

in 1906, became assistant surgeon in 1907, full surgeon in 1911, and succeeded Mr. Ernest Clarke as senior surgeon in 1913. Until the day of his death Mayou was unremitting in his efforts for the improvement and perfection of this hospital. No detail was too small for his attention, and his enthusiasm and ambition for its welfare and efficiency were boundless. It was mainly owing to his instrumentality that private wards for patients of limited means were added to the hospital, under the name of the Princess Marie Louise Wing, and he personally supervised each step in the fitting and furnishing of these rooms. On committees, executive and consultative, Mayou was always definite in his views, and his presence was recognized as of the greatest value. After serving first on the council and then as vice-president he was chosen as president of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom, and he was holding this important office at the date of his death. He was an original member of the Section of Ophthalmology of the Royal Society of Medicine, treasurer of the Council of British Ophthalmologists, and a member of the editorial and executive committee of the *British Journal of Ophthalmology*. He was a representative of the Council of British Ophthalmologists on the Ophthalmic Committee of the B.M.A. Other activities in the British Medical Association included that of the Association's representative on the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board in 1930. An active Freemason, he was Master of the Captain Coram Lodge, and ophthalmic surgeon to the Royal Masonic Hospital, first at Fulham and then at Ravenscourt, and to the Masonic Schools at Weybridge and Clapham Junction.

It is impossible here to do more than touch lightly on Mayou's manifold activities, but even from what has already been said some small idea can be gleaned of his limitless energy and unflinching interest in the branch of medicine which he had made his life's work. His patients—private and hospital—reaped the benefit of his extensive experience, and their absolute confidence in his opinion and treatment was shared by his colleagues, while his well-recognized skill in operating earned him the respect of those privileged to watch him. His interest in the mechanical side of ophthalmology is demonstrated by the numerous instruments he invented, the most notable of which are the Mayou operating lamp and the Mayou slit-lamp.

Thus far the ophthalmologist, who concealed the man himself. Broad in his views and far-sighted, he was primarily a sportsman. In spite of the incessant calls upon his time Mayou was an enthusiastic fisherman, spending some time of each year in Scotland, Norway, or Ireland in this pursuit, and enjoying nothing better than talking "fish" with others of the same cult. Indeed, the beginning of his last series of illnesses might be attributed to his over-enthusiasm in fishing in the chill waters of an Aberdeenshire river. A keen golfer, he fostered the yearly golf match between the Central, Moorfields, and Westminster Eye Hospitals with a jealous and paternal care. He was an ardent horticulturist, full of wise and helpful advice. His practical-mindedness was as evident in his private life as in his work, and his opinion on antiques was as interesting as it was instructive. A kindly and delightful host, always ready with counsel for those who sought it, either on private or professional grounds, his knowledge and experience, and the rapidity and clarity with which his mind worked, did not permit him to suffer fools gladly, and when he had made up his mind as to the right and proper course to pursue nothing would turn him aside from his purpose.

He is survived by a widow and three daughters.

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#### CHARLES J. HEATH, F.R.C.S.

Mr. Charles Joseph Heath died at his house in York Terrace, Regent's Park, N.W., on July 13th. He was well known as an aural surgeon, as a sportsman, and as an inventor—showing a versatility which is not unusual in members of the medical profession, but which in his own case covered an unusually wide sphere. As aural surgeon he correlated the best points of many operations on the ear, tested them by experience, and produced a method which his friends always spoke of as "Heath's operation." He was somewhat vain of the method, and spoke of it in season and out, sometimes to the weariness of his auditors. The operation is a good one, is likely to be lasting, and was worthy of his praise. He designed, or modified, too, a large number of instruments for use in the surgery of the ear. As a sportsman Heath was a first-rate shot, and was equally good as a salmon fisher. He shot wildfowl on the Shannon and in Essex, and fished in Galway. As an inventor he designed and improved an anti-gas helmet of which large numbers were supplied to the British Army during the Great War, and introduced a chamberless wildfowling gun. He also defined the principles essential in the design of Army boots for the Army Hygienic Advisory Committee.

Born at Totnes, South Devon, on Christmas Day, 1856, he was the third son of John Heath, land agent, and Rachel Pulling, his wife. His elder brother, William Lenton Heath, F.R.C.S., who died in 1912, was well known and very popular as a general practitioner in South Kensington. Charles Heath was educated at the King Edward VI Grammar School at Totnes and at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. At the latter he early showed his delicate manipulative skill by gaining, in successive years, and at a time when there was very keen competition, the junior and senior prize for the best dissection. He was subsequently appointed Prosector at the Royal College of Surgeons, where it was his duty to make the dissections upon which candidates for the Membership and Fellowship of the College were afterwards examined. He was admitted M.R.C.S. in 1884, served a term of office as house-surgeon at the Preston Royal Infirmary, and was elected F.R.C.S. in 1886. Two years later he joined the British Medical Association, for which he afterwards did good service as secretary of the Section of Laryngology. Having determined to practise a specialty, he became assistant surgeon to the Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, and afterwards to the Throat Hospital in Golden Square, where at the time of his death he was a vice-president. Aural surgery attracted him more than the treatment of diseases of the throat, and he was for some years the consulting aural surgeon to the Downs Hospital for Children under the Metropolitan Asylums Board. He was a Fellow of the Hunterian Society, and was a frequent speaker at the British Oto-laryngological Society and at the Oto-laryngological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

