

THE LATE MAJOR A. A. MARTIN, N.Z.M.C.
SURGEON-GENERAL R. PORTER, C.B., whose letter is dated
"In the Field, 10th October, 1916," writes:

I hope you will be able to grant me a small space to pay a slight tribute to the memory of the late Major A. A. Martin, N.Z.M.C., of whose death from wounds in action I have learnt with the deepest regret.

I first met Major Martin in September, 1914, during the battle of the Marne. He had been sent up to the corps with which I was then serving, and I posted him to the 15th Field Ambulance. It was not long before he proved his worth. Those who had the opportunity of seeing the work done by Martin in the shrapnel-swept village of Missy on the Aisne, and later in an hôpital civil et militaire behind the lines will never forget the fine qualities he displayed; whether removing wounded from under heavy shell fire to a place of safety, or performing some of the most difficult operations known to surgery under the most trying conditions, his fearless courage and fine judgement were abundantly proved.

Personally I shall never forget his surgical work in the hospital in question. The operation work which he did amongst the apparently helpless cases was magnificent, and stamped him as a skilful operator of the highest order.

Arthur Martin was one of the most sympathetic and tender hearted of men I have ever met, and still he did not know what fear was in the midst of danger. During the time he was with us a sentence in his very readable book, *A Surgeon in Khaki*, sums up his life: "The surgeon sees the seamy side of war. He comes close to the men struck down in the field—helpless, and bleeding, and in pain. He stands by them in the dark hours in hospital, and by their bedsteads when they die."

Many who worked with us in these days have "crossed the bar": none of them will be remembered more affectionately for qualities of heart and head than poor Arthur Martin.

THE LATE DR. ARTHUR NIMMO WALKER.—Mr. Thomas H. Bickerton (Liverpool) writes: Sir James Barr, in his admirable appreciation of the work of the late Lieutenant-Colonel Arthur Nimmo Walker (p. 533), has instanced its progressive character. Another instance worthy of special notice was the action he took in connexion with the hospital—St. Paul's Eye and Ear Hospital—founded by his father, the late Mr. George Walker. By choosing to confine the work at St. Paul's to the exclusive treatment of the eye, Mr. Nimmo Walker brought Liverpool into line with London, Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Medical students desirous of specializing in ophthalmology can now study the subject in an eye hospital devoted to eye work in Liverpool.

Medico-Legal.

PROPERTY IN PRESCRIPTIONS.

We learn from the *Western Morning News* that at the Honiton County Court on October 9th, before his Honour Judge Lindley, Henry Le Brasseur, of Woolmer, Stow Park, Newnort, sued Hinton Lake and Sons, Limited, Fore Street, Sidmouth, for failing to return a prescription by Dr. Grant Wilson, of Sidmouth, given on August 16th, 1916, or to pay for the prescription, valued at 15s. Plaintiff said his wife received a prescription from Dr. Grant Wilson, which they took to the defendant to be made up. The prescription was not returned, and the assistant said that in the case of Dr. Grant Wilson's prescriptions they had orders to keep them, unless told otherwise by the doctor. Eventually the doctor sent a copy of the prescription with his receipt. Mr. McGahey said that on August 22nd, when Mr. Le Brasseur asked for the prescription, he was informed that they would give it up if Dr. Grant Wilson would agree. The doctor, however, declined. The prescription was of no value whatever to Messrs. Hinton Lake, and they were fighting the action on a question of principle, in order to keep faith with the medical profession and Dr. Grant Wilson. Dr. Grant Wilson said he had instructed the chemists when a patient asked for a prescription to let him know, and he then gave one. He did this to protect the public, because in many cases prescriptions intended for adults were given to infants. Whenever he gave a prescription which chemists could return to the patient he also wrote on it "return to patient." His Honour held that there was no property in the document given by Dr. Grant Wilson, as it was only given to Mrs. Le Brasseur to take to the chemists to save himself the trouble. Mr. Le Brasseur therefore had no claim to the document, and the action failed, with costs.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH.

