

of anybody you please, but leave the former to a man versed in the elements of physiology (no matter how ignorant he may be of the technical details of propelling a boat), a man who understands human constitutions, and who appreciates the difficulty of bringing eight men, often of widely differing characteristics, simultaneously up to the highest pitch of physical efficiency. A coach-trainer who combines all the essential characteristics, like the late R. B. Etherington-Smith, is, alas, a *rara avis* indeed.

I should be sorry to see a restraint imposed upon competitive athletics for boys; the moral value is very great, even if the physical side is open to criticism. But I do agree with Mr. Boyd when rowing is in question, although I must admit that I agree with him on theoretical lines, because, like Mr. Howell, I have never seen any undoubted injury in a healthy boy or man result from boat racing.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

ADOLPHE ABRAHAMS,

Consulting Medical Officer to the British Olympic Athletic Team at Stockholm, 1912.

Harley-street, W., July 25th, 1913.

ULTRA X RAYS AND LABYRINTHINE DEAFNESS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—On p. 223 of THE LANCET of July 26th in the report of a meeting of the British Oto-Laryngological Society it is said: "Dr. H. D. McCulloch mentioned a case of papilloma of the larynx which was ultimately considered to be malignant, but which disappeared under treatment by the ultra X rays. There had been no recurrence." It would appear that the same treatment that is applicable to a superficial condition has been found to be equally applicable to a very remote and deep condition, as the case in chronic labyrinthine conditions is. Such is not the case. In the former the unfiltered short X rays, emitted by a soft Crookes's tube, were applied, working at a spark gap of from 1 to 2 inches. In the latter the filtered long X rays from the hardest possible Crookes's tube were applied, working at a spark gap of from 10 to 12 inches.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

Harley-street, W., July 26th, 1913.

H. D. McCULLOCH.

THE MEDICAL DIRECTORY.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—The annual circular for the Medical Directory will be posted to the members of the medical profession on the 31st inst. If by any chance the circular is not received within a few days of the date of posting, we shall be pleased to forward a copy on request.

We trust that all practitioners will make their returns to us promptly, in order that the entries may be as accurate and up to date as possible.

The Directory will, as usual, be published a few days before Christmas, and to this end we ask for the coöperation of the profession.

We are, Sir, yours faithfully,

J. AND A. CHURCHILL.

7, Great Marlborough-street, W., July 26th, 1913.

THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT: LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEES.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—At the meeting of the Hampstead Insurance Medical Society held this afternoon, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

That the Hampstead Insurance Medical Society joins in a petition to Parliament that in the Amending Bill to the National Health Insurance Act now before Committee, Clause 62 be amended to the effect that the appointment of a Local Medical Committee be in the sole control of the practitioners on the panel of the district.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

S. BARKER, Hon. Sec.

Parkhill-road, Hampstead, N.W., July 22nd, 1913.

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—At the Preliminary Science Examination for the Licence in Dental Surgery held on July 15th, 17th, 18th, and 19th, the following candidates were approved in the undermentioned subjects:—

Chemistry and Physics.—Harcourt Cecil Reuben Aubrey, Bristol University; Alan Harry Reynolds Bevan, Banbury Technical Institute; Eric Bottomley, Bradford Technical College; Aubrey Ernest Burt, Sherborne School; Leonard Salway Chesterfield, Hartley University College, Southampton; Neville George Compton, Royal Dental Hospital; Norman Henry Davey, Leeds University; Albert Edward Fyffe, Sheffield University; Edwin Spencer Goodwin, Mathematical School, Rochester; Rosa Edwards Harse, London School of Medicine for Women; John Lawrence Hughes, Swansea Technical College; Clifford Morley John, Bristol University; Gilbert Sidney Jones, Middlesex Hospital; Hugh Llywelyn Jones, Towyn Inter. School, Merioneth; Ronald Victor Knight, Bristol University; Wright Lambert, Leeds Institute; Oswald Octavius Lloyd, Birkbeck College; James Newman, Royal Technical Institute, Salford; John Durrell Pank, Leeds University; John Peter, Royal Dental Hospital; Harold John Powell, City of London School; Enoch Sanders, Liverpool University; Rodney Frederick Jarrett Sterwin, London Hospital; William Henry Barton Stride, Bristol University; Frederick Cuthbert Tonkin, University College, Nottingham; Stanley Ethelbert Tweney, Swansea Technical College; Edward Francis Vowles, Bristol University; Frederick Harry Wallace, Guy's Hospital; Maurice Harold Wermig, Birkbeck College; and George Wilshire, Dulwich College.