He wrote little, his chief contributions to the literature being: *Diagnosis and Treatment in Cases of Otitis Media*; *The Cure of Chronic Suppuration of the Ear Without Removal of the Drum or Ossicles or Loss of Hearing*; *The Nature and Causes of Catarrhal Throat or Hereditary Deafness with a New Method of Treatment*; *The Prevention of Deafness and Mortality which Results from Aural Suppuration*.

He married Agnes Frideswide, daughter of Colonel J. J. Wilson, who died in 1930, and is survived by two daughters. Heath was a true sportsman and a loyal friend. He suffered of late years from increasing deafness, which led him last year to resign his position as a member of the House Committee of the Governors of

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a position he greatly valued. The funeral service was held at St. James's Church, Piccadilly, and he was buried at the Greenwich Cemetery, Shooter's Hill.

Dr. JAMES W. STEEL of Bournemouth died on July 14th, in his early forties. Born at Dundee and educated at the Morgan Academy and Edinburgh University, he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1913. After acting as house-surgeon at Bolton Infirmary he was assistant in private practice in Preston before joining the R.A.M.C. in 1916. He held the rank of captain, and suffered severely from malaria and dysentery in Salonika. For his war services in Batum and South Russia he was awarded the Order of St. Stanislaus. Mr. R. Saunders Melville, F.R.C.S.Ed., writes: I was touched to read recently in a book of war reminiscences by a much travelled member of the medical profession numerous references to "Jimmy" Steel. He mentions his charming smile, his universal popularity, his skill as a pianist, which gave pleasure to so many during those arduous days, and he refers to him as the most conscientious man he had ever met. That is no exaggeration. The charm of James Steel's personality lay in his simplicity, his goodness of heart, and his modesty. Therein lay his strength. His was a sunny nature, and he loved life and happiness. He settled in Bournemouth after the war, and rapidly built up a large practice. He was by nature the ideal family doctor, and his abilities were far in excess of his very modest estimate of them. His devotion to his profession was absolute, and he carried out his duties until within a few days of his death. When told that he was suffering from leukaemia and advised to go up to London for x-ray treatment, it was typical of him to say that he really could not go at that time as he had a "confinement coming off." He knew that there was no prospect of cure, and his one anxiety seemed to be that it should make "no difference." He refused to submit to invalidism. He carried on his practice with the help of an assistant, went on holiday with all his old enthusiasm, and it says much for his strength of character that he was able to forget and almost able to make his friends forget that he was fatally ill. He met the remonstrances of his doctor brothers and professional friends with obvious indignation, and argued with a whimsical wit that invariably brought the laughter that he loved so much, but he submitted to spare them anxiety—not for his own sake. Last winter he confounded the critics by dancing an eightsome reel with all the grace and skill inherited from his Highland forebears. Dr. Steel was unmarried, but he was fortunate in being a member of a devoted family. His mother, to whom he was deeply attached, predeceased him about two years ago, spared the knowledge of her son's illness. Children loved him; he was fond of saying that he was honorary uncle to numerous small patients. His last days were brightened by the company of a small nephew, who frequently went with him on his rounds and whose quaint sayings were of far more interest to him than his own symptoms. And now he is gone, dying as he had lived, a very gallant gentleman. We his friends, in extending our sympathy to his family, share very humbly in their pride in him.

The death of Dr. IRENE CLARKE (née Higgle) has removed a zealous worker from the British Medical Association, as well as an energetic and devoted servant of the community. Irene Higgle graduated M.B., Ch.B.Glas. in 1923, and joined the Association immediately. She obtained the D.P.H. in 1928. In the next year she married Dr. T. W. Clarke of West Acton, and thereafter was prominent in the social life of Acton and Ealing, and a strong supporter of various charitable causes. One of her chief interests was the Acton Hospital, to which she rendered exceptionally valuable assistance. She became honorary secretary of the West Middlesex Division of the British Medical Association in 1930, and was a Representative at the annual meeting in 1931 at Eastbourne. Until her last illness she had been very active in work for the Division, interesting herself in all sides of medical progress. She was a life member of the British Association

for the Advancement of Science, and a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Public Health. To a real devotion to scientific knowledge she added a great ability for organization and genius for hospitality. What had promised to be a brilliant and happy career was cut short by a lingering illness, and it is hoped to commemorate in some useful way a life which, though short, had been full of inspiration and encouragement for others.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Theodore Williams Scholarship in Physiology, 1934, has been awarded to Miss D. C. Pedley of St. Hilda's College.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

A meeting of the Senate was held on July 18th, with the Vice-Chancellor (Professor L. N. G. Filon) in the chair.

