

scarcely involved in the particular points I was trying to make.

It is not for me to criticise the lucidity of Dr. Stoddart's explanation, and I can only say that I fear that by no means all of the confusion to which I referred is attributable to the specific source he mentions. I should like, however, to add one word about those British psycho-analysts who, as Dr. Stoddart reminds us, "have taken the hint, and speak or write among themselves of the 'con' and the 'unc'." To charge those who engage in this pastime with sacrificing their sense of humour is perhaps unfair, as scientific accuracy is, doubtless, worth even such a great sacrifice. It should be made quite clear, however, that the "hint" which they have taken did not come originally from Freud, as Dr. Stoddart seems to think. The contraction method was suggested many years ago by Mr. Harry Graham, who extolled its virtues in the following words, which are delightfully appropriate to the present situation:—

"My sense remains as clear as cryst.,  
My style as pure as any Duch.,  
Who does not boast a bar sinist.  
Upon her fam. escutch.  
And I can treat with scornful pit.  
The sneers of every captious crit."

Those who "speak or write among themselves of the 'con' and the 'unc'" are merely accepting Mr. Graham's invitation to—

"Share with me the grave respons.,  
Of writing this amazing nons."

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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Craig House, Edinburgh, Dec. 8th, 1920.

PS.—The idea might well be expanded, but I am unfortunately called away to see my poor unc. who has inadvertently swallowed the con. of a bot. of furn. pol.

### "SAVE ME FROM MY FRIENDS."

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—My attention has been called to a highly eulogistic paragraph in the personal column of an issue of the *Times* of recent date. I am quite without information as to the origin of this unfortunate effusion, which, however, is an example of how much more easily one can be injured by one's friends than by one's enemies.

In view of the most improper disclosures which the insertion makes, from the ethical standpoint, I shall be much obliged if you will note my entire repudiation of any knowledge in the matter.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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Dec. 9th, 1920.

## The Services.

### ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major R. N. Hunt relinquishes the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Temp. Capt. S. Stockman relinquishes the acting rank of Major.

Capt. G. K. Maurice, from T.F., to be Captain.

Temp. Lieut. W. C. McKee to be temporary Captain.

The undermentioned relinquish their commissions: Temp. Lieut.-Col. S. Mort, on ceasing to be employed at the Edmonton War Hospital, retains the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Temporary Captains granted the rank of Major: (acting Major) H. McIntyre, W. W. Forbes, and L. C. E. Murphy and T. B. Johnstone (retain the rank of Captain).

#### TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Cpts. A. L. Heiser, J. C. Grieve, and J. B. Stanley to be Majors.

Capt. W. Johnson (late R.A.M.C., S.R.) to be Captain.

Capt. J. W. Wayte (late temp. Capt. R.A.M.C.) to be Lieutenant and to relinquish the rank of Captain.

4th London General Hospital: Capt. A. H. Evans is restored to the establishment.

Officers resigning their commissions:—Lieut-Col. W. M. Gabriel retains the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel with permission to wear the prescribed uniform. Major R. C. Rodgers retains the rank of Major, with permission to wear the prescribed uniform. Major R. Eager retains the rank of Major. Cpts. G. F. Stones and W. R. M. Turtle retain the rank of Captain.

#### TERRITORIAL FORCE RESERVE.

Capt. F. G. Dobson, from 2nd West Riding Field Ambulance, to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

### ROYAL AIR FORCE.

Dental Branch.—Lieut. D. Campbell is transferred to unemployed list.

## Medical News.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD.—At the Second Examination for the degree of Bachelor of Medicine the following candidates passed in the subjects named:—

*Materia Medica and Pharmacology.*—Dorothy Josephine Collier, Society of Oxford Home Students; Dorothy Whitley Crook, Somerville College; John Hampson Fletcher, Trinity; Edward Henry Koerner, Magdalen; Charles Hardeman Laver, University; Duncan Gerald Leys, Balliol; Thomas Sydney Nelson, University; Jean Orr-Ewing, Lady Margaret Hall; Horace Duncan Pavière and Insall Martin Sidley, Christ Church; Cecil Henry Terry, Balliol; Clement John Lethbridge Wells, St. John's.

*Pathology.*—Cyril William Curtis Bain, Christ Church; Charles Frederick Terence East, New; Humphrey Cheetham Hill, Hertford; Robert Folster Johnstone, St. John's; Charles Hardeman Laver, University; Edward George Tandy Liddell, Trinity; Jean Orr-Ewing, Lady Margaret Hall; Daniel Bartholomew Pauw, Trinity; Cecil Henry Terry, Balliol; William Stephen Tunbridge, Lincoln; Clement John Lethbridge Wells, St. John's; and William Arthur Young, Jesus.

