

to the Auckland Hospital. He complained of pain over the left lower part of the abdomen. Dr. Collins diagnosed appendicitis and opened over that organ, only to find that it was quite normal. Dr. Neill, one of the honorary staff, swore that he urged Dr. Collins to make a median incision because in his opinion it could not be appendicitis. A median incision was made and the bowel was examined but no rupture was found. Two pieces of faecal matter were found and, according to the evidence, Dr. Collins made two incisions in the bowel and removed these faecal masses, which were of "about the size of a walnut." The whole charge of "accelerating the death of the patient" was based upon these incisions. The operation was then proceeded with and two ulcers in the upper part of the stomach were said to have been discovered and stitched up. Further examination revealed a ruptured duodenal ulcer which was stitched up. The operation occupied about one and a half hours. The patient died soon after his removal from the table. At the departmental inquiry held by Dr. Macgregor four of the honorary staff swore that they saw the ulcers in the stomach. An order for exhumation was issued by the Colonial Secretary, when it was found that as a matter of fact the stomach was quite healthy and that the only lesion other than those made by the surgeon was the ruptured ulcer in the duodenum. It is a matter for great regret that the whole thing had not been thrashed out in the Medical Association, although at the same time it is quite evident that some power should be given to the inspector-general to step in and to check indiscriminate and unskilful operative work if such obtains in any hospital. Doubtless it might be awkward if all surgeons had to stand the same searchlight examination which Dr. Collins underwent and although the profession generally has suffered discredit there can be no doubt that the inquiry and the trial have made for the better management of our hospitals.

Sanatorium for Consumption.

His Excellency the Governor, accompanied by Lady Plunket, the Hon. Sir J. G. Ward (Minister of Public Health), and Dr. J. M. Mason, chief health officer of the colony, recently inspected the Te Waihatu Sanatorium for the Treatment of Consumption. The institution is capable of accommodating 65 patients and is really one of the best of its kind south of the line. It is situated on a range of hills in one of the most salubrious parts of the North Island. There are 1000 acres of land much of which is covered with native bush. The shelters are most artistic and of the latest pattern. The whole place is lighted by the electric light. Already some very good results have been obtained. It is managed entirely by the Government and there is a limited accommodation for paying patients.

Patent Medicines.

The new regulations issued by the health department, requiring that all "patent medicines" must have the formulæ set out on the label, have caused quite a commotion amongst those who live on the credulity of the public. In deference to the pressure brought to bear by the newspapers and quacks generally the regulations have been modified. It is now required that the formulæ should be deposited with the Minister of Public Health and that all mixtures containing poison must have the words "this contains poison" set out in gothic type on the label. There is no doubt that this is a very decided step in the right direction.

Private Hospitals.

The recent regulations requiring all private hospitals to be licensed by the health department have already eliminated many of the unsuitable buildings. Another year or so and New Zealand may fairly claim that the *rich* as well as the *poor* will have equal chances of recovery.

Feb. 10th.

PRESENTATION TO A MEDICAL MAN.—At a meeting held at the Church Missionary Society Hall, Bristol, on March 23rd, under the presidency of Colonel H. B. Savile, C.B., Dr. J. H. Loch was presented with a roll-top desk, a chair, a typewriter, and an illuminated album containing the names of 300 subscribers. The album bore the inscription, "Presented to Deputy-Surgeon-General J. H. Loch, M.D. (Indian Medical Service, retired) in grateful recognition of his earnest and self-denying labours for the past 12 years as honorary lay secretary of the Bristol Church Missionary Association."

Obituary.

MAURICE GRIFFITH EVANS, M.D. ABERD., L.R.C.P. LOND., M.R.C.S. ENG., L.S.A.

Dr. Maurice Evans of The Mount, Caerphilly, Glamorgan-shire, who died recently in his seventy-third year, was the son of a former vicar of Llangolman, Pembrokeshire. After serving an apprenticeship to his uncle the late Dr. Phillips of Newcastle-Emlyn he became a student at Guy's Hospital and took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. Eng. and L.S.A. in 1853. In 1859 he graduated as M.D. at King's College, Aberdeen, and was admitted a Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1872. Some 45 years ago he commenced to practise at Narberth in Pembrokeshire where he took a leading part in all public and philanthropic movements and especially interested himself in the work of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. While at Narberth he contributed two articles to THE LANCET; one in 1859 on cases of retention of urine due to retroversion of the uterus and one in 1869 on nicotine poisoning. About 30 years ago he removed from Narberth to Cardiff where he had an extensive practice. In 1881 and 1882 he was president of the Cardiff Medical Society. About ten years ago he retired from professional work and went to live at Caerphilly. He was a life-long abstainer and took much interest in Church work, being a lay elector for the Llandaff Diocesan Conference. At the funeral, which took place on March 20th, there was a large attendance, including many ministers of religion of various denominations, medical men, magistrates, and others. The procession was headed by the officials and members of the Eisteddfod committee and each wore a white bow in respect of the useful and long association of the deceased with the annual festival. The service, which was fully choral, was conducted by the Rev. Connop L. Price, rector of Caerphilly, the Rev. J. Williams, vicar of Trallong, and the Rev. M. L. Evans of Aldershot. At the graveside a very impressive Welsh service was conducted by the Rev. D. Griffiths of Brynmawr and the rector of Caerphilly, and preceding the benediction the well-known hymn, "O Fryniau Caersalem," &c., was sung by the assembly to the tune of "Crugybar."

AUGUSTUS DAVID MARTIN TALBOTT, M.R.C.S. ENG., L.S.A.

Mr. A. D. M. Talbott died suddenly at his residence, 14, Richmond Hill, Clifton, Bristol, on March 23rd, in his seventy-fourth year. The deceased, who received his medical education at St. George's Hospital, became qualified as M.R.C.S. Eng., L.S.A., in 1852 and 1853 respectively. Mr. Talbott had been for many years in practice at Clifton and continued his professional work until within a few days of his death. He had been for 40 years the honorary local secretary of the Royal Humane Society and took the greatest interest in the work of the society; he had also been very energetic in introducing the teaching of swimming in the Bristol elementary schools. Mr. Talbott will be much missed and sincerely regretted in Clifton and Bristol. He leaves a widow but no children.

Medical News.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER.—At examinations held in the Faculty of Medicine in March the following candidates were successful:—

FINAL EXAMINATION.

Part I.—Charles Brown, T. G. Burnett, P. J. Harris-Jones, A. W. Howlett, Roland Nightingale, H. B. Pare, and P. L. Pollard.
Part II.—F. L. Boag, Archibald Cambell, Catharine L. Corbett, J. B. Dalton, * G. D. Dawson, R. L. Ferguson, H. E. Fox, W. H. Hey, R. W. Higson, Ernest Hulme, T. W. Lonsdale, G. G. Parkin, James Smalley, Henry Thorp, David Walker, * Eric M. Wilkins, and J. S. Young.

* With honours.

SECOND EXAMINATION.

A. Anatomy and Physiology.—J. W. Bride, G. W. Bury, Harold Coppock, D. J. Dakeyne, J. A. Fairer, Frederick Hall, Frank Hartley, Robert Lakin, Peter Moran, Wilfrid Nightingale, Alice Oberdorfer, George Rainford, Robert Robertson, Douglas Rodger, Elsie M. Royle, Vincent Southwell, H. E. R. Stephens, J. V.