

*Notes in Brief*

The Ministry of Labour's proposed inquiry into working-class family expenditure, for revision of the cost-of-living index, will be completed toward the end of 1937.

During 1935, 161 men were invalidated from the Royal Navy suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. Of these, 122 were granted disability pensions.

The £1,000,000 grant for the assistance of rural water schemes in England and Wales has now been allocated. The capital cost of the schemes so grant-aided exceeds £6,000,000.

Sir Godfrey Collins has arranged for the publication at an early date of the report of the committee of investigation into the price of milk for Scotland.

**The Services****MEMORIAL TO TWO MEDICAL DIRECTOR-GENERAL, R.N.**

On April 23rd Surgeon Vice-Admiral R. W. B. Hall, Medical Director-General of the Navy, unveiled memorial tablets in the chapel of the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, to Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir James Porter, Medical Director-General, 1908-14, and Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Joseph Chambers, Medical Director-General, 1923-7.

**DEATHS IN THE SERVICES**

Major John Ignatius Worgan Morris, R.A.M.C. Special Reserve, died at the Kelling Sanatorium, Holt, Norfolk, on April 18th. He was educated at St. Mary's, and took the M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.Lond. in 1898. He was for some time assistant resident medical officer of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, but for some years past he had been resident medical superintendent of the Kelling Sanatorium at Holt, and also visiting physician of the Home Place Convalescent Home for Consumptives, Holt. He served in the war of 1914-18 in the Special Reserve of the R.A.M.C., in which he attained the rank of major. He joined the British Medical Association on April 18th, 1906, resigned on January 11th, 1916, and rejoined on March 8th, 1922.

**Universities and Colleges****UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

An anonymous donor has given £10,000 to the University for the establishment of an Institute of Experimental Psychology, and in Congregation on May 5th a proposal will be brought forward to found the Institute and thank the donor. A decree will be proposed allocating to the Institute £500 and £150 a year for five years from the Rockefeller Foundation for research in social sciences.

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

Sir Walter Langdon-Brown, M.D., Emeritus Professor of Physic, has been re-elected into a Fellowship at Corpus Christi College.

M. T. Greig, M.B., Ch.B. (New Zealand), has been appointed University Demonstrator in the Department of Anatomy for three years from October 1st, 1936.

**UNIVERSITY OF LONDON****WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL**

An entrance examination in English essay, chemistry, and physics, upon the result of which will be awarded four scholarships, each to the value of £75, will be held at the Westminster Hospital Medical School on May 11th and 12th. Candidates must be preparing for a degree in medicine of an English university.

**LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE**

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

ACADEMIC POST-GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—*Part I*: K. Biden-Steele, D. K. McL. Chalmers, Mabel J. Cooke, Florence A. Craig, Patience Craig, Janet M. Done, W. K. Dunscombe, Helen M. Evans, Jane O. French, Mary L. Gilchrist, G. E. Godber, Irene B. M. Green, Marjorie K. Hall, H. D. Holt, Joyce B. Jewson, Winifred A. Kane, Elsa V. McLaggan, J. A. R. Murphy, E. Pereira, W. J. Pinto, G. D. Pirrie, Eleanor G. Porter, T. R. Rama Pai, M. J. A. Sandrasagra, L. D. Sarronwala, P. N. Sathe, B. K. Sikand, G. B. Smart, R. L. Tiruchelvam, Evelyn A. M. White.

**Medical News**

Sir Thomas Barlow has been elected a Foreign Associate Member of the Académie de Médecine.

Mr. G. Gordon-Taylor has been elected a Corresponding Fellow of the Surgical Society of Vienna.

The annual general meeting and dinner of the University of London Medical Graduates' Society will be held at the Langham Hotel, Portland Place, W., on Tuesday, May 12th, at 7.30 p.m., when the guest of honour will be the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London. The president hopes that members will attend and bring guests.

The annual meeting of the Industrial Health Education Society will be held at 29, Portman Square, W., on Wednesday, May 13th, at 5 p.m., when the Minister of Health, Sir Kingsley Wood, and Mr. George Hicks, M.P., will speak.

