M.B.E., R.A.M.C., have been awarded the M.C., and Lieut.-Col. (Temb) G. M. Denning, R.A.M.C., has been mentioned in dispatches in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in North-West Europe.

CASUALTIES IN THE MEDICAL SERVICES

Died.—Lieut. John Evans, R.A.M.C.
The following, having satisfied the Censors' Board, were elected to the Membership of the College:

- His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Sir Edward Meyerstein Lecture Theatre on Monday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:


- **UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER**

Sydney Thomas Crowther, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed Lecturer in Bacteriology; Ralph Cocker, M.B., Ch.B., L.D.S., Lecturer in Parodontia; and Eugen Pollak, M.D., Lecturer in Neuropathology.

- **UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM**

The Court of the University of Durham has recently approved the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Frederick Herbert Bentley, F.R.C.S., to the Chair of Surgery in the Medical School of the University.

- **UNIVERSITY OF WALES**

The following candidates in the Welsh National School of Medicine have been approved at the examinations indicated:


- **ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON**

At a quarterly Comitia of the College, held on July 26th, with the President, Lord Moran, in the chair, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Censors, C. M. Hinds Howell, G. Graham, W. H. Wynn, D. Hunter; Treasurer, W. G. Barnard; Registrar, H. E. A. Boldero; Assistant Registrar, A. A. Moncrieff.

The Registrar announced that Hilary F. Hamilton had been awarded the Murchison Scholarship for 1945. The Baly Medal was awarded to Prof. S. A. S. Krog for his outstanding contributions to the knowledge of the capillaries and of related physiological problems in cellular nutrition and respiration; the Moxon Medal to Sir Alexander Fleming, F.R.S., for his work on penicillin; and the Webber-Poitou Prize to Dr. E. L. Opie for his work on the pathogenesis of tuberculosis.

Dr. Geoffrey Bourne was elected the representative of the College on the Central Council for District Nursing in place of the late Sir Stanley Woodwarl.

Sir Maurice Cassidy was appointed Marvene Orator and Brig. D. Evan Bedford Brashaw Lecturer, both for 1946. The following lecturers for 1946 were also appointed: Goulstonian, Lieut.-Col. W. H. D. Drew; Luminary, Dr. J. M. H. Campbell; Oliver-Shapely, Dr. R. D. Lawrence; FitzPatrick, Sir Arthur MacNalty; Abrahams, Prof. C. A. Lovatt Evans, F.R.S.; Charles West, Prof. J. C. Spence. Brig. E. R. Boland was appointed Croonian Lecturer for 1947.

- **Sir Hans Sloane's Statue**

Dr. J. D. Rolleston, representing the College of Management of the Chelsea Physic Garden, stated in his annual report that in September, 1939, steps were taken to protect the marble statue by Michael Rysbrack (1733) of Sir Hans Sloane from damage by person or accident. The war and the subsequent recall of the statue was renewed from time to time and later showed signs of collapse owing to the settlement of the sand and ballast fillings. As the risk of air-raid damage was considered to be over at the end of hostilities in Europe, Sir William Collins, chairman of the Physic Garden Committee, gave authority for the statue to be removed, covered and inspected. The right arm was then found lying on the ground, probably as the result of the raids, and was replaced.

The building damaged by the action were the laboratory building, including the large plant house, the greenhouse adjoining the laboratory, and the sheds on the south-east side of the Garden and the sunk pits.

The result of the Scottish Universities election was announced on Aug. 2 and the three representatives in the last Parliament were all re-elected. Sir John Anderson and Sir John Boyd Orr were returned at the first count and their surplus votes secured the re-election of Sir John Graham Kerr. The new representatives are: Sir John Anderson (Nat.), 16,011; Sir John Boyd Orr (Ind.), 10,685; Sir John Graham Kerr (C.), 8,999; Halliday G. Sutherland (Lab.), 4,075; and Col. R. S. Weir (L.), 3,319.

The U.N.R.R.A. announces that Dr. Andrew Topping has been promoted to be assistant director of general inspection. They will have, among other duties, administrative supervision of the Health and Welfare Divisions. His place as director of the Health Division is to be taken by Dr. Neville Goodman, and the senior deputy director, Lieut.-Col. H. Topping, will become general director of the U.N.R.R.A. Health and Welfare Service. Among other appointments are those of Dr. A. P. Meiklejohn as adviser in nutrition (through the courtesy of the Rockefeller Foundation); Major-General Sir Ernest Cowell as principal medical officer of finance, in place of General Major-General, the medical adviser to the U.N.R.R.A. headquarters, government, and Col. A. Campbell Macrae, late I.M.S., principal medical officer of the U.N.R.R.A. personnel operating in the British Zone, Austria, Sir Raphael Ciliento, Director-General of Health and Medical Services, Queensland, Australia, has taken upon duty as principal medical officer attached to the 21st Army Group.

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- **Diplomas**

Diplomas in Anaesthetics were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to the 35 candidates whose names were printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the Journal of June 30th, 1946, and in Laryngology and Otology and in Psychological Medicine, to the candidates whose names appeared in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the Journal of July 28 (p. 139).

Diplomas in Public Health were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to Mary E. Budding, Joan F. Heffernan, A. C. Knight, Rosie Morris, and W. N. Taylor.