

this all-important subject. It might be well if our research scholars had their attention directed to the subject, and gave us the result of their experiments and observations on themselves, for, unless under lock and key, no patient can be trusted when food is the subject of study.—I am, etc.,

Denholm, Hawick, June 24th.

JOHN HADDON, M.D.

THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUICIDE.

SIR,—What on earth is one to do with an antagonist like Dr. Leitch? He first paralyses me with an extravagant compliment and then dances round me, brandishing his sporrán, or whatever may be the Scottish equivalent of a shillelagh, and invites me to come on. As Dr. Johnson says, Such treatment I did not expect, for I never had a complimentary antagonist before; and, as Mrs. Malaprop says, I am perfectly putrified. Sir, I admit everything. I admit that Dr. Leitch's expectation that I should sooner or later refer to the case of Captain Oates makes that case inapplicable to my argument. I admit that suicide is not suicide if you call it giving life and not taking it. I might have referred to the case of Curtius, but that Dr. Leitch has no doubt expected the reference and so deprived the example of its force. I am powerless, and have no alternative but to yield myself, rescue or no rescue. It is another Bannockburn. *Vae victo!*—I am, etc.,

Parkstone, June 29th.

CHAS. A. MERCIER.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.

Degrees.

The following degrees have been conferred:

D.M.—H. H. Carleton.
B.M. AND B.CH.—E. W. N. Hophouse.

Examinations.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

FIRST M.B. (*Organic Chemistry*).—J. P. B. Harold, P. S. Houghton, J. E. B. Morton, M. E. Shaw, G. K. Stone, W. F. Skaitis. (*Human Anatomy and Human Physiology*).—C. W. W. Armstrong, G. Cranston, J. L. Dunstan, C. K. J. Hamilton, J. F. Haines, R. M. Humphries, R. W. Lush, B. G. von B. Melle, D. H. Skinner, A. E. Thomas, K. F. D. Waters, C. D. Wood.
SECOND M.B. (*Materia Medica and Pharmacology*).—H. E. A. Boldero, C. J. A. Buckell, R. W. J. A. Cushing, S. C. Dyke, H. S. Jeffries, C. P. Sells, C. P. Symonds. (*Pathology*).—A. O. Ballance, H. E. Bamber, J. D. Bait, E. A. Boldero, L. S. Brown, C. J. A. Buckell, C. H. Carlton, F. B. Chavasse, G. Cranston, A. W. Dennis, S. C. Dyke, K. M. Dyott, O. H. Gotch, C. H. L. Harper, O. G. Parry-Jones, O. B. Pratt, G. F. Selby, S. W. F. Underhill, H. St. H. Vertue, A. L. Watts, H. A. B. Whitelocke.
SECOND M.B. (*Forensic Medicine and Public Health*).—C. H. Carlton, V. T. Ellwood, F. C. Gladstone, C. H. L. Harper, C. W. B. Littlejohn, G. A. Maling, E. E. Mather, O. G. Parry-Jones, M. O. Raven, G. S. Robinson, G. F. Selby.
SECOND M.B. (*Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery*).—J. C. Davies, C. Dean, A. W. Dennis, C. W. B. Littlejohn, E. E. Mather, H. M. Pope, M. O. Raven, G. F. Selby, A. B. Thompson.
D.P.H. (*Part I*).—F. S. Carson, G. M. Cogwell, H. B. Gibbins, W. H. Hewlett, J. Inkster, C. F. B. Keibell, F. G. H. Martin, L. M. Mayers, R. S. Miller, H. W. Parnis, W. R. S. Roberts, A. H. Savage. (*Part II*).—N. A. Coward, H. B. Gibbins, W. Gilmour, J. Inkster, F. J. H. Martin, J. Powell, E. L. N. Rhodes, W. R. S. Roberts, A. H. Savage.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

THIRD M.B. (*Part II: Medicine, Pathology, and Pharmacology*).—S. G. Askey, D. C. G. Ballingall, H. A. Bell, W. G. Bigger, P. B. Boswell, E. C. Bradford, H. P. Dawson, E. L. Dobson, A. T. Edwards, W. B. Gordon, H. Hartridge, F. G. Lescher, R. W. Meller, A. B. Pavey-Smith, D. V. Pickering, S. G. Platts, L. C. Rivett, L. E. S. Sharp, A. C. S. Smith, P. Stocks, C. R. A. Thacker.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

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

SIR WILMOT HERRINGHAM, Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, distributed the prizes on Monday, June 29th. Mrs. Garrett-Anderson, President of the School, presided.

Mr. Acland, Chairman of Council, in opening the proceedings, said that the school had sustained a severe loss through the death of Miss Cox, who had been Dean for ten years; but that her place had been filled by one well worthy to succeed her. It was perhaps only natural that the Council should consider itself the body which kept the school going; and if there was one member of that body who worked harder than the others

it was Miss Brooks, and he was glad to have the opportunity of thanking her for her devotion to the school. The past year had been very successful, and the future looked equally promising. The school at the present moment was developing very fast. A new department for pharmacology was about to be opened; and the school intended to become the largest school of medicine in the University of London.