A Chadwick Public Lecture on "London under Statutory Town Planning" will be given by Professor S. D. Adshear, F.R.I.B.A., at the Royal Institute of British Architects on Thursday, May 7th, at 8.15 p.m. Admission is free. Further information about Chadwick Lectures may be obtained of the secretary, Mrs. Aubrey Richardson, at the offices of the Trust, 204, Abbey House, Westminster, S.W.

The Manchester Lloyd Roberts Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Walter Schiller, pathologist to the University Frauenklinik, Vienna, at the Whitworth Street Branch of St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday, May 19th, at 4.15 p.m. His subject will be "Cancer of the Cervix Uteri."

The Section of History of Medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine will meet in Bath on Saturday and Sunday, May 16th and 17th, by invitation of the Bath Spa Committee. Fellows, other than members of the Section, are invited to attend. Details may be obtained from the secretary of the Society.

The University College (late Queen's College), Galway, North of England, and Midlands Alumni Association will hold its tenth annual medical reunion at the Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester, on Saturday, May 9th, at 7.30 p.m.; dinner at 8 p.m. The subscription is one guinea, which includes the dinner, cost of organization, printing, etc., and all Galway graduates are invited. Those who intend to be present are asked to notify the honorary secretary, Dr. P. J. Webb, 127, Rochdale Road, Harpurhey, Manchester, 9.

A week-end course on psychological disorders in childhood will be held at the Institute of Medical Psychology, Malet Place, W.C., on Saturday, May 9th, from 11.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m., and on Sunday, May 10th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The lectures are open to medical practitioners only, and the fee for the course is £1 1s.

Special university lectures on veterinary science will be delivered at the Royal Veterinary College, Great College Street, Camden Town, N.W.1, on May 7th and 8th, at 5.30 p.m. The lectures are concerned with mineral deficiency diseases of farm animals; first, historical and biochemical; and, secondly, clinical and therapeutic. The lecturers are Dr. Henry Dryerre, professor of physiology, Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh, and Dr. J. Russell Greig, Director of the Animal Diseases Research Association.

The Fellowship of Medicine announces the following courses: thoracic surgery at Brompton Hospital, May 11th to 16th; urology at St. Peter's Hospital, May 18th to 30th; proctology at Gordon Hospital, May 25th to 30th; venereal diseases at London Lock Hospital, May 25th to June 20th; clinical and pathological courses for M.R.C.P. candidates at National Temperance Hospital, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m., June 9th to 25th; chest and heart diseases at Victoria Park Hospital, Wednesdays and Fridays, 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m., June 17th to July 10th; chest diseases at Brompton Hospital, twice weekly at 5 p.m. from June 15th to

July 11th; neurology and psychopathology at West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, June 8th to July 4th; gynaecology at Chelsea Hospital for Women, June 8th to 20th; chest diseases at Brompton Hospital, May 9th and 10th; surgery at Cancer Hospital, May 16th and 17th; medicine at Prince of Wales's General Hospital, June 6th and 7th; obstetrics at City of London Maternity Hospital, June 13th and 14th; fevers at Park Hospital, June 20th and 21st; and surgery at Prince of Wales's General Hospital, June 27th and 28th. The week-end courses will occupy the whole of Saturday and Sunday in each case. Courses arranged by the Fellowship of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) are open only to members and associates of the Fellowship.

An exhibition of the history of medicine will be held this month at the Hotel de Ville at Tours. Further information can be obtained from M. Hennion, Musée des Beaux Arts; or from Dr. P. Hennion, 119, Rue George Sand, Tours.

The first international meeting of specialists in cardiology will take place at Royat at Whitsuntide (May 31st and June 1st). The subjects for discussion will be vascular tonus and vascular spasms. British members of the foreign committee include: Sir Thomas Lewis, Sir Farquhar Buzzard, Sir Walter Langdon-Brown, Sir Maurice Cassidy, Sir StClair Thomson, Dr. John Parkinson, Dr. F. W. Price, Dr. Basil Parsons-Smith, Dr. Thomas Cotton, Dr. Maurice Campbell, Dr. Evan Bedford, and Dr. A. P. Cawadias. Further information can be obtained from the general secretary, Dr. Boncoumont, 5, Rue Saint-Beuve, Paris.