Professor J. H. Gaddum was appointed to the University Chair of Pharmacology (University College) from July 1st, 1935, and Dr. J. R. Marrack to the University Chair of Chemical Pathology (London Hospital Medical College) from October 1st.

### LONDON (ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL) SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN

The following awards of scholarships for 1934-5 are announced: *St. Dunstan's Exhibition*: E. J. Fair. *A. M. Bird Entrance Scholarship*: J. Avarne. *Sir Owen Roberts Memorial Scholarship*: E. W. Town. *A. M. Bird Clinical Scholarship*: V. Sykes. *Alfred Langton Scholarship*: E. M. Drown. *Ellen Walker Bursary*: M. T. Collins, G. E. Reed. *Floa Murray Bursary*: D. J. Perkins. *School Jubilee Bursary*: K. M. French. *Mabel Sharman-Crawford Scholarship*: M. L. Taylor. *Special A. M. Bird Scholarships*: B. Clark, M. G. Ernst, H. M. Kennedy, I. M. Lamey, A. M. A. Medley, S. J. Spencer. *A. M. Bird Post-Graduate Scholarship in Pathology*: J. C. Drury, M.B., Ch.B. *Mabel Webb and A. M. Bird Research Scholarship*: U. Shelley, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.P. (renewed).

### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

Dr. J. W. Bride has been appointed lecturer in clinical obstetrics and gynaecology; Dr. F. R. Ferguson, lecturer in neurology; and Dr. John Gifford, lecturer in mental diseases.

### UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

A graduation ceremonial was held in the M'Ewan Hall on July 18th. The following medical degrees and diplomas were conferred:

M.D.—W. J. Candlish, J. R. Davidson, F. A. Duffield, Phyllis M. Edwards, †Annie E. Ferguson (née Webster), W. H. Gillespie, †R. G. Hood, †H. L. Khosla, J. L. Law (in absentia), †W. V. Macfarlane, S. L. A. Manuwa (in absentia), †J. Milne, W. E. Orchard, R. Porteous, D. M. Scrimgeour, \*C. E. van Rooyen.

Ch.M.—†H. J. P. Brüwer.  
D.Ph.—B. B. Dikshit (in absentia), R. K. Goyal, B. Narayana.  
M.B., B.Ch.—F. S. Airey, A. K. Arif, †R. W. Armour, S. O. Awoliyi, D. A. Baird, P. B. Barker, W. Barnetson, P. G. Barrow, D. R. Beaton, †D. L. C. Bingham, J. F. Birrell, W. R. Black, W. Blackwood, P. R. K. Bradbury, R. M. Brown, Olive M. Browne, J. H. Brownlee, J. A. Buchanan, J. C. Burgin, W. D. A. Callam, J. D. Cameron, Nora Campbell, W. R. Campbell, M. Cay, N. Chakravarti, J. A. Chalmers, R. W. Chalmers, D. Clarke, Kathleen B. Cobb, T. J. Cockburn, L. M. Commissiong, W. C. J. Cooper, A. F. Cowan, W. J. A. Craig, T. D. Culbert, J. D. Davies, H. W. Dwyer, J. R. Durham, I. M. D. N. Farquharson, S. L. Forrest, H. F. Galler, Ann F. Gibb, D. Gilmour, J. C. Goligher, H. M. Grant, J. S. Grant, N. A. Gray, N. Gray, R. D. Gray, A. Greenblatt, G. C. Gundersen, M. I. Hall, Alison M. B. Hamilton, J. Hart-Mercer, W. K. Henderson, H. B. T. Holland, Isabella Hood, J. Hutton, Augusta S. Inglis, †A. J. Innes, J. R. B. Johnstone, Josephine J. M. Kamm, J. S. Kaufman, J. M. Kerr, T. A. Kester, J. H. Kretzmar, G. K. Lloyd, N. M. L. Lund, J. Macaskill, I. R. I. MacDonald, W. T. Macdonald, J. A. B. M'Dougle, G. B. MacGibbon, J. H. M'Intyre, W. R. H. Mackay, I. K. MacKenzie, C. R. M'Laughlin, N. Maclean, I. P. J. MacNaughtan, J. Magill, J. A. Malloch, W. Maxwell, J. H. Miller, N. C. F. Milne, E. K. Morris, †K. M. Morris, T. M. Murdock, G. M. Naicker, E. E. Nathaniel, C. C. Nicholson, G. Nisbet, E. F. Northcroft, G. J. Partington, M. K. Pillai, A. W. Reeve, S. C. C. dos Remedios,