Chemistry.—James Alan Gilbert, London Hospital; Geoffrey Miles Haydon, Bristol University; Alice Dora Headley, Birmingham University; Godfrey Macdonald Hick, Bristol University; Charles Luke Highton, Liverpool University; Thomas Sidda Hoyland, Sheffield University; Robert Hynes, University College, Nottingham; Aubrey Granville Maudsley, Polytechnic Institute; William Grant Milton, Bristol University; Arthur Leonard Minchin, Sheffield University; Clarence Norman Pearson, London Hospital; Hedley Victor Stebbings, Guy's Hospital; and William Lawrence Patrick Watterson, Royal Dental Hospital.

Physics.—George Rowland Durston Bradford, University College, Exeter; Rossiter Hodgson Bywaters, Royal Dental Hospital; Frederick Walter Day, Polytechnic Institute; Reginald Fyson and Oscar King Hardy, Royal Dental Hospital; Eric Rupert Heaton, Birkbeck College; Walter Kember, Liverpool University; Alan Lethaby Morgan, Bristol University; Archibald Felix Percy, University College, Exeter; Robert Ferdinand Sievers, John Speak, and Leslie Horace Van der Pant, Royal Dental Hospital; Percy Williams, Liverpool University; Malcolm Wykes, Birmingham University; and Claude Young, Royal Dental Hospital.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—At examinations held in July the following candidates were successful:—

SECOND EXAMINATION FOR MEDICAL DEGREES, PART II.

John Struan Alexander, University College; Mary Neville Andrews, London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women; Kevin Doyle Atteridge, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Robert Townly Bailey, King's College and Charing Cross Hospital; Gordon Eric Barker, St. Mary's Hospital; George Charles Berg, St. Thomas's Hospital; John Archibald Binning, University College; Charles Vincent Boland, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Margaret Stote Glen Bott, London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women; *Charles Hugh Colclough Byrne, St. Thomas's Hospital; Louis Abel Celestin, University College; Alfred Wilkinson Cocking, Guy's Hospital; Ronald Campbell Cooke, St. Thomas's Hospital; Stephen Andrew Cornelius, University College; William Maurice Crombie, St. Thomas's Hospital; Allen Roy Dingley, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Reginald Oliver Eades, University College; *Eric Hastings Eastwood, University of Liverpool; Charles Yarrow Eccles, St. Thomas's Hospital; William Jones Evans, University College, Cardiff; Victor Feldman, Ronald Kelson Ford, and Paul Currey Gibson, London Hospital; Mohamed Hamza Hassan, King's College; George Edwin Heath, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Geoffrey Oliver Hempson, University College; Norman Hammond Hill, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Harry Mainwaring Holt, University of Leeds; William Andrew Hotson, King's College and Westminster Hospital; *George Philip Buckingham Huddy, London Hospital; Edith Caroline Hudgell, London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women; Hugh Llewelyn Glyn Hughes and Robert Percival Langford-Jones, University College; Francis Reginald Law, University of Leeds; Reginald Heber Leigh, King's College; Herman Lewis, London Hospital; Kenneth Thomas Limbery, St. Thomas's Hospital; Walter Henry Lloyd, Middlesex Hospital; William Francis MacAlevy, St. Mary's Hospital; Peter George McEvedy, Guy's Hospital; Maurice Mackenzie, London Hospital; Desmond Manus MacManus, Guy's Hospital; George Alex Sheridan Madgwick, London Hospital; Ferdinand Molina, St. Thomas's Hospital; John Kerr Muir, Middlesex Hospital; Doris Mary Pearce, University of Birmingham; Griffith James Randell and David Rees, University College, Cardiff; John Augustus Waring Robinson, King's College; Elisabeth Henrietta Schwab, London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women; Thomas William Short, London Hospital; Bertram Baber Silcock, University College; John Forest Smith and Harold Gane Stormer, St. Thomas's Hospital; Raymond Stowers, University College; Edward Cowper Tamplin, St. Thomas's Hospital; Hugh Watts Taylor, London Hospital; James William Tudor Thomas, University College, Cardiff; William Thomas, St. Thomas's Hospital; William Henry Thomas, University College, Cardiff; Ralph Reakes Thompson, London Hospital; John