The ninth Congress of French-speaking Oto-neuro-ophthalmological Societies will be held at Lyons from May 29th to 31st, under the presidency of Professor M. Lannau. The only subject for discussion will be arachnoiditis. Further information can be obtained from the secretariat of the congress, Pavillon P, Hôpital Edouard Herriot, Lyons.

At a recent meeting of the Austrian Dermatological Society Sir Ernest Graham-Little, Professor A. Ducr y of Rome, Dr. C. Levaditi of Paris, Dr. Svend Lomholt of Copenhagen, Dr. Howard Fox of New York, and Professor Edward Neuber of Debreczen were elected honorary members.

The Royal Society of Medicine invites applications for the Nichols Fellowship of two years' duration, which is offered for research relating to "The Discovery of the Causes and the Prevention of Death in Childbirth from Septicaemia." The Nichols Fellow shall conduct work in an approved institution providing suitable facilities. The emoluments consist of an honorarium of £150 per annum and a grant of £15 for expenses. Candidates should apply stating the line and character of the research intended (a wide choice is allowed) and the name of the professor in whose department they propose to work. Applications should be received by the Secretary of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1, by October 1st.

On April 25th a memorial to Sir James Cantlie, K.B.E., LL.D., F.R.C.S., who died ten years ago, was unveiled at Cottered Church, Herts. The tablet with medallion was erected by His Excellency Dr. Alfred Sze, Chinese Ambassador at Washington, and formerly Chinese Minister in London.

The King has granted Dr. Salvator Michael Vassallo authority to wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Order of the Brilliant Star of Zanzibar, conferred upon him by the Sultan of Zanzibar in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

The issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for April 11th contains an illustrated description of Kansas City, where the eighty-seventh annual session of the association will be held from May 11th to 15th.

The missionary hospital at Aklanka, Canada, the northernmost hospital in the world, has been destroyed by fire. The patients were rescued by aeroplanes.

## Letters, Notes, and Answers

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### QUERIES AND ANSWERS

#### Recurrent Nightmares

"RETIRED" (Perth, W. Australia) writes in reply to "H. P. C." (*Journal*, February 8th, p. 294): The solution might be in the patient's food intake. Many years ago a niece aged 10 visited us from the dry interior, where eggs were scarce, and proceeded to enjoy all the eggs she could command. Then she began to wake the household in the early morning with attacks of screaming lasting half an hour. She was quite proof against remonstrance, but approaching recovery was ushered in by explanations that the house was on fire—different coloured flames everywhere. After two or three disturbed nights I blamed eggs, which were afterwards allowed only very sparingly, and the nightmares disappeared. She is now a healthy woman finding consolation in concert singing.

#### "Calcium Phosphate Stomatitis"

Dr. NORMAN J. AINSWORTH (London, W.) writes: Dr. J. St. Clair's case reported in the *Journal* of April 4th may be one of chronic infection of one or more of the salivary glands. The "grit" referred to corresponds exactly in composition with ordinary salivary calculus such as forms on the teeth and sometimes forms in Stensen's and Wharton's ducts in cases of chronic infection. Treatment, of course, is difficult, but it would be worth examining the orifices of the ducts for gritty particles, and the glands radiographically for evidence of widespread deposition of calcium salts.

#### Twin Pregnancy

Dr. J. W. HIRST (Birmingham) writes: Dr. S. Brennan's communication (*Journal*, April 18th, p. 826) prompts me to record a similar case. On June 11th, 1931, a patient of mine was delivered of a full-time female child and a four-months foetus. When four months pregnant the patient suddenly began with hydramnios, and at six months she was bed-ridden. She refused any interference, and, fortunately, as the child grew the fluid decreased, so that she carried to full term. The confinement was easy, and the placenta was delivered without difficulty. At one corner of it there was a small white fibrosed placenta to which the four-months foetus was attached. The mother and child are quite well.

Dr. E. VIPONT BROWN (Manchester) writes: Having read Dr. S. Brennan's case of twin pregnancy (April 18th, p. 826), one of which was of a "pancake" type, I thought he would be interested to know that I saw a case exactly like the one he describes at the lying-in hospital to which I am attached. It cannot be a very common condition, for during the five years I have been attached to the home some 1,100 confinements must have taken place, and the matron would have notified me of any abnormality like that.