

Medical News.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—At the First Professional Examination for the Licence in Dental Surgery on April 29th and 30th the following candidates were approved in the undermentioned subjects:—

Mechanical Dentistry and Dental Metallurgy.—Leslie Douglas Crabb, Edward Tong Crosoer, Richard John Gustavus Handel, and John Herbert, Guy's Hospital; Frank Hiam, Royal Dental Hospital; William Trevor Johnson, Birmingham University; Clifford Andrew Loveluck, Philip Henry Marsh, and William Mercer, Guy's Hospital; Ernest George Parkinson, Manchester University; Herbert Alfred Potter, Royal Dental Hospital; Harold John Powell and Bertie Moorwood Tonkin, Guy's Hospital; and Frederick Charles Truman and Ernest Arthur West, Birmingham University.

Mechanical Dentistry.—Albert William Ewart Chapple, Manchester University; William Ashley Cooper, Birmingham University and Guy's Hospital; Alfred Innes Cox, Royal Dental Hospital; Edmund Percy Deverall, Jenkin Albert Evans, and George Frederick Faustmann, Guy's Hospital; William Grant Milton, Bristol University; Johann Lodewijk te Water Naudé, Royal Dental Hospital; Arthur Arnold Osman, Guy's Hospital; Robert Wolff, Royal Dental Hospital; Walter Reginald Wotton, Guy's Hospital; and Malcolm Wykes, Birmingham University.

Dental Metallurgy.—Douglas William Smale Adams, Guy's Hospital; Harold John Allen, National Dental Hospital; Hubert John Vere Raywood Allin, Birmingham University; William Blair Spence Andrew, Royal Dental Hospital; Victor Henry Ball, London Hospital; John Laurence Barber, Liverpool University; Cyril Arthur Duvall Bishop, Guy's Hospital; Hubert Bruckmann, Royal Dental Hospital; Alfred Joseph Chiappa, National Dental Hospital; Eric Norman Commander, Birmingham University; Bertram Poole Cousins, Guy's Hospital; Thomas John Davies, London Hospital; Harold James Dawes, B.A. Cantab., Birmingham University; Pieter Jacob Stephanus de Wet and Hyman Fox, Guy's Hospital; Edwin Stowell Gawne, Liverpool University; Ralph Byron Gibson, Sheffield University; Lacy Norman Glaisby, Royal Dental Hospital; Edwin Spencer Goodwin and Philippus Elisa Grobbelaar, Guy's Hospital; Arthur Robert Hill, Royal Dental Hospital; John Christopher Johnson, Hugh Llywelyn Jones, Roy Victor Kingham, and Felix Reginald Knowler, Guy's Hospital; Frank Lawrence, London Hospital; John Leslie Lean, Guy's Hospital; Georges Maes, Brussels and Royal Dental Hospital; Harihar Gangadhar Moghe, L.M.S. Bombay, Bombay and National Dental Hospital; Edward Alfred Penney Parker, Guy's Hospital; Withiel Herbert Leslie Phillips, Birmingham University; Richard Stanislaus Roche and Ernest Findlay Shaw, Guy's Hospital; Cyril Fryer Smith, Liverpool University; and Herbert Victor Vogt, Albert Weinberg, George Wilshere, Thomas Alexander Moffat Wilson, D.M.D. Harvard, and William Adam Woodward, Guy's Hospital.

APOTHECARIES' HALL OF IRELAND.—The next examination for candidates seeking the licence in medicine, surgery, midwifery, and pharmacy will begin as follows:—Primary Examination, Monday, June 7th; Intermediate, Part I., Monday, June 14th; Intermediate, Part II., Monday, June 21st; and Final Examination, Monday, June 28th.

BRISTOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary in connexion with this hospital was held recently under the presidency of the Duchess of Beaufort. The report showed that during 1914 38,000 houses had been canvassed, with the result that the sum of £1023 was raised for the funds of the institution. This is the largest amount collected in any year by the Ladies' Auxiliary.

