

problems, and made most of his contributions to medical literature in this field. During the 1914-18 war he served with the Eastern Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance and attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He took part in the Gallipoli landing, and served later in France and Belgium. From 1909 onwards Dr. Archibald was an active member of the Order of St. John. He was a divisional surgeon in 1912, a county surgeon in 1934, and a year or so later he became a knight of the Order. For twenty-six years he was a member of the British Medical Association, being chairman of the Bedford Division in 1928-9.

Medico-Legal

NO DIVORCE FOR NEUROSIS

[FROM OUR MEDICO-LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

The Divisional Court gave an interesting decision in the divorce appeal *Leng v. Leng* (1946, 2 All E. R. 590). The Matrimonial Causes Act, 1937, allows divorce for three years' desertion. The law has long recognized a state of "constructive" desertion in which the matrimonial offence consists in compelling the other party to the marriage to live separately.

Mrs. Leng left the home, taking the child with her, and promptly issued a summons before the stipendiary magistrate for maintenance. She gave evidence of a good deal of personal unkindness, one act of violence, continuous nagging, and oft-repeated orders to "clear out." The husband was obviously highly neurotic. He had had several gastric operations. The magistrate found that the wife had had to put up with conduct which sufficiently justified her in leaving home and made a separation order, but he hoped that within a few days the husband and wife would become reconciled for the benefit of the child. Accordingly the husband did not appeal. He wrote his wife an affectionate and repentant letter and visited her twice, but she refused to come back. To the friend who accompanied the husband on the second visit she said she would be a fool to prefer an allowance of £3 10s. a week with a house to look after to a payment of £2 10s. a week under the order with no obligations. The husband applied to the justices to discharge the separation order, but they refused on the ground that owing to his neurotic condition the parties could not live happily together; that the husband would have difficulty in making serious decisions; that his neurosis would injure the health of the wife and the child; and that the wife, in view of her previous experience, was justified in refusing to go back. The husband appealed to the Divisional Court.

Lord Merriman, the President, pointed out that if the Court upheld the justices' refusal to discharge the order, the wife could come back in two and a half years and obtain a divorce. That would mean that by a judgment of a court of justice neurosis was made a ground for divorce. He declined to be a party to any such judgment. Considering the rigorous restrictions on divorce for insanity, no court had the right to say that the neurotic condition of the husband and nothing else made him a deserter. Justices, he continued, really must apply their minds to the law as laid down in the Act and in decisions of the Divorce Court, and not invent reasons of this sort for disrupting married life, bearing always in mind that the marriage vow was expressed to prevail "in sickness and in health." Mr. Justice Byrne agreed.

A FORGOTTEN TOURNIQUET

The governors of the Oldham Royal Infirmary admitted liability in a claim by a widow at Manchester Assizes on March 17 for damages for the death of her husband aged 53. He had fractured his wrist at work in Nov., 1944, and a bone graft became necessary. A graft was taken from his shin on Oct. 4, 1945, and eleven hours after the operation, although he had been in great pain for a long time, someone discovered that the tourniquet round his thigh had not been removed. Even then further delay took place before a surgeon was called to give him a blood transfusion, and he died next day. Counsel said that there was no system by which tourniquets were checked. Mr. Justice Singleton awarded £4,000 damages and costs.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Alfred Schweitzer, M.D., Ph.D., has been appointed to the University Readership in Experimental Physiology tenable at University College, from Oct. 1; he has also had conferred on him the degree of D.Sc.

John Ritchie Gilmour, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed to the University Readership in Morbid Anatomy tenable at London Hospital Medical College, from Oct. 1.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Research Centre for the Study of Chronic Rheumatism

Under the scheme recently approved for the establishment of a research centre for the study of chronic rheumatism, the Council of the University has appointed Prof. S. L. Baker, M.Sc., Ph.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. as pathological director of the centre with the title of Professor of Osteo-Pathology. Prof. Baker will begin his new duties on a date to be arranged. The Council also hopes to make the appointment of the clinical director of the centre at an early date.

