

Obituary.

SIR HENRY BUTLIN.

DR. HENRY BARNES (Carlisle) writes: What a loss Butlin will be, and what splendid service he rendered to the Association! If any effort is being made to perpetuate his memory I should be glad to help. By the way, there is a trifling error in date in your very excellent obituary notice. It is there stated that he was Treasurer from 1890 to 1895. His second term of office expired at the Carlisle meeting in 1896. He was re-elected for a second term at the Newcastle meeting in 1893. Up to that time no one, I believe, had ever been elected for a second term as Treasurer, and he was much gratified by the confidence thus shown in his re-election, which was quite unexpected. He had the happy faculty of making figures interesting, and the admirable quarterly statements made to the Council, and the lucid statements at the annual meetings were really models of their kind, and must be fresh in the minds of many of the members.

THE LATE DR. BISS.

DR. W. ESSEX WYNTER (London) writes: The very brief notes which conclude the obituary notice of Cecil Yates Biss in your last issue convey an imperfect impression of his character, and it is only fair to his memory and in accord with his own strict regard for truth in the minutest detail to put this in its proper light. Dr. Biss was above all things unsectarian. His views were individual and unaffected by considerations of agreement or opposition to those of others. Though not a smoker from choice, he employed tobacco, on the advice of a friend, during his illness, till satisfied that he derived no benefit from it. In the use of alcohol also he was no prohibitionist, using it in strict moderation himself and employing it without hesitation in the treatment of patients, though he inveighed against the unnecessary and excessive use of stimulants, whether in health or disease. As in these matters, so in religion, he held his own views, and as a matter of conscience expounded them, but not in conscious agreement or opposition to any denomination. Nothing, however, could indicate the fortitude or serenity of his disposition better than the long unrepining vigil of his protracted illness, in the course of which he experienced the loss of his wife and the son who had adopted his own profession, in addition to his own compulsory retirement from the main pursuits of life just as success seemed to crown his efforts.

We regret to announce the death, after a long illness, of DR. ARON CHUNDER DUTT, of Everest Lodge, Newington, Hull, which took place on January 29th. Dr. Dutt belonged to a Calcutta family, well known for its legal and literary abilities, being himself the grandson of Sir Rajah R. Deb, K.C.S.I., first county court judge of Calcutta, and cousin of the late Romesh Dutt, C.I.E., Prime Minister of Baroda. Dr. Dutt graduated at Cambridge, taking the degree of B.A. in the Natural Science Tripos with honours, proceeding to the M.B., and later to the M.D. degree. He was also Associate of King's College, London, and was a member of the East Yorkshire Division of the British Medical Association. After holding various hospital appointments at Morpeth, Salford, and Scarborough hospitals, Dr. Dutt practised in Whitby, Yorks, for a few years, and then in Hull for fifteen years up to the time of his death. He was the author of "Health Notes for the Seaside," and "The Causes and Treatment of Some Forms of Vertigo," also "Case of Brain Tumour" (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL). He married the only daughter of Mr. F. W. Booty, of Scarborough, and his widow and only daughter survive him.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. J. M. COMLEY, M.R.C.S.Eng., Calcutta, on December 30th. He was one of the oldest residents of Calcutta, and probably the oldest medical practitioner in the city. Educated at Guy's Hospital Dr. Comley became M.R.C.S. in 1859. He went to Calcutta about fifty years ago, and, except for a short period he spent at Kursong practising amongst the planters in the district, he had practised in Calcutta ever

since. When he first went there it was a very different place to the Calcutta of to-day, and in the intervening years he had in a quiet and unobtrusive way done a good deal to improve sanitary conditions and make it a healthier city. During this time he built up a large practice amongst all classes of people. He was of a charitable disposition, and many poor people of Calcutta have reason to remember him for many good deeds done unostentatiously. Mrs. Comley has been well known in Calcutta for many years for her extensive charities among the poorer classes of the domiciled community. She was the foundress of St. Mary's Home for the Poor, which is one of the best known institutions of its kind, and provides a home for many poor persons, both European and Eurasian. Dr. Comley was for many years medical adviser to the home. He had been ill for two and a-half months when he died at the advanced age of 74.

DEATHS IN THE PROFESSION ABROAD.—Among the members of the medical profession who have recently died are: Dr. José Ribera y Sans, Professor in the Medical Faculty of Madrid and a member of the Spanish Royal Academy of Medicine; Dr. J. Albarrán, Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Urinary Passages in the University of Paris, aged 50; Dr. Karl Horstmann, Extraordinary Professor of Ophthalmology in the University of Berlin, aged 65; Dr. Herman Versluysen of Antwerp, Vice-President of the Belgian Stomatological Society, aged 48; and Dr. Max Salomon, a prominent physician of Berlin, one of the founders of the establishments for children on the German seacoast, and author of numerous writings on the history of medicine.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

Degrees.

THE following degrees have been conferred:

M.D.—Francis P. Young.

B.C.—Bernard Haigh, W. D. Coplestone.

Graphic Records of Heart's Action.

Dr. James Mackenzie will give a demonstration on graphic methods of recording and interpreting the functions of the heart on Monday, February 19th, at 5 p.m., at the Medical Schools.

John Lucas Walker Studentship.

Applications for this studentship, the holder of which shall devote himself to original research in pathology, are invited, and should be sent, accompanied by copies of papers containing published work and references, before February 19th, 1912, to Professor Sims Woodhead, Medical Schools, Cambridge, who will also give further particulars. The studentship is of the annual value of £200, and tenable under certain conditions for three years.

Research Studentship in Physiology.

Dr. Jamison B. Hurry, of St. John's College and Reading, has offered to endow a research studentship in physiology to be called the Michael Foster Research Studentship.

A CORRECTION.

We regret that, in giving the list of candidates upon whom degrees had been conferred in the University of Cambridge (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, January 27th, p. 222), Mr. G. V. Fiddian's name was printed "G. V. Fiddison." The line should read as follows: "M.B., B.C.—G. V. Fiddian."

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

AN ordinary Council was held on February 1st, Mr. Rickman J. Godlee, President, in the chair.

The late Sir Henry Trentham Butlin, Bart.

The following resolution was passed by the Council:

That the Council hereby record their deep regret at the death of their colleague Sir Henry Trentham Butlin, Bart., for whom they entertained the warmest feelings of personal friendship, and they desire to express their very sincere sympathy with Lady Butlin and the other members of the family in their bereavement.

That the Council do also record their appreciation of the distinction and ability with which Sir Henry Butlin fulfilled the duties of President of the College and Member of the Council, and their grateful sense of the many services rendered by him to the College and the medical profession. The Council believe that no member of the profession more fully enjoyed the confidence and esteem of his colleagues, and his devotion to duty in failing health and increasing infirmity will be treasured by them as a priceless example of courage and unselfishness. For these reasons, as well as for his admirable skill in practice, they are assured that his name will always be held in honour and kindly remembrance.

The President reported that the vacancy in the Council occasioned by the death of Sir Henry Butlin would be filled up at the annual meeting of Fellows in July.