WILLIAM BUTTERWORTH MacTIER, M.B., C.M.

The death took place suddenly on October 20th at Northwood, Middlesex, of Dr. W. B. MacTier of St. Andrews, Fife. Dr. MacTier had gone to London to attend the Annual Conference of Representatives of Local Medical and Panel Committees at the British Medical Association House on October 19th.

Born at St. Andrews in 1865, Dr. MacTier had been identified with the interests of that town during the greater part of his life. He was educated at Fettes College, Edinburgh, where he was celebrated as a football player, and after passing through the medical course at Edinburgh University graduated M.B., C.M. in 1889. After a term as resident physician under the late Dr. Claude Muirhead in Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Dr. MacTier set up in practice at Waterloo, near Liverpool, but some ten years later returned to St. Andrews as partner of the late Dr. John Moir. Here he developed a large practice, and was one of the best-known practitioners in Fife. He acted for many years as honorary medical officer to the Cottage Hospital, St. Andrews, and was closely associated from the time of its foundation with the James Mackenzie Clinical Institute, to which, latterly, he acted as chairman of the committee of management. He also took a close interest in the affairs of the town, and was a bailie for the burgh of St. Andrews and J.P. for the county of Fife. He had many interests outside those of the medical profession, and kept up his early athletic distinction as a keen player of lawn tennis and badminton. One of his favourite recreations was travelling, and he had visited several of the lesser-known countries of Europe, where he pursued the study of field botany. During the war he acted as medical officer of the Campbeltown Royal Auxiliary Hospital at St. Andrews. He had been a member of the British Medical Association for thirty-six years, and took an active part in its work, having been a member of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee for Scotland for many years, and president of the Fife Branch. Dr. MacTier is survived by a widow, one son, and two daughters.

Dr. Arthur Jaffray Hutchison died on October 20th, at the age of 68, while on a visit to Evesham. After graduating M.B., C.M. (with commendation) in 1899, he became house-physician to the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and later surgeon to the throat and nose department of the Glasgow Public Dispensary. He then went to Brighton, and was appointed honorary surgeon to the Brighton Throat and Ear Hospital, and laryngologist to the Royal Sussex County Hospital. Dr. Hutchison had been a member of the British Medical Association for forty years, and when the Annual Meeting was held at Brighton in 1913 he held office as president of the Section of Laryngology, Otology, and Rhinology. He was a corresponding member of the Société Française d’Otolologie, de Laryngologie, et de Rhinologie. During the war he was a member of the staff of the 22nd General Hospital, with the rank of captain, R.A.M.C. (T.).

We regret to announce the death of Ayr, on October 20th, after a brief illness, of Dr. ERIC DALKRUMPFAIRGIRDER, at the age of 55. Dr. Girder, who was a son of the famous Glasgow professor, Sir William Tennant Girder, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.S., was educated at Rossall School and at the Universities of Glasgow, Edinburgh, and St. Andrews, and graduated M.B., Ch.B. of Glas., in 1902. He served as resident physician and resident surgeon at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary in 1902-3. In 1905 he took up practice in Ayr, and in 1907 was appointed surgeon to the Ayr County Hospital, which post he held until 1919, when he became Deputy Commissioner of Medical Services under the Ministry of Pensions in Glasgow. He held the rank of major in the R.A.M.C. (T.), and during the war was medical officer attached to the 1/13th Royal Scots Fusiliers. He distinguished himself greatly, and was several times mentioned in dispatches, while in 1916 he was awarded the D.S.O., and a year later received a bar to this order. The French Government also conferred upon him the Croix de Guerre. He was several times wounded, and these war injuries undoubtedly shortened his life. After the war he returned to Ayr, and some eight years ago was appointed medical officer for Scotland of the London Midland and Scottish Railway Company.

The following well-known foreign medical men have recently died: Dr. George Hayem, honorary professor of the Paris medical faculty, ex-president of the Académie de Médecine and Commander of the Legion of Honour, aged 78; Dr. Arthur Biedl, professor of general pathology at the German University of Prague, aged 64; Dr. Peter Poppert, professor of surgery and director of the surgical clinic at Giessen, aged 73; Dr. Viktor Hinsberg, professor of oto-rhino-laryngology at Breslau, aged 63; Dr. Romeo Monti, an eminent Vienna paediatrician, aged 59; Dr. William Councilman, professor of morbid anatomy at Harvard University and author of a well-known textbook on the subject, aged 79; and Dr. Gannouchkine, professor of clinical psychiatry at Moscow.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a congregation held on October 20th the following medical degrees were conferred:—

M.D.—M. Lawn, H. P. Nelson.

* By proxy.

Corpus Christi College offers every December one Smyth Exhibition of £30 a year for two years (renewable for a third year), to be given to an open scholar or exhibitioner (in whatever subject) who shall have expressed his intention of reading for a medical degree: and if there are two candidates so qualified the most suitable is elected. The University also has power to elect, when the state of the Smyth Fund permits, to a Smyth Exhibition of £30 a year for one year (renewable for a second year) that one of suitable degree which it judges most suitable.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

At a meeting of the Senate, held on October 25th, with the Vice-Chancellor (Professor L. N. G. Filon) in the chair, it was resolved to confer the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa, on Sir Thomas Barlow, Bt., K.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.S. The title of professor of materia medica was conferred on Sir S. Rickard Christians, M.B., F.R.S. (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine), and that of reader in pathology on Dr. F. A. Knott (Guy’s Hospital Medical School).

Sir Ernest Graham-Little, M.P., was re-elected chairman of the Council for External Students for the year 1933-4.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

A meeting of the Senate was held on October 26th, under the chairmanship of the Chancellor, Mr. Eamonn de Valera of University College, Dublin; and decided that the Dr. Henry Hutchinson Stewart Scholarships in Anatomy and in Physiology to Eamonn de Valera of University College, Dublin; and decided that the Dr. Henry Hutchinson Stewart Scholarships in Arts, in Medicine, and in Mental and Nervous Diseases should be offered for competition in 1934.