

from the almost hopeless to the quite hopeful condition. During those four or more hours by the theatre table I thought of nothing but keeping life in the body till blood arrived, and only when the blood had taken effect did I feel hungry or think of anything but the patient. One has few moments in life like this.

When the anæsthetist rang up to ask what time the patient died, I had a pleasant surprise for him.

The after-history of the case was interesting but not startling. Progress was slow but steady. Irregular fever and profuse sweats were noted for a week or two, but after three or four months strength returned, and the patient left the nursing home.

I was glad to be invited to his wedding a year later, but not so glad when in another year the War Office ordered him to serve abroad once more, though that fact at least was evidence that health was apparently restored completely.

ZETA.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE following translated summary from an article in *La Vie Médicale*, December, 1928, on the subject of the Association Française des Femmes-Médecins, may interest some of our readers.

The French Association of Women-doctors was founded in 1920 by Mrs. Thuillier-Landry, after the first International Conference held in New York, 1919.

The aim of the Association is to establish a spirit of understanding, sympathy and mutual help among members of the profession, and to afford facilities for regular meetings when questions relating to the health and well-being of mankind in general can be discussed and compared to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

The meetings held in Paris at Le Foyer

Médical de l'Avenue d'Iéna were a great success, but it was felt that it was not sufficient to enrol the women doctors of Paris, but those working in the provinces and even in the colonies should benefit by the facilities afforded by membership of the Association.

Everyone knows the difficulties and hardships a doctor has to encounter in the course of a day's work, and for women doctors, especially those at work in the colonies, notably in Algeria, the odds at times are almost insurmountable. For such the Association has a special appeal. It publishes every two months a journal in which the lectures, discussions and debates of the Association are given in full, and thus members are kept in touch, not only with one another, but also with the march of progress in things appertaining to their profession.

The Association of Women Doctors is affiliated with the International Association. A congress is held every five years, to which are sent representatives from twenty-four countries. The next Congress will be held in Paris on April 11, 12, and 13, 1929. For which great occasion the Association makes an appeal of support to all its members both at home and abroad.

A course of lectures have been arranged for M.R.C.P. candidates; they will be given in the evenings as there is a considerable demand from general practitioners who cannot afford to attend post-graduate classes in the day-time.

The lectures will include descriptions of modern methods of treatment and diagnosis. Further particulars with the names of the lecturers will be published later. Fellows wishing to attend are requested to send their names in to the secretary who will supply them with details of the course.

The influenza epidemic appears to be reaching its head in this country. It has been characterized by a large number of cases of otitis media in children and of severe headache, and in some cases actual

pneumococcal meningitis in adults, and although a large number of pulmonary complications have occurred, compared with some of the influenza epidemics, notably that of 1918, pulmonary complications have not been very severe.

It is remarkable how each epidemic has its special group of complications, and although we find cerebral, pulmonary, arthritic, gastro-intestinal and other complications in each epidemic, one or other type seems to predominate.

It is interesting to trace the spread of the disease from one country to another, and it does not seem to keep pace with modern methods of travel; its rate of spread being very irregular.

There is a large field of research opened up by the epidemiology, complications and severity of influenza. Recent work on the bacteriology suggest, that the infection is a mixed one, and Drs. David and Robert Thomson writing in the *Lancet*, February 23, describing the bacteriology of the present epidemic describe a pneumococcus like streptococcus.

It is doubtful whether the cold weather has had any great influence upon the disease which has slowly swept its way across all continents with no obvious variation according to climate, but fortunately in all countries the mortality has not been as high as in some previous years.

POST-GRADUATE NEWS.

OWING to Easter being early this year, two courses only have been arranged for March. These are a comprehensive course at the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, from March 11 to March 23 (including Saturday). Lecture-demonstrations are arranged throughout the week on the

various deformities and disabilities of this particular branch of surgery, and the entire clinical practice of the Hospital is open to those who enrol. The minimum entry for this course is 10, so that early application is desirable, and the fee has been raised from £2 2s. to £3 3s.

For those who are free in the afternoons only, a course of two weeks' duration will take place at the Royal Eye Hospital, from March 11 to March 22, consisting of lecture-demonstrations daily from Monday to Friday inclusive in each week, at 3 p.m. onwards. Fee £1 1s.

The first two courses arranged for April begin on April 8 and 9—for the complete list reference should be made to p. v.

The remaining lectures of the series entitled "Pitfalls in Medicine and Surgery," are as follows:—

March 11.—Dr. F. W. Price, "Pitfalls in Cardiology."

March 18.—Mr. H. W. Carson, "Pitfalls in the Right Side of the Abdomen."

These lectures are delivered on Mondays, at 5 o'clock, at the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.1, and are free to members of the medical profession.

The following Discussions, including one lecture, will also take place at the Medical Society:—

March 9, 9 p.m.—Third Lettsomian Lecture on "Dermatology in Relation to Other Branches of Medicine."

March 11, 8.30 p.m.—Discussion on "The Chronic Dyspepsias of Children over the Age of Infancy."

March 25, 8.30 p.m.—Discussion on "The Medical Indications for the Induction of Abortion and Premature Labour."

N.B.—The *Discussions* and *lecture* are open to *men* graduates only.

The following demonstrations will take place at the Wellcome Museum of Medical Science, 33, Gordon Street, on Wednesdays, at 4 p.m. :—

March 13.—Dr. W. J. O'Donovan, "The Treatment of Skin Diseases by Light Therapy: Indications and Limitations."

