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"THOROUGH"



EDITORIAL

The annual dinner moves to a magnificent location this year - see right. To reserve your place on 30th April, please contact the Secretary.

On the subject of dinners, Tim Price has sent us a wonderful extract from a 1936 newsletter on the 14th dinner held at the Trocadero - see page 2.

Also in this issue, I am very pleased we have a careers piece from Nicholas Hicks, Director of Public Health. Past copies of the careers articles can be found in the newsletters on the website <http://www.kitchenerscholars.org> I'd be very happy to accept photo contributions from readers for the next issue. (As you may notice, we are somewhat low on illustrations this time!)

As the Easter holidays approach, work intensifies for those of you preparing exams. I wish you all the best with your endeavours, and indeed a Happy Easter to all of you.

Enjoy your read.

Emma Sanders

PRINT DEADLINES

We welcome contributions to the newsletter. Please send your letters/ emails/photos to Emma Sanders (contact details on page 4).

Submission deadlines :

1st March for Spring Edition

15th September for Autumn Edition

AGM AND SCHOLARS DINNER 2004



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The 2004 Annual General Meeting and Scholars Dinner will be held on Friday 30th April at the Inns Of Court and City Yeomanry Mess, Lincoln's Inn, London. We look forward to meeting you there.

The Annual General Meeting will start at 6.30 pm followed by the dinner at 7.00pm. The cost for a four-course meal plus wine is £35, with a reduced charge of £10 for current scholars and their student guests.

The main course will be *Boeuf en Croute* with a vegetarian option available if requested in advance. A cash bar will be open from 6pm. Dress black tie or lounge suit (no medals).

There will be an opportunity before dinner, to visit the Inns of Court & City and their small museum.

Please let the secretary know by Monday 19th April if you will be attending the Dinner (address page 4).

Reservations should be accompanied by a cheque made payable to the Kitchener Scholars Association.

A pay to park facility is available in Lincoln Inn Fields and the nearest underground station is Holborn.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The annual memorial service for Field Marshal Lord Kitchener of Khartoum and the laying of a wreath will take place in St. Dunstons Chapel, St. Pauls Cathedral on Sunday 6th June 2004 at 2.30pm.

Refreshments will be provided after the service.

Please advise the Secretary if you will be attending the service by Monday 24th May 2004.

Gerry Brierley

"Education must elevate the mind, must improve your faculties of thought, must clear your vision and make you understand your place and duty in the world."

Field Marshal Lord Kitchener of Khartoum.

FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

It is almost a year since I took over the role of Chairman from my brother Tim, who had ably filled the position for a good number of years. Tim remains active on the Committee and is keeping the website in good shape. This is my second spell in the Chair and it is an enjoyable job. The last 12 months have seen a good level of activity, with a small but lively annual dinner in May at a hotel in Leicestershire managed by a former Scholar, followed by the Memorial Service as usual in June. In 2003 we organised a tour of the Tower of London and tea in the Armoury for those attending the Service. Despite some rain and not a little wind, the tour was appreciated by all who attended.

In October, at the kind invitation of the Lord Mayor of London Gavyn Arthur, the Kitchener Fund and the Army Benevolent Fund held a magnificent dinner in the Mansion House.

The Remembrance Day parade in November took place amongst tight security, which made it difficult to get to the statue, but those who made it participated in the moving ceremony,

and also enjoyed a jolly lunch as guests of Emma and Julian Kitchener-Fellowes afterwards. Emma and Julian not only entertained us in person, but also brought along an American actress, Novella Nelson, who has more than 19 films to her credit including recently, "Head of State" and "Antwone Fisher". If any Scholar is under the illusion that our events are dull and dry affairs, I can assure you that they are not!

As I write I am hard at work organising our AGM and Annual Dinner for Friday 30th April. Please put the date in your diary. I promise to arrange a good speaker and I am pleased to say that the Committee has agreed to subsidise the event for present scholars and their student guests down to a nominal £10 per head.

Our last newsletter included an appeal to KS for donations and I am pleased to say that a number of people responded. Thank you all for your generosity, on our behalf and that of the Fund. One of our older KS suggested that Scholars should aim to repay their scholarships to the

Fund when they can afford to later in life. I think this is a splendid idea providing there is a little extra added for the notional interest in the intervening years!

I am also pleased to report that a number of KS have sent in new bankers' order forms bring their subs up to the current level of £10.

However, there is a very large number still paying smaller sums and I therefore enclose a new bankers' order form to be filled in and returned for those who are not sure if they are paying the right amount.

The Committee is investigating the feasibility of organising a fund raising event for the Kitchener Fund. The favourite at the moment is a plan to hold a sponsored bike ride around the WW1 battlefields in northern France in the summer. If any KS is interested in hearing more about this, could they please get in touch with me.

As this year's dinner is in London, 2005's should be elsewhere. If any KS would like to suggest their own town for next year, and more importantly offer to help organise the event, please let me know.

Jonathan Price

OBITUARIES

THE RIGHT REVEREND ROGERS, MA

The Right Reverend Rogers MA (KS 1925) has died aged 96. He was born in London in 1907. After attending Westminster City School he went to Kings College, London to prepare for holy orders, completing his training at Bishop's College, Cheshunt.

From 1930 to 34 he was a curate in Shepherds Bush and Twickenham, before moving to Mauritius as Chaplain to the expatriate community, progressing to become Archbishop in 1946. On return to the UK, he served as a vicar in Twickenham and Hampstead before returning to Mauritius in 1959 as Bishop.

In 1966 he was appointed Bishop of Fulham, with special responsibilities for the Anglican ministry in Europe. His final appointment until his retirement in 1975 was as Bishop of Edmonton. However, he continued his ministry as an honