

FORENSIC MEDICINE.—L. M. Arnold, A. Z. Abushady, L. S. Goss, J. C. Lee, I. H. Lloyd, A. H. Taymour, T. J. Thomas.  
MIDWIFERY.—L. M. Arnold, A. Butterfield, F. W. Chamberlain, K. M. Dyott, J. C. Lee.  
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The diploma of the society was granted to Messrs. C. D. Banes, A. U. L. Bennett, C. S. Dodson, L. N. Lee, H. A. De Morgan, and H. B. Padwick.

## The Services.

### TERRITORIAL FORCE.

#### EXCHANGES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS.

THE British Medical Association, being anxious to assist in facilitating exchanges between medical officers of the Territorial Force in accordance with the War Office letter of December 10th (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, February 27th, p. 402), is prepared to publish in the JOURNAL applications for exchange. In all cases officers desiring exchange should furnish information on the following points:

1. Rank and name.....
2. Regiment or medical unit.....
3. At present stationed at .....
4. For home or for foreign service .....
5. Amount and nature of work, special allowances drawn, and living conditions generally .....
6. Home address to which it is desired to exchange .....
7. Terms offered .....
8. Whether a junior medical officer with temporary commission would be accepted .....

Present address and date .....

Lieutenant D. Durward Brown, R.A.M.C.(T.F.), 2/19th Battalion, London Regiment, at present stationed at Coggeshall, Essex, for foreign service, desires to exchange. The duties are the usual battalion work, the pay 14s. a day and 4s. 9d. allowances, and the billets are good. He wishes to exchange to Harrogate, Yorkshire, or to a base hospital. His present address is Idono, Coggeshall.

### INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE Government of India have decided that the period for which an officer of the Indian Medical Service is retained on the active list, in consequence of the war, after his retirement ordinarily becomes due, will be allowed to count towards pension—that is, his pension will be calculated with reference to his total service at the time of his retirement.

## Obituary.

RICHARD SEPHTON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. EDIN.,  
CULCHETH, LANCASHIRE.

DR. RICHARD SEPHTON, one of the oldest practitioners in Lancashire, passed away at his residence, Springfield, Culcheth, near Warrington, on May 18th. He had been in failing health since Christmas, but had attended to his professional duties until a month before his death, which was due to cystitis.

Dr. Sephton was born at Rightington on September 25th, 1834, and received his medical education at the Royal School of Medicine, Manchester. He had a very successful career as a student, and, along with the late Sir William Broadbent, took most of the prizes. He was a prizeman in anatomy, physiology, materia medica, medicine, and surgery.

He took the diploma of L.S.A. in 1857, that of M.R.C.S. in 1858, and that of L.R.C.P.E. in 1860.

After acting as assistant at Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, he went to Culcheth in 1857, where his success was rapid. His easy, frank, genial, hearty, and sympathetic nature soon endeared him to his patients, in whom he took the deepest and most sincere interest. He was generally known in the district as "the poor man's friend." For over fifty years he was Poor Law Medical Officer for the Culcheth District of the Leigh Union and Croft District of the Warrington Union, public vaccinator for the above District, and medical officer of health for the rural district of Warrington. He was a Fellow of the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health and a member of the British Medical Association.

On starting practice he did his rounds on horseback, and

many of the older inhabitants of Culcheth will remember his short figure mounted on his grey mare "Polly." Later on he used a gig and brougham, and about ten years ago he reluctantly gave up his seven horses and took to motoring. He was extremely fond of horses, and had many exciting times with his racing stud at the local meetings. Always a great lover of nature, he took a great interest in gardening, and his roses were known for miles round. He was a Churchman and a Conservative.

He was twice married; his first wife was the daughter of the late Dr. Burrows of Liverpool and his second the daughter of Mr. Buckland of Windsor.

Among many expressions of regret his mortal remains were carried by the village choir from his residence to the family vault at Newchurch Parish Church on May 22nd, 1915.

The sympathy of the medical profession and a wide circle of friends will go out to his widow, son, and two daughters in their bereavement.

MANY on both sides of the Atlantic will learn with profound regret of the death of Dr. PATRICK SANSFIELD DONNELLAN, formerly of Philadelphia. He was born at Limerick, and studied medicine at Trinity College and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He also worked at Edinburgh, Paris, and Frankfurt. He obtained the diploma of L.R.C.S.I. in 1883, and that of L.R.C.P.I. in 1887, shortly afterwards obtaining a post as surgeon on an eastern-going steamer. His professional ability and the conscientious way in which he discharged his duties, as well as his striking social qualities, were soon recognized, and he was promoted to be doctor of the celebrated *City of Rome*, then a record breaker in the Atlantic trade. On this vessel Dr. Donnellan was fortunate in making the acquaintance of a millionaire from Philadelphia, who induced him to settle in that city. He took the M.D. of the Philadelphia University in 1892, and soon acquired a lucrative practice. He was fortunate also in obtaining a valuable appointment as medical officer of a large American Insurance Company. He was by this time well and favourably known in Philadelphia, in which he was a prominent member of medical and other societies, and also of the University Club. During his holidays he frequently visited Europe, where he added to his medical knowledge, especially in the domain of diseases of the ear, nose, and throat, in which he eventually specialized. He was medical director and visiting physician of St. Mary's Hospital and otologist and laryngologist to St. Agnes's Hospital, Philadelphia. He was lecturer on clinical medicine in the Philadelphia Medico-Chirurgical College. He contributed a paper on the practical value of intratracheal medication to the *Therapeutic Gazette* (1902); one on medical allusions in Shakespeare's plays to *American Medicine* (1902), and one on acute suppurative mastoiditis complicating influenza to *Medicine* (1904). He married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryan, of Williamsport on the Hudson, the union proving a particularly happy one. In their beautiful home in Spruce Street, Dr. Donnellan and his wife delighted to welcome and entertain their many friends, especially those who chanced to visit them from the old country. The strain of a large practice and the enervating effects of the climate eventually began to affect Dr. Donnellan's health, and symptoms of a serious nervous disease slowly made their appearance. He sought and obtained the best advice in America, the Continent, and at home, with but only temporary benefit. Eventually he gave up his practice in Philadelphia and went to California, where he lived quietly for two years on the Pacific coast. Some three years ago he returned to the east, where his devoted wife contracted pneumonia and died. This was a great shock to him in his already weakened condition. His mother was still living in London, where three of his brothers are well-known medical practitioners. Deciding to spend his remaining days in England, he settled in Twyford Abbey, Willesden, where, gradually becoming more helpless and weaker, but perfectly resigned, he peacefully passed away on May 5th. He was a broad-minded cultured gentleman, a loving son and brother, and a devoted, helpful friend, without a trace of selfishness. His illness forced him in the prime of life to give up the work which he loved, and for the doing of which he had