

Review

INJURIES TO THE ANKLE. By J. Grant Bonnin. Published by William Heinemann. Pp. 402. Price 63s.

This book is devoted to injuries to one region. It commences with an historical survey and ends with four complicated tables of the author's classification of fractures about the ankle.

The book is a complete survey of the traumatic surgery of this area. It includes chapters on anatomy, radiology and surgical approaches to the ankle-joint. It gives in detail the author's ideas of the mechanisms of various fractures. It outlines the various methods, including the author's, of treatment of individual lesions.

Has a book of this size dealing with a relatively small area a place in a surgeon's library?

In the reviewer's opinion this book is a record of the author's ideas and its place is in a reference library. It is a pity that after reading this book, one is faced with complicated tables of classifications of injuries around the ankle-joint. What is needed is a simple classification.

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Obituary

Major-General ROBERT JAMES BLACKHAM, C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.D.

ON January 23, 1951, at his home in Sussex, Major-General Robert James Blackham, late R.A.M.C., Retired, *C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.D., K.St.J.*, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, Croix de Guerre (French) with two Palms and Star, Kaiser-i-Hind Medal for Public Service in India, Member of the Order of Mercy, Barrister at Law of the Middle Temple and Gray's Inn, Knt. of Grace and Member of Chapter General, Venerable Order of St. John. Member of the Court of Common Council, Corporation of the City of London. Assistant Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, in which from his first coming in contact with the movement at Bulford he never lost an enthusiastic interest. He was a Liveryman of the Apothecaries', Glaziers' and Needlemakers' Companies. Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass. Freeman of the City of London. On completion of twenty-one years' service as Clerk of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass,

unanimously elected an honorary Member of the Court of Assistants—the Governing Body of the Company—and presented with an antique clock and a cheque by the Court and Livery of the Glaziers' Company, which is distinguished from other City Guilds by representing a branch of an art and not a division of a company. So far as is known the only medical man ever Clerk of a City Company, except the late Group Captain Cooper, Clerk of the only Medical Guild—the Society of Apothecaries.

The son of Dr. William Blackham, he was born in Belfast September 15, 1868, and entered the Service as Surgeon Lieutenant July 29, 1895. Promoted Captain July 29, 1898, Major January 29, 1907, Lieutenant-Colonel March 1, 1915, and Colonel December 26, 1917, he retired April 9, 1923. He was appointed V.H.S. January 1, 1913, and created *C.I.E.* June 3, 1913. He was seconded for service with the Government of India November 4, 1914, to July 31, 1915, and was on half-pay May 18, 1920, to May 12, 1921. He rejoined May 30, 1940, and was relegated to unemployment with hon. rank of Major-General January 30, 1946. He was the author of numerous works on Tropical Diseases, Children, Hygiene, First Aid, etc. and also "Scalpel, Sword and Stretcher"; "Forty Years of Work and Play"; "The Soul of the City—London Livery Companies"; "The Story of the Temple"; "London for Ever—The Sovereign City."

He was on the North-West Frontier of India 1897–1899 with the Khyber Brigade, Tirah Field Force.

He served in France, Belgium and Italy from 1915 to 1918 and in North Russia in 1918–19. Five times mentioned, he was created *C.B.*, *C.M.G.*, *D.S.O.*, and Chevalier of the Legion of Honour, twice awarded the Croix de Guerre, the 1914–15 Star, British War and Victory Medals.

He was special member of Red Cross of Japan on special duty (decorated) under Government of India 1914.

The following were present at the Memorial Service :

The Dean of Westminster (Officiated). Lady Blackham; Mr. S. E. Mann; Miss G. French; Colonel C. P. Robinson; The Lord Mayor and Sword Bearer, Sir William Gilliatt; Sir Henry Souttar, Representing Priority Committee of the British Medical Association; Sir Rowland Smith; Sir Henry Sharp; Major-General F. Harris, Representing the Director-General Army Medical Services; Major-General K. A. M. Tomory, Deputy Director Medical Services, Eastern Command; Colonel A. E. Campbell, Representing Commandant, Royal Army Medical College, Millbank; Colonel B. T. Daunt; Colonel W. A. D. Drummond, Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank, S.W.1; Colonel C. E. Bull, The War Office; Mr. Frank Salisbury; Captain H. L. Oakley; Mr. W. E. Tanner; Mr. H. H. Gerrans, Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene; Miss D. Hubbard, St. John Ambulance Brigade; Mr. M. T. Tudsbery; Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Newell; Mr. T. D. Fletcher of the *Nursing Mirror*; Dr. C. E. Anderson; Mr. G. D. Roberts, *K.C.*, Master Glaziers' Company; Mr. A. B. Edwards; Mrs. N. Carter; Mrs. A. Hattery; Mr. W. Parker; Mr. Gordon Catling; Mr. F. W. Ingle-Low; Mr. C. Wallis; Mrs. C. G. Potier; Mr. W. C. Turner.

The Pall Bearers were from the Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital.

The Bugler was from the Depot and T. Establishment.

Captain PRYCE HENRY PEACOCK

SUDDENLY in France in July 1950 Captain Pryce Henry Peacock, M.B., R.A.M.C., Retired. Born September 14, 1907, he took the M.B. Dublin in 1932 and was commissioned Lieutenant July 27, 1933, which was subsequently antedated to November 2, 1932.

Promoted Captain May 1, 1934, he retired receiving a gratuity June 12, 1939. He rejoined September 2, 1939, and was released December 28, 1945. He served in France from September 28, 1939, to June 24, 1940, and in East Africa from December 1, 1941, to May 25, 1945, receiving the 1939-45 Star, the Defence and War Medals.

Lieutenant-Colonel J. G. Foster writes :

This has only come to my notice on going through the deaths of graduates Trinity College, Dublin, just received.

He was a very nice boy and I was very sorry he retired, as he was just the type we wanted and I am very sorry to see the notice of his death.

Extracts from the "London Gazette"**HONOURS AND AWARDS***London Gazette* 1.1.51 (New Year's Honours)

- C.B.* Maj.-Gen. Thomas Young, *O.B.E.*, M.B., K.H.P., late R.A.M.C.
D.B.E. Brigadier Anne Thomson, *C.B.E.*, *R.R.C.*, K.H.N.S., Q.A.R.A.N.C.
C.B.E. Colonel Samuel Hamilton Woods, *O.B.E.*, F.D.S., K.H.D.S., late R.A.D.C.
O.B.E. Lieut.-Colonel Olive Emily Clark, *R.R.C.*, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
 Lieut.-Colonel (temporary) John Alistair Manifold, R.A.M.C.
M.B.E. Major (temporary) Hamilton James Elverson, M.B., R.A.M.C.
 Major James Harrison Vickers, R.A.M.C.
R.R.C. Major Ethel Mary Neale, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
 Lt.-Col. (acting) Florence May Smith, *A.R.R.C.*, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
A.R.R.C. (2nd Class). Major Nina Alys Buck, Q.A.R.A.N.C.
 Major Daisy Lister, Q.A.R.A.N.C.

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The Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

Serving Brothers. Colonel John Fitzwilliam O'Grady, *T.D.*, M.B., D.L., R.A.M.C.(T.A.)
 Major John Rutherford, M.B., R.A.M.C.(T.A.)

London Gazette 12.1.51**2 Clasps to Territorial Efficiency Decoration**

Colonel G. D. Kersley, *T.D.*, M.D., F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.(T.A.)
 Lt.-Col. (Hon. Col.) J. B. Forsyth, *T.D.*, R.A.M.C.(T.A.)

Territorial Efficiency Decoration and 1st Clasp***R.A.M.C.***

Lt.-Col. G. M. R. Duffus, *M.B.E.*, M.B.
 Major S. S. Chesser.
 Major J. L. Cowan, M.D., F.R.C.P.E.
 Major H. Leiper.