*Forensic Medicine and Public Health.*—Harold George Burford, Christ Church; Charles Cecil Howard Chavasse, Hertford; David George Turner Kerr Cross, St. John's; and Charles Frederick Terence East, New College.

*Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery.*—Charles Keith Johnstone Hamilton, Lincoln; Isaac Harris and John Trevor Stevenson Hoey, Jesus; William Frederick Skaife, Trinity; Cecil Henry Terry, Balliol; and Clement John Lethbridge Wells, St. John's.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—

An ordinary meeting of the Council was held on Dec. 9th, when Sir Anthony Bowlby occupied the chair.—A report was read from the Board of Examiners in Anatomy and Physiology for the Fellowship, in which it was stated that at the examination concluded on Nov. 13th 166 candidates were examined, including 33 admitted under the special war conditions, of whom 24 were successful, and 133 admitted under the ordinary conditions, of whom 47 were successful.—A report was read from the Court of Examiners respecting candidates found qualified for the Diploma of Fellow, the Final Examination for which was held from Nov. 18th to Dec. 2nd, when 122 candidates presented themselves, 43 of whom were approved (41 men and 2 women) and 79 were rejected. The Council conferred the Diploma upon the candidates mentioned below.—Sir William Thorburn reported that the Court of Examiners had decided to hold a Final Examination for the Fellowship on Feb. 15th next and following days, the written part of the examination to take place on Feb. 11th.—A report was read from the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery, and Licences in Dental Surgery were granted to 32 candidates (see below) who have passed the requisite examinations and complied with the by-laws.—Mr. C. H. Fagge was elected a member of the Court of Examiners. Mr. Raymond Johnson was elected a member of the Board of Examiners in Dental Surgery. Mr. F. F. Burghard was appointed to represent the College on the Senate of the London University to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Sir Charles Ballance. Sir Anthony Bowlby and Sir John Bland-Sutton were appointed to represent the College on the Conjoint Board of Scientific Societies for the year 1921.—It was resolved to accept the offer by the executors of the late Mrs. Owen of the bust of the late Sir Richard Owen.—The President reported that the centenary celebrations of the French Academy of Medicine would be held in Paris from Dec. 20th to 23rd, and it was agreed that the delegates of the College should be requested to present an address of congratulation on that occasion.

The Council conferred the Diploma of Fellow upon the following candidates:—

A. L. Abel, Univ. Coll. Hosp.; E. M. Atkinson, St. Bart's Hosp.; H. H. Bailey, London Hosp.; C. F. Beyers, St. Bart's Hosp.; A. H. F. Bizarro, Lisbon and Univ. Coll. Hosp.; R. St. L. Brockman, Cambridge Univ. and St. Bart's Hosp.; C. L. Chapman, Sydney Univ. and London Hosp.; D. G. Churcher, St. Thomas's Hosp.; Hetty Ethelberta Claremont, St. George's and St. Mary's Hosps.; A. J. Cokkinis, St. Mary's Hosp.; L. P. Costobadie, Cambridge Univ. and London Hosp.; C. H. Crawshaw, Manchester Univ. and St. Bart's Hosp.; P. P. Debono, Malta and St. Bart's Hosp.; W. M. Dickson, Edinburgh Univ. and London Hosp.; L. A. Dingley, Univ. Coll. Hosp.; H. H. Dummere, London and Guy's Hosps.; G. E. Elkington, Birmingham Univ. and St. Bart's Hosp.; R. H. Fleming, Middlesex Hosp.; P. K. Gilroy, Cambridge Univ. and St. George's Hosp.; F. K. Hayman, Bristol Univ. and St. Bart's Hosp.; S. W. M. Jones, Middlesex Hosp.; G. L. Keynes, Cambridge Univ. and St. Bart's Hosp.; E. A. Lindsay, McGill Univ. and Middlesex Hosp.; R. J. M. Love, London Hosp.; P. G. McEvedy, Guy's Hosp.; R. H. Maingot, St. Bart's Hosp.; C. D. Maitland, St. Thomas's Hosp.; F. D. Marsh, Cambridge Univ. and St. Bart's Hosp.; H. H. Mathias, Cambridge Univ. and London Hosp.; O. G. Morgan, Cambridge Univ. and Guy's Hosp.; J. E. Pearce, St. Bart's Hosp.; V. C. Pennell, Cambridge Univ. and St. Thomas's Hosp.; R. L. Rea, Belfast and Middlesex Hosp.; N. L. M. Reader, Guy's Hosp.; Hilda Nora Shufflebotham, Birmingham Univ. and London