PHARMACISTS AND THE MEDICAL CURRICULUM.—The secretary of the Pharmaceutical Society has written to the Registrar of the General Medical Council to inquire whether, in view of the shortage of medical men, the Council would be prepared to consider favourably the suggestion that duly qualified pharmacists who desire to enter upon the medical curriculum might be excused the medical preliminary examination and such parts of the qualifying examination as are included in the subjects which the pharmacist has to pass in order to qualify under the Pharmacy Acts.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—The number of in-patients received by this hospital, as shown by the 142nd annual report for the year 1914, was greater than that recorded in any previous year—namely, 4003. The average number of beds occupied during the year was 250.9. The total number of attendances in the out-patient department was 35,091, made up of 10,910 new cases, 22,034 old cases, and 2147 cases remaining on the books on Jan. 1st. It is satisfactory to note that the income has about equalled the expenditure, while the whole of the sources of income have been well maintained. For the building and equipment of a new pathological department a sum of £1800 has been promised, leaving a sum of £2400 to be obtained.

With reference to the reconstruction of the Children's Hospital, which has resulted in the improved health both of patients and nurses, it is pointed out that a debt of £2200 remains to be liquidated, and the board hope that the hospital may be placed on the list of all subscribers to the infirmary for annual subscriptions and contributions.

The annual general meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association will be held at 11, Chandos-street, Cavendish-square, W., on Wednesday next, May 19th. The chair will be taken at 3 P.M. by Sir John Jardine, K.C.I.E., M.P., LL.D., president of the association. The annual report will be submitted, officers elected, and presentations will be made of medals for long and meritorious nursing service. Matters of much importance to asylum workers will be discussed, and it is hoped that there will be a large and representative gathering of members and friends of the association. All communications should be made to Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth, honorary secretary, or Mr. J. F. Powell, acting honorary secretary, at 8, Lancaster-place, Hampstead.

ROYAL MINERAL WATER HOSPITAL, BATH.—The annual meeting of the subscribers to this hospital was held recently. The medical report was satisfactory, and the financial statement showed a deficit remained at the end of 1914 of £427. It is proposed to improve the accommodation of the institution and to provide radiant and other baths at an estimated cost of about £3000. Sir William Osler was elected a governor of the hospital.

CONVALESCENT HOME FOR CHILDREN, WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—The twenty-first annual meeting of the subscribers to this home at Weston-super-Mare, in connexion with the Bristol Children's Hospital, was held on May 5th. The medical report stated that during the year 285 boys and girls had been admitted; of these, 204 were cured, 60 much improved, 12 improved, and 4 had not improved, and 3 were transferred to the statutory hospital. The financial statement showed the expenditure exceeded the income by £89, and this sum had been met by the Bristol Children's Hospital.

Parliamentary Intelligence.

NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

The Government and the Drink Problem.

THE Government have decided to abandon their proposals to impose additional taxation on beer, wine, and spirits. What they are now asking Parliament to do is to enact the compulsory bonding of whisky and most other spirits for a period of three years. For one year, in order to permit the trade to adapt itself to the new conditions, the withdrawal of spirits ranging from two to three years of age is to be permitted, but a surtax of 1s. a gallon will be enforced in this case. Rum and gin, which usually pass into consumption without detention for the purposes of being matured, are still to be allowed to escape compulsory bonding, but they are to be subject to an additional tax in order that they may not be placed at an advantage in regard to other spirits. The Government are proceeding with their Bill to invest them with special powers to control the licensed trade in munition areas.

Army Medical Service.

Some objection was taken in the House of Commons to the proposal in the Army Act (Amendment) Bill which allows a general officer commanding to transfer men from one branch of the military medical service, including the Army Medical Service, to another branch. An amendment was moved with the object of preventing the transfer of men from the Army Medical Service to a combatant unit. The argument was that it was unfair to utilise men who had enlisted on the understanding that they were not to be employed as combatants for the purpose of actual fighting. It was explained that the provision applied only to men, not to officers. Mr. TENNANT, the Under Secretary for War, said that where there were sufficient men and circumstances demanded their transfer it ought to be in the hands of the general officer commanding to make the transfer. He intimated that the Director-General of the Medical Service concurred in this view. The amendment was negatived without a division.

Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Bill.

Mr. HERBERT LEWIS, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board, has presented a Bill in the House of Commons "to consolidate certain enactments relating to milk and dairies." It has been read a first time.