

of the Board of Education to some special regulation giving the power to enforce treatment, which is exceedingly unlikely, and which would be open to challenge, it would not have a legal right to have a child's hair clipped on one side. It can, however, indirectly insist on treatment being provided by excluding the child and prosecuting the parents for its non-attendance should they fail to have the child properly treated.

Obituary.

CHARLES MACKENZIE MACRAE, M.D.,

STORNOWAY.

A VERY old, if not the oldest, member of the medical profession in the north of Scotland, Dr. C. M. Macrae, of Barvas Lodge, Stornoway, died, at the ripe age of 91, on May 4th. He retired from practice three years ago on account of growing infirmity, and resigned his public appointments at the same time; one of them—that of medical officer of health for Stornoway—he had held for over sixty years.

Dr. Macrae was an M.D. of Edinburgh University, taking that degree as well as the L.R.C.S.Ed. in 1848. He laboured all his professional life amongst the Lewis islanders, by whom he was highly respected. For a long period of years he and his colleague (the late Dr. Roderick Millar) had the entire charge of 30,000 inhabitants of the Lewis, scattered over an area of 650 square miles.

Dr. Macrae took a deep interest in everything that concerned the welfare of the Lewis people. He was an Honorary Sheriff-substitute, a J.P., and for many years Chairman of the Stornoway School Board. In 1895, on completion of fifty years' practice in the island, he was presented with an illuminated address and purse containing two hundred sovereigns, along with a silver tray and a tea and coffee service for Mrs. Macrae. He was the author of an article on Lewis in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, and had written also on the medical topography of the Outer Hebrides.

HERBERT MURRAY RAMSAY, F.R.C.S. EDIN.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. H. M. Ramsay, which occurred on April 29th, at the Cotswold Sanatorium, near Painswick, at the early age of 45. The immediate cause of death was tuberculosis following on an attack of infective pharyngitis contracted in the early autumn of last year.

Mr. Ramsay was the son of the late Captain Douglas Ramsay, R.N., of Aldeburgh, Suffolk. He received his medical education at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and, after taking the diploma of M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.R.C.P. Edin. in 1885, joined the Army Medical Service, serving with the 1st Battalion Scots Guards from 1888 till 1896, when he retired, and started private practice in Hertford Street, Mayfair. He practised there with great success until incapacitated by the onset of the illness which proved fatal. He was for several years Medical Officer of the Inns of Court Rifle Volunteers, retiring in 1906 with the rank of Surgeon-Major.

Mr. Ramsay was much interested in the welfare of the soldier, and was a prominent member of the Union Jack Club; he was one of the three founders of the Canteen and Mess Co-operative Society, which has for its object the supplying of all soldiers' requirements at the lowest possible price and of the best quality. On the formation of the Territorial Force he was gazetted Lieutenant-Colonel, and put in command of No. 1 General Hospital, but his illness prevented his taking up active duty. The funeral took place at Charlton, near Malmesbury, where he and Mrs. Ramsay were well known, as they were frequent visitors at Charlton Park, and had endeared themselves to the residents of the village and district. The church was completely filled, and among the congregation were many London friends, including several members of the medical profession as well as many villagers who desired to show a last token of respect. The coffin was covered with numerous floral tributes.

We have to announce the death, on May 2nd, of Dr. DONALD MURRAY, for many years a well-known practitioner

in Leith. A native of Stornoway, where he was born sixty years ago, Dr. Murray entered Edinburgh University as an arts student, but subsequently studied medicine and graduated M.B. and C.M. at St. Andrews University. After graduation he settled in Leith, where he very soon built himself a large practice. He was Admiralty Surgeon, and had also medical charge of the troops at Leith Fort.

WE regret to have to announce the death of Dr. D. S. MACDONALD, who for the past nine years had been practising in the island of Jura. His death was indirectly due to an attack of influenza contracted some months ago. A graduate of Aberdeen University, Dr. MacDonald, after making a voyage to Labrador, commenced practice in Inverness, where he remained a few years; from there he went to Sleat, acting as Parochial Medical Officer with much acceptance. Finally, he settled in Jura, where by his devotion to duty he gained the esteem and regard of the inhabitants of that lonely island. Practitioners on the mainland have little idea of the privations of their brethren who, under very trying circumstances, have to carry on their work, in many cases far from any of their brethren, for whose advice and help they would be only too grateful. Dr. MacDonald's practice was in one of these isolated islands, and he will be much missed by the inhabitants, in whose welfare he at all times took a kindly interest. Dr. MacDonald was a widower, leaving three sons who are resident in Canada and two daughters to mourn his loss.

A considerable circle of younger Edinburgh men will hear with sorrow of the removal by death of Dr. DAVID IONE ROBERTS, a gifted and attractive personality. Born in Wales thirty-one years ago, young Roberts studied medicine in Edinburgh with conspicuous success. He was a favourite both with teachers and fellow students. He possessed qualities which made him one of the most companionable of men; he was an accomplished musician, and had a cultured voice of large range; he was an artist to his finger-tips. Soon after graduation evidences of chest weakness showed themselves. Dr. Roberts made a noble stand against the enemy and, devoting himself to work in the field of tuberculosis, took office as medical superintendent in two sanatoriums successively. Only last year, although his strength was not what his friends would have desired, he succeeded in taking the D.P.H., with a view to promotion in public health work. A valuable post was almost within his grasp, when considerations of health prevented his pressing the advantage. Unfortunately, a serious aggravation of his illness occurred this spring, and after a last brave struggle he had to give in. He passed away in Edinburgh on May 4th. He leaves, with many fond memories which will linger long, a record of a beautiful and blameless life.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession in foreign countries who have recently died are Professor Haug, Director of the Aural Clinic of the University of Munich, aged 49; Professor Ercole Galvagni, Director of the Medical Clinic at Modena, and author of various writings on clinical subjects, aged 73; Dr. Moissenet, formerly physician to the Paris hospitals; Dr. Richard Fleischer, formerly Professor of the History of Medicine in the University of Erlangen, aged 61; Dr. P. de Almeida Magalhaes, Professor of Medical Pathology at Rio de Janeiro; Dr. Laqueur, Emeritus Professor of Ophthalmology in the University of Strassburg, aged 69; and Dr. Frank W. Draper, Professor of Legal Medicine in the Harvard Medical School, Physician to the Boston City Hospital, and author of many papers on medico-legal subjects, aged 66.

UNDER the will of the late Mr. John Smith, a merchant, of Dundee, the Royal Infirmary in that city receives a bequest of £2,000, while the Royal Victoria Hospital for Incurables in Dundee benefits to the extent of £1,000, and the Gerard Cottage Hospital at Monifieth, where the deceased resided, receives £500.