AUTUMN GRADUATION CEREMONY.

At the autumn graduation ceremony on October 13th there was a comparatively small list of graduates; two-thirds of those in arts were women. The Vice-Chancellor said that all the male graduates in medicine were proceeding to accept service in the navy or army. It behoved all those who remained, whether as students or as staff, to have a sense of quickened responsibility for keeping alive the enfeebled and attenuated life of university education.

Degree in Education.

The ordinance establishing a new degree—that of Bachelor of Education—has been sanctioned. The degree is to be regarded as an honours one, and candidates must be graduates in arts or science of a Scottish or approved university. The course will extend over two academic years and the examination will be divided into two parts. The arrangements for the degree will not come into operation until next year.

Conferment of Degrees.

The following degrees were conferred:

M.B., B.Ch.—J. J. ckermann, A. G. Anderson, Ahmed Aziz, A. H. de Wet Budler, E. Chapelle, J. S. Galvin, G. W. Grant, Balkrishna Itupkrishna Handoo, T. L. P. Harries, F. J. C. Johnstone, A. C. Kirton, J. L. Lamond, C. M. Donald, Margaret M'N. M'Garrity, F. H. van der Merwe, Isabella Morrison, G. A. Paris, J. B. Phillips, J. Batcliffe, Gokal Chand Sahgal, Satyendra Nath Seal, J. Sellar, B. H. Simon.

* With second class honours.

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN.

THE winter session in science and medicine opened on October 12th. Professor Ashley W. Mackintosh in addressing his class in medicine said that of the 101 graduates, students, and alumni of the university who had given up their lives in the war, 24 had been in the faculty of medicine. Those he was addressing, men and women alike, were at home because they were preparing themselves to offer the highest service to their country as fully qualified practitioners of medicine. No nobler call had ever been made on medical students. There was no room for slackers or chronics, and if any one thought that this was the time for "getting through" easily he had better at once change his supposed vocation in life.

Professor Mackintosh paid a warm tribute to Dr. Arthur Hugh Lister, who had died as truly in the roll of honour as if he had been struck down by an enemy's bullet. Lister was a physician of the first rank; he was a teacher of whom any medical school might justly be proud; he took a keen interest in all that concerned the welfare of the community and the State; and he was, as a man, loyal to the core. His colleagues, the students of Aberdeen University, and the whole north-east of Scotland, were the poorer for his loss. He had gone, but his memory and example would and must remain.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

GUY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

THE following entrance scholarships have been awarded: Senior Science Scholarships for University Students: £75, William Gover, Balliol College; £35, R. B. P. Lansdown, B.A., Pembroke College, Cambridge. Junior Science Scholarships: £120, A. McKenzie, Preliminary Science Class, Guy's Hospital; Scholarships in Arts: £100, A. Y. Cantin (private study); £50, J. A. Currie, Diocesan College, Rondebosch, Cape Colony.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.

The two Goldsmid Entrance Exhibitions, offered annually for competition in September, were awarded this year to Mr. G. V. W. Anderson of University College, London, and Mr. A. W. Holgate of Alleyn's School and University College, London.

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

THE *Calendar* for the year 1916 contains all the academical information about the three constituent colleges of the university—namely, those at Dublin, Cork, and Galway, and the recognized college of the university at Maynooth—that such publications commonly comprise.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY COUNCIL was held on October 12th, when Sir Watson Cheyne, President, was in the chair.

Donation to the Museum.

The thanks of the Council were given to Sir John Bland-Sutton for a presentation of four skeletons of the gorilla, the skeleton of a chimpanzee, and some skulls.

Earlier Closing of the Library.

From October 16th until the end of the month the library will be closed at 5.30 p.m., and after November 1st at 5 p.m.

Annual Report of the Council.

The Council approved the annual report of the committee appointed to draw it up. The report will be presented to the