Sir Wilmot Herringham, in a short address, said that nowadays one heard a great deal about the advance of medicine, but the most remarkable change he had noticed during the course of nearly forty years' practice was the change in the position of the doctors themselves. Not only was the social position of the ordinary medical practitioner greatly improved, but there had been an immense accession of the influence of medicine in the State. No other profession exercised such an immense legitimate influence in legislation as the medical profession. Besides the change in social position, there was a large increase in the number of public employments open to medical men. No one could foretell what would be the outcome of the Insurance Act, but one result of it had been to make doctors, in a certain sense, public officials. There were already a vast number of posts under Government, and there would probably be more, and this fact alone would effect a change in the position of the private practitioner. The increase of specialization had dislocated medicine still further; and it was becoming, particularly in London, as necessary to organize private practice as that in the hospitals. For instance, the present system of nursing institutions was a disgrace to London, and he hoped the time would come when there would be homes where private patients would receive the same amount of care and attention that hospital patients did now. The practice of medicine was very difficult, not so much on the intellectual as on what might be called the emotional side. The successful doctor needed great powers of criticism and great powers of faith, and it was extremely difficult to combine the two. He had to act continually as a sort of magic man in order that his patient might trust him so as to reap the benefit that accrued from faith; and the hardest part of a doctor's work was to make others trust him when he distrusted himself.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

The Committee will shortly proceed to appoint a lecturer and demonstrator in anatomy at a salary of £350. Applications must reach the Secretary of University College on or before July 11th.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.

Degrees.

The following were among the degrees conferred at a convocation on June 23rd:

M.D.—J. K. J. Haworth, Eva Lumb, R. S. Renton.
M.D. (*for Practitioners of Fifteen Years' Standing*).—W. O. Beddard, W. H. Date, J. Flynn, A. J. Hesterlow, W. M. M. Jackson, J. R. McFerran, E. Maynard, J. J. S. Pillay.
M.S.—J. J. Brown, J. C. Young.
M.B.—C. Armstrong, I. G. Cummings, H. H. Elliot, C. N. Gover, F. W. Harlow, M. H. de J. Harper, C. Jacobs, H. V. Leigh, F. Metcalfe, E. K. Ryan, H. J. Shanley, K. I. S. Smith, J. C. Spence.
B.S.—C. Armstrong, I. G. Cummings, H. H. Elliot, I. D. Evans, C. N. Gover, F. W. Harlow, M. H. de J. Harper, C. Jacobs, H. V. Leigh, F. Metcalfe, H. J. Shanley, K. I. S. Smith, J. C. Spence.
B.H.—A. H. Wear, S. Worthington.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

SECOND M.B. (*Anatomy and Physiology*).—*W. A. Hewitson, †H. M. Leete, P. V. Anderson, W. Duncan, E. C. Dunlop, M. J. Erdberg, C. G. Irwin, M. C. Joynt, Freda Newman, G. F. Philip, H. I. Sterne Howitt.
THIRD M.B. (*All Subjects*).—†H. Evers, †J. A. Charles, †A. E. Raine, J. F. C. Braine, J. Brumwell, H. C. Broadhurst, G. A. Clark, H. G. B. Dove, J. Horsley, H. G. Sparrow. (*Materia Medica, Pharmacology and Pharmacy, Public Health, Medical Jurisprudence*).—Mary R. Campbell, R. A. Hooper, N. A. Martin, C. D. Newman, W. O. F. Sinclair, A. C. Taylor, R. Welch. (*Pathology and Elementary Bacteriology*).—L. B. Frere, H. K. Graham-Hodgson, J. D. Johnson, D. O. Richards, A. Smirthwaite.
FIRST M.B. (*All Subjects*).—*W. E. M. Wardill, M. W. A. Sandoe, H. Toma. (*Chemistry and Physics*).—J. N. Alexander, A. Angus, D. G. P. Bell, E. F. H. Bell, J. A. G. Brewis, E. D. Charles, H. C. Clifford-Smith, W. A. Freedman, G. A. M. Hall, A. T. Harrison, Mary K. Henegan, R. A. Hickley, G. E. Hyden, W. A. Jaques, R. T. E. Naismith, C. B. Phillips, G. Reed, F. W. Sopwith, L. W. Studdy. (*Elementary Anatomy and Biology*).—E. G. Anderson, I. Girgis, S. E. Goulstine, H. Kamel, R. G. Melrose, G. G. Robertson, T. W. Robertson, G. H. Shanley, A. W. Wilkinson.

* First-class honours.

† Second-class honours.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

FINAL M.B., CH.B.—R. H. Alexander, C. Atkinson, Mary A. H. Baird, R. G. Bannerman, Rachel M. Barclay, *R. C. L. Batchelor, H. W. Bell, J. G. Bell, J. W. Bennett, S. E. Bethell, J. Bigham, H. B. Binks, W. Bird, E. J. Blair, A. B. Brook, H. P. Calhoun, A. Cameron, R. E. Cameron, H. E. Collier, A. N. Craig, J. W. Darling, T. M. Davie, W. M. Dickson, C. L. Doid, C. E. Dukes, G. K. Edwards, J. D. Evans, F. B. Eykyn, S. Fenwick, T. C. Findlater, E. Fowler, H. R. Friedrichs, T. A. Fuller, R. E. Gibson, D. J. Glen, A. S. Glynn, H. P. T. Haddon, A. R. Hamilton, N. E. M. H. Hay, J. J. Healy, G. F. P. Heathcote.