

After the war, on visiting London, I sought out Arthur on every possible occasion, firstly when he was Director of Army Health, and later when, no longer a soldier, he was a medical officer in the Ministry of Health. He again showed the same qualities of freshness and zest for the job, more interested in technical substance than outward administrative frill. He had always a vigorous interest in the trends of medicine and science rather than in nostalgia for the past.

Arthur Richmond was a good friend to his colleagues, wartime or otherwise. They found in him the best attributes of the doctor and the administrator—a fresh mind, a modest spirit, a kindly heart, and, above all, integrity. It will be sad on again visiting England not to be able to chat to him.

#### J. F. BRAILSFORD, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P.

The obituary of Dr. J. F. Brailsford was published in the *Journal* of February 11 (p. 433).

Mr. PATRICK CLARKSON writes: Your excellent obituary on this most distinguished and pioneer diagnostic radiologist failed to mention the great work that he did for so long for the International College of Surgeons. Almost since its foundation in 1935 Dr. Brailsford was secretary to the International College of Surgeons in England. He did tireless and invaluable work in recruiting members, in promoting their attendance at great congresses of the International College in such places as Rome, Geneva, and Madrid. It was at these congresses that British surgeons who attended were given unique opportunities of meeting and exchanging information with surgeons from all over the world, but particularly from the Latin countries, South America, and many Asian countries. An even more important aspect of Dr. Brailsford's work for the International College of Surgeons was his care to see that no activity of the College could trespass on the province of the Royal College of Surgeons, or could ever strain the loyalties of British surgeons to their national Colleges. This work for international surgery, which was associated with a long friendship with the late secretary-general, Dr. Max Thorek, was all the greater an accomplishment coming from one who was not primarily a surgeon. But his personality and particularly his sincerity and integrity were such as to command respect both inside and outside his own specialty.

P. J. writes: I did not meet Dr. James Brailsford until after his retirement from the National Health Service. I had known him to be extremely critical of a service which compels a man to retire from his hospital appointments at a given age, however fit and desirous he may be of continuing to serve. It was with some trepidation that I first met him. But how groundless were my fears! No one could have been kinder or more helpful to a "new boy" completely unknown to him and appointed as successor in most of his hospital appointments. He assured me of his help at all times in any problem that might arise. Such was his generosity that he invited me and my family to stay in one of his lovely cottages in North Wales whenever we so wished. Many of Dr. Brailsford's friends enjoyed many happy holidays spent in these cottages. We met many times over the last five years. Of course one had to listen at times to his tirades against his current *bête noire*, but always realizing that laughter was not far away. He loved a joke, particularly one against himself. There soon emerged the image of an essentially modest, humble, and kindly man.

Dr. Brailsford was noted for his consideration, kindness, and loyalty to his assistants. In turn, he was not only respected and admired but absolutely adored by his radiographic staff. One hears the same tributes paid to him in all the departments in which he served. We mourn a man whose name will live for ever. Future workers in practically all orthopaedic-radiological subjects will find that Brailsford has written something on the problem before them. His name is rightly given to an osteo-chondrodystrophy which he first described, and it seems probable that his name may be given to other conditions when they are finally classified.

#### W. MAYER-GROSS, M.D., F.R.C.P.

The obituary of Dr. W. Mayer-Gross was published in the *Journal* of February 25.

O. L. Z. writes: Among the many valuable things Dr. William Mayer-Gross brought to this country from Germany was an interest in the psychological study of organic brain disorders. His papers on constructional apraxia, written not long after his arrival here, did much to interest both neurologists and psychiatrists in the more circumscribed patterns of intellectual disability and their value for the localization of cerebral disease. It should also be said that Mayer-Gross did a great deal to encourage experimental psychologists to concern themselves with the more precise analysis of these syndromes and, indeed, to extend their activities into the clinical field of psychiatry generally. He gave constant encouragement and help to psychologists engaged in clinical work and took a lively interest in their inquiries. A man of great integrity and courage, Mayer-Gross will be deeply missed in psychological circles in Britain.

#### THOMAS DOOLEY, M.D.

The obituary of Dr. Thomas Dooley was published in the *Journal* of February 11 (p. 435).

J. A. M. writes: I was very distressed to read of the death of Dr. Thomas Dooley. I had the great privilege of meeting him while in Hong Kong in September, 1957. He was spending some days in the Colony writing the second of his books, and was leaving the following day to visit Dr. Albert Schweitzer at Lambaré. As your obituary indicates, he was no ordinary man, and nobody who met him could ever forget the deep impression that he made. He was a man of exceptional vision and strength, and the world has lost a very great doctor.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Dr. G. N. C. Crawford has been reappointed Demonstrator in Human Anatomy from October 1, 1961, to September 30, 1966.

Mr. A. S. Till has been appointed Lecturer in Surgery from February 1, 1961, to September 30, 1965.

The following have been appointed clinical lecturers in the subjects indicated in parentheses from February 1, 1961, to September 30, 1965: Dr. R. H. Cowdell (Pathology); Dr. A. Crampton Smith and Dr. P. Glazer (Anaesthetics); Dr. W. S. Holden and Dr. K. Lumsden (Radiology); Dr. G. de J. Lee (Medicine); Dr. E. F. Mason (Physical Medicine); Mr. E. W. Peet (Plastic Surgery); Dr. A. A. Sharp (Haematology); and Dr. J. S. I. Skottowe (Psychiatry).

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on February 11 the following degrees were conferred:

M.B.—\*F. J. B. Taylor, \*L. D. Heap, C. D. MacF. Drew, R. W. B. White, R. C. L'E. Orme.

\*By proxy.

Professor F. J. Fenner, M.D., F.R.S., of the Australian National University, has been appointed to an Overseas Fellowship of Churchill College for 1961–2.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

On February 4 the degree of M.D. was conferred *in absentia* by diploma on A. D. Hally (with honours), W. H. D. Scotland, and W. C. Watson (with commendation).

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Dr. L. H. Hamlyn, Lecturer at University College, has been appointed to the University Readership in Histology tenable at that College.

### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

The following appointments are announced: Dr. J. J. Daly, full-time Lecturer in Medicine; Dr. G. A. B. Davies-Jones, full-time Research Assistant in Medicine; Dr. J. D. S. Hammond, part-time Instructor in Medicine.

Dr. Miles Taylor, Lecturer in Anatomy, and Dr. C. N. Eccles, Demonstrator in Anatomy, have resigned from their appointments.