

Obituary.

COLONEL C. A. JOHNSTON, C.B., I.M.S. (RET.).

We regret to have to announce that Colonel Charles Arthur Johnston, C.B., D.S.O., Madras Medical Service (ret.), died of encephalitis lethargica in a nursing home in London on April 23rd, aged 59. He was the son of the late Mr. John William Johnston, deputy collector of Salem, and received his medical education at Edinburgh, where he graduated M.B. and C.M. in 1888. He subsequently took the D.P.H. of the London Colleges in 1896. He entered the I.M.S. as surgeon in March, 1890, attained the rank of lieutenant-colonel after twenty years' service, and was granted the rank of colonel on his retirement in October, 1920. Most of his service was spent in military employment, during which he saw a great deal of war service: the Manipur campaign on the North-East frontier of India in 1891, medal with clasp; Burma, 1891-92, clasp; North-West frontier, Tirah, 1897-98, medal with clasp; China, 1900, medal. During the recent war he served in East Africa, was mentioned in dispatches in the *London Gazette* of June 30th, 1916, and was granted the D.S.O. on January 1st, 1917, and the C.B. on June 4th, 1917. During this campaign he was severely injured by the blowing up of a train in which he was travelling. He was a noted athlete, having been a Rugby international in his younger days, and later in India a good shot, and a polo and tennis player. In 1912 he married Isabel, daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Honeyman of Auckland, New Zealand, and of Lady Bruce-Porter, and leaves a widow and one son.

Dr. T. M. KIMPSTER of Gateshead-on-Tyne died on March 27th. He was a native of Gateshead, and received his medical education at the University of Durham, where he graduated M.B., B.S. in 1888. After holding house appointments at the Newcastle Royal Victoria Infirmary he commenced practice in Gateshead. For thirty-one years he had been honorary surgeon to the Gateshead Children's Hospital, and in 1924 was presented by Princess Marie Louise with a silver salver in appreciation of his devoted labours to that institution. He was honorary medical officer to the Gateshead Dispensary and public vaccinator for the East District of Gateshead. Dr. Kimpster, who had been a magistrate for the borough since 1920, was widely esteemed by a large circle of friends. He was a member of the Gateshead Division of the British Medical Association. He is survived by his widow and four daughters.

Dr. PETER MACLUSKIE, who has died at the early age of 33, was a native of Paisley, and received his medical education in Glasgow. His student work was interrupted by the outbreak of war, and he obtained a commission in the North Staffordshire Regiment in 1914. He resumed his medical study in 1918, and graduated M.B., Ch.B. Glasg. in 1920, obtaining the D.P.M. two years later. After holding the appointment of house-surgeon to the Royal Infirmary of Glasgow he practised in Liverpool for a short time, and then obtained the appointment of assistant medical officer in the mental hospital service of the London County Council, which he held until his death. Both in the army and in his medical practice he won great popularity for his devotion to duty and his loyalty to friends and patients. He married in 1923, and leaves a widow and a young son, with whom much sympathy is felt.

By the death of Dr. H. WICKLIFFE FISHER, at the age of 60, Liverpool has been bereft of one of its well known practitioners. He passed away after a few days' illness, to the grief of many friends, patients, and medical men alike, among whom he was held deservedly in the highest esteem. Dr. Fisher was a member of an old Wesleyan family, received his general education at the Wesleyan College, Sheffield, and studied medicine at the University College of Liverpool. He took the triple diploma of Edinburgh and Glasgow in 1889, and settled down in general practice in the district of Sefton Park. Dr. Fisher speedily evinced those qualities which make for

success. Unremitting in attention, prompt to answer calls, painstaking, sympathetic, especially with children, and temperamentally cheerful, he endeared himself to those with whom he came into contact. Some years ago Dr. Fisher was afflicted with deafness, and at the time he seriously considered whether he would not be obliged to retire from medical practice and take up dentistry. But his indomitable perseverance and cheerfulness came to his aid and he remained in practice, much to the satisfaction of his patients. Dr. Fisher was remarkable in the way he gathered friends around him. He took a keen interest in sports, and was for many years an active member of the Sefton Cricket Club. His funeral was attended by a large number of friends and medical men, a striking witness to the esteem and affection in which he was held. Dr. Fisher leaves a widow and three daughters, to whom we desire to express our sincere regret in the irreparable loss they have sustained.

We regret to announce the sudden death of Mr. THOMAS WATSON HANCOCK, which took place while he was on holiday at Torquay on April 3rd. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hallett Hancock of Bracondale, Norwich. He was educated at Bracondale School and at the London Hospital Medical College. He took the diplomas of the London Conjoint Board in 1914 and that of F.R.C.S. Ed. in 1920. After serving for a short time as assistant house-surgeon to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital he proceeded on active service to France, where he served during the whole of the war, becoming surgical specialist to the 47th Casualty Clearing Station, B.E.F.; for his services he was awarded the O.B.E. At the end of the war he returned to Norwich and became partner to Dr. Basil Nutman. He was senior surgeon to the Jenny Lind Hospital for Children, Norwich, where he inaugurated an ear, nose, and throat department, and was also medical officer to the Norwich municipal ante-natal clinic. Dr. Hancock was a member of the Norwich Division of the British Medical Association. He is survived by his widow and three young children.

We regret to intimate the death, on April 25th, of Dr. MATTHEW FERGUSON ANDERSON of Dundee, from pneumonia, while on holiday at Pitlochry. Dr. Anderson was born at Avonbridge, Stirlingshire, and after being a chemist transferred to medicine, and graduated at Aberdeen in 1885. The subsequent forty years he spent in general practice in Dundee with much acceptance to his patients and to his colleagues. He was a loyal supporter of the British Medical Association and had served the Dundee Branch as a member of its council.

Medical Notes in Parliament.

[FROM OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT.]

THE Budget was introduced on April 26th, and discussion on it continued till the evening of April 28th, when debate arose on a motion regarding the lack of facilities for recreation in urban industrial areas. The Midwives and Maternity Homes Bill, which was reported from a Grand Committee during the week, received a third reading with unusual promptness, and its passage into law seems secure. During the week there have been constant negotiations at the House of Commons concerning the threatened stoppage of the coal-mining industry.

The Parliamentary Medical Committee met on April 21st, and in the course of a general discussion decided that there was no need at present for the suggested deputation of ophthalmologists to the committee with regard to the registration of opticians. The committee considered the possibility of the suggested alterations in the Charter of the Royal College of Surgeons of England being raised in Parliament, and Dr. Fremantle agreed to investigate whether this could be done. It would, it was thought, be desirable that a discussion on medical research should be initiated on the floor of the House, and the members of the committee are ascertaining whether this and other medical subjects can best be raised during debates on the Estimates for Health or Education or on a vote at the Privy Council. The Medical Committee decided that at its next meeting it would, at Sir Walter Fletcher's invitation, visit the Medical Research Institute at Mount Vernon, Hampstead.

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