March 20.—Dr. S. H. Daukes, "A Consideration of the Various Methods of Drug Administration."

These demonstrations are free to members of the medical profession.

The remaining clinical demonstrations in Medicine and Surgery arranged by the Fellowship of Medicine for this session are :—

March 14, 11.0 a.m.—Mr. S. L. Higgs, Royal National Orthopædic Hospital.

March 14, 4.0 p.m.—Dr. Eric Pritchard, The Infants Hospital, Demonstration of Cases Illustrative of the Difficulties Arising in Connection with Disturbances in Infants. Followed by tea.

These demonstrations are free.

Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.

Mr. Gill-Carey will lecture on "Foreign Bodies in the Food and Air Passages," on March 22, at 4 p.m. No fee.

Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.

The following free lectures are delivered at 4 p.m. on Thursdays :—

March 14.—Dr. Poynton, "On Virus Diseases."

March 21.—Dr. Paterson, "The Food Requirements of Infants and Methods of Determination."

March 28.—Dr. Schlesinger, "Jaundice."

City of London Maternity Hospital, City Road, E.C.1.

The following lectures are free to the medical profession, and are given at 5.30 p.m. :—

March 14.—Dr. S. Owen, "General Diseases of the Newborn Child, and Brain Injuries."

March 21.—Mr. McKim McCullagh, "The Puerperium."

March 28.—Mr. H. Burt-White, "The Ætiology, Prevention and Importance of Puerperal Sepsis."

The following free lectures and demonstration will be held at the Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N.7, at 3.15 p.m. :—

March 12.—Dr. J. B. Hunter, "Appendicitis."

March 19.—Mr. G. G. Penman, "Ulceration of the Cornea."

March 26.—Dr. W. R. Reynell, Demonstration of Neurological Cases.

Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, S.W.1.

Any member of the medical profession will be admitted to the following on presentation of card; time, 5 p.m. :—

March 19.—Twenty-first and Twenty-sixth Lumleian Lectures by Dr. F. M. R. Walshe, O.B.E., "The Physiological Analysis of Some Clinically Observed Disorders of Movement."

We are asked to announce that the West London Hospital Post-Graduate College, Hammersmith, W.6, will hold an intensive special course from March 11 to 23, 1929. This course will include lectures and demonstrations in General Medicine, Surgery and the Special Departments, with

special reference to *Recent Advances* in these subjects. The fee for the course is 6 guineas for two weeks or 3 guineas for one week. Tickets may be obtained through the Fellowship of Medicine, as also copies of the syllabus. The following lectures will be delivered at 4.30 p.m., and are free to the medical profession :—

March 11.—Dr. J. Burnford, "Glycosuria."

March 12.—Dr. Scott Pinchin, "The Use of Artificial Pneumothorax and Lipiodol in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pulmonary Disease."

March 13.—Mr. Sangster Simmonds, Demonstrations of Splints and their Application.

March 14.—Mr. S. G. Macdonald, "Urological Problems" (I).

March 15.—Mr. F. C. Endean, "The Modern Treatment of Syphilis."

March 18.—Mr. O. L. Addison, "The Acute Surgical Abdomen."

March 19.—Mr. Hamblen Thomas, "Sinus Signs and Treatment."

March 20.—Sir Henry Simson, "A Discussion on Maternal Mortality."

March 21.—Mr. S. G. Macdonald, "Urological Problems" (II).

March 22.—Dr. H. M. Worth, X-ray Demonstration (Diagnosis).

Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.

Part II of the twelfth course for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine began on Monday, March 4, 1929, consisting of lectures and demonstrations in Psycho-neuroses, Morbid Psychology, Crime and Insanity, &c., &c. Fee for the whole of Part II £10 10s. One single series of lectures £2 2s.

Further information concerning the course

and copies of the syllabus will be forwarded on application to the Fellowship of Medicine at No. 1, Wimpole Street, W.1, at which office tickets are obtainable.

Two lectures illustrated by lantern slides will be delivered at the University College Hospital Medical School, University Street, W.C.1., by Dr. Charles Singer: (1) "Yellow Fever," and (2) "Scarlet Fever," on Mondays, March 4, 11 and 18, at 4.15 p.m. Large Lecture Theatre No. 1. No fee.

A special course in Urology will be held at St. Peter's Hospital, from April 8 to April 20. Fee £5 5s.

Three lectures on "Some Biological and Epidemiological Aspects of Helminthic Infection" will be given at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (25, Gordon Street, W.1.) by Professor F. Fulbrook at 5.30 p.m., on March 11, 12 and 13. Fee.

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11. Ophthalmology. March 11 to March 23. Royal Eye Hospital. Afternoons only. Fee £1 1s. 0d.

APRIL (Easter Monday, April 1).

12. Practitioners' Course. April 8 to April 19. London Temperance Hospital. Late afternoons, 1½ hours. Fee £1 1s. 0d.
13. Tropical Medicine. April 9 to May 2. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Tues. and Thurs. afternoons. Fee £2 2s. 0d.
14. Electro-Therapy. April 10 to May 1. Royal Free Hospital. Wednesdays 5.15 p.m. Fee £1 1s. 0d. (limited to 16).
15. Medicine, Surgery and Gynæcology. April 15 to May 4. Royal Waterloo Hospital. Afternoons and some mornings. Fee £3 3s. 0d.
16. Neurology. April 15 to May 11. West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases. Daily 5 p.m. Fee £2 2s. 0d. (Minimum of 10).

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