The Department of Industrial Health in the Faculty of Medicine of the University will in future be described as "The Nuffield Department of Occupational Health." The following appointments to the staff, among others, have been made: *Lecturers in Occupational Health*: Thomas Bedford, D.Sc., Ph.D., S. B. Davis, B.M., B.Ch., Alice D. K. Peters, B.M., B.Ch. *Lecturer in Medicine*: C. S. D. Don, M.D., M.R.C.P. *Lecturer in Urological Surgery*: D. S. Poole Wilson, M.Ch., F.R.C.S.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

A series of lectures on the history of medicine will be given by Dr. Douglas Guthrie in the physiology classroom of the University at 5 p.m. on the following dates: April 17, 21, and 28; May 5, 12, and 26; and June 2, 9, and 16. Guest lectures will be delivered by Sir Arthur MacNalty on May 16 and by Sir Henry Bashford on May 23. The lectures are free to all matriculated students and to the staff of the University; and to others on payment of a fee of 10s. in lieu of matriculation. Details will be published in the diary column of the *Supplement* week by week.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—G. R. Fryers, W. L. Hardman, R. F. Lawrence, R. Orton, R. G. Paley, W. Robinson, H. R. Rollin, S. Smith, C. Stringfellow, G. H. Templeman.
FINAL M.B., CH.B.—*Part III (Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Therapeutics)*: ¹Emma M. H. Albinson, ¹R. E. Coupland, ¹Charlotte Feldman, ¹R. M. Gaunt, ¹G. W. Lewis, ¹V. H. Redcliffe, ¹G. Wilson, Alice M. Clulow, Florence J. Cook, J. P. F. Cook, J. S. Crawford, Diana J. Haiste, G. B. C. Harrop, R. A. Holman, J. R. Jolly, Evelyn R. Lewis, D. H. Miller, N. E. Nathanson, A. P. Phillips, Dorothy R. Russ, Catherine R. Rycroft, J. H. W. Smith, P. M. Smith, Joan C. Stephens, Elaine M. Sunderland, J. N. S. Taylor, L. Vinegrad, Joan L. Walls, H. M. White. *Part I (Pathology and Bacteriology, Pharmacology)*: N. V. Addison, T. Barker, H. Black, Jeanne E. Boocock, Josephine J. Borman, ³J. R. Bowler, J. D. Brackenridge, J. V. Chippindale, A. N. G. Clark, Hazel M. Coleridge, J. M. Critchley, J. D. Crossland, C. R. Cumming, ⁴M. Dales, Ilene I. Dunn, J. P. Falkingham, Kathleen Gillen, Roxie Glossop, ⁴E. W. Green, R. D. Haigh, D. C. Hall, H. M. Hardy, R. High, Jean Hislop, T. B. Hogarth, Margaret E. Johnson, Mary Lloyd-Evans, T. K. Marshall, E. Menchovsky, C. H. Morris, Joy A. R. Penistone, Sarah L. S. Phillips, Marjorie Pitman, ⁴Sheila M. W. Pittock, P. D. Roberts, J. S. Robertson, M. S. Salinsky, Etienne L. Sandford, Kathleen Scott, D. M. Serr, J. H. Shoesmith, M. H. Singer, W. M. Sutcliffe, J. S. Williamson, Isobel V. Watson, Barbara Welburn, A. B. Wharton, D. M. Williams, Dorothy L. Wood, J. C. Woodrow, D. P. Wright.

¹With second-class honours. ²Distinction in Medicine and Therapeutics. ³Distinction in Pathology and Bacteriology. ⁴Distinction in Pharmacology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

Dr. J. Purdon Martin, F.R.C.P., will deliver the Lumleian Lectures on Tuesday, April 15, and Thursday, April 17, at 5 p.m., at the College (Pall Mall East, S.W.). His subject is: "Consciousness and its Disturbances considered from the Neurological Aspect."

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

An Imperial Cancer Research Fund Lecture will be delivered at the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.) by Dr. James Craigie, F.R.S., on Wednesday, April 16, at 3.30 p.m. His subject is "Relationships of Virus and Host-cell, with Reference to Latent and Cryptic Infections." The lecture is open to medical practitioners, scientists, and advanced students.