

## Obituary.

W. H. PEILE, M.D., D.P.H.

MANY old students of University College Hospital will hear with regret the news of the death of William Hall Peile, son of the late Sir James Peile of the India Office, which took place at Sidmouth on July 14th. Having spent some years at Cambridge and taken his Arts degree there, he joined the hospital at a rather later age than the majority of students. He was most thorough and careful in his work, and after obtaining the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in 1897 he held the resident posts of house-physician, house-surgeon, and senior obstetric assistant. He later took the degree of M.D. at Dublin University and the D.P.H. of the English Royal Colleges.

Never of robust constitution, his health prevented him from gaining the position in the profession to which his ability entitled him, and he was induced to spend several years cruising in various parts of the world. Finally he married and settled at Sidmouth, where as medical officer of health he devoted himself to improving the sanitation of this lovely little seaside resort. Some workmen's dwellings erected by the local council on his advice remain as evidence of his work. Peile's health, unfortunately, broke down, and he was obliged a few years ago to relinquish this post. He contributed some interesting articles to the medical journals. Those who had the privilege of knowing him have lost a staunch friend and one whom they will always remember as a true type of a cultured English gentleman

CAPTAIN CLEMENT PERRONET SELLS, M.C., R.A.M.C.(T.F.), died at the Royal Air Force Hospital, Swanage, on July 4th, aged 29. He was the son of the late Vincent Perronet Sells, of Highfield, Oxford; and was educated at Oxford and at Middlesex Hospital, taking the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.Lond. in 1916. He joined the R.A.M.C.(T.F.) on August 23rd, 1916, was attached to the R.A.F. from April 1st, 1918, and received the Military Cross on June 3rd, 1918.

DR. THOMAS ADDIS EMMET of New York, who died on March 1st, was born on May 29th, 1828, in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was the son of John Patten Emmet, professor of chemistry and materia medica in the University of Virginia. He graduated at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1850, and after many years' service as assistant became surgeon-in-chief to the Women's Hospital in 1861, an appointment which he held till 1872. He was the author of *The Principles and Practice of Gynaecology*, which went through several editions. Dr. Emmet was a great collector of American prints and autographs and extra-illustrated books. One of his collections was sold for £30,000, another for £14,400. He left a fortune amounting to £200,000.

PROFESSOR HERMANN OPPENHEIM, the well known neurologist, who died recently at Berlin, was born in that city in 1858. He studied medicine at Goettingen, Bonn, and Berlin, where he came under the influence of Westphal. He became assistant in the neurological clinic of the Charité in 1883; in 1886 he qualified as *privat-docent*, and in 1893 became professor. He published papers on traumatic neuroses, syphilitic diseases of the central nervous system, tumours of the brain, encephalitis, and cerebral abscess in the *Charité Annalen*, *Virchow's Archiv*, and the *Zeitschrift für Nervenheilkunde*. He was also the author of a textbook on nervous diseases published in 1894, well known in its time; a second edition appeared in 1898.

MAGNUS GUSTAF RETZIUS, the famous Swedish anatomist, died at Stockholm on July 21st, aged 77. He was the son of another distinguished anatomist, Anders Retzius, and was born at Stockholm in 1842. After studying at Upsala and Stockholm he graduated at Lund in 1871. In 1877 he was appointed extraordinary professor of histology in the Carolina Institute of Stockholm, becoming ordinary professor in 1889. He resigned in 1900, and devoted the rest of his life to research. In the pursuit of knowledge he travelled widely in Europe and America, and by his work in anatomy and anthropology won many distinctions,

including the Monthyon prize of the Institute of France. He published his results in monographs on the organ of hearing in bony fishes (1872); the anatomy of the nervous system and the connective tissue (in collaboration with Axel Key (1875-1876); on Finnish skulls (1898); the organ of hearing in vertebrates (1881-1884); on the macroscopic anatomy of the human brain (1896); on old Swedish skulls (1899), and kindred subjects. The last of a series of handsome and beautifully illustrated folios appeared in 1914. Retzius was a Fellow of the Royal Societies of London and Edinburgh, the American Philosophical Society, the Académie des Sciences of Paris, and many other learned bodies.

## The Services.

### MENTIONED IN DISPATCHES.

IN a special Supplement to the *London Gazette*, issued on July 28th, General Sir C. C. Monro, Commander-in-Chief, India, relates particulars of the part played by India in the various operations in the recent war. The list of those mentioned for particular services, appearing as an appendix to the dispatch, include six members of the A.M.S. and R.A.M.C., four officers of the I.M.S., and two Indian medical practitioners.

Major-General P. Hehir, C.B., C.M.G., I.M.S., was reported as wounded in the casualty list published on July 8th, presumably on the Indian frontier. This is the first instance throughout the war of a medical officer of this rank being wounded.

Lieutenant Hari Das, I.M.S. (temp.), attached 1/9th Gurkhas, is reported as wounded, in the casualty list of July 26th.

## Medical News.

AN organization of medical practitioners has been formed in New York to start a movement to raise £10,000,000 for the purpose of making New York the medical centre of the world.

DR. HENRY STRONG, J.P., of Worthing, some time of Croydon, left £47,750. He directed that his property should be divided into twenty parts, six of which are to be given to Epsom College, two to the Croydon General Hospital, and the remainder, subject to a few personal legacies, to various charitable institutions.

THE Summer School of Civics and Eugenics at Cambridge will be opened by Viscount Haldane on Saturday evening, August 2nd. The address of the Secretary of the School is, University Arts School, Bene't Street, Cambridge.

LAST week Major-General Sir Robert Jones, C.B., entertained a large party of friends to dinner at the Savoy Hotel, London, to meet King Manuel. The occasion was the approaching cessation, owing to the declaration of peace, of King Manuel's active share in the work of the military orthopaedic department. Various speakers—Sir Robert Jones, Sir Arthur Stanley, Lieut.-General Goodwin, Sir Harold Stiles, Lord Knutsford, and Sir Robert Hudson, chairman of the Joint Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John—bore testimony to the value of the work done by King Manuel in influencing public opinion, by acting as liaison officer between the orthopaedic department and the Joint War Committee, and by his own personal labours at the Shepherd's Bush Military Orthopaedic Hospital. In replying, King Manuel spoke in the warmest terms of Sir Robert Jones and thanked all those with whom he had been associated in work for the disabled man during the last four years.

FLEET SURGEON ALFRED T. CORRIE, R.N., has been elected a governor of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London.

AT the matriculation examination of the University of London in June, 226 candidates passed in the first division and 1,188 in the second division.

THE KING, on the occasion of his visit to the Guildhall on July 29th, knighted Dr. W. R. Smith, one of the Sheriffs of London.

THE Wellcome Historical Medical Museum will be closed for cleaning and redecoration from August 9th until the end of September.

THE King of Italy has appointed Dr. A. F. Cameron to be a Chevalier of the Order of the Crown of Italy in recognition of valuable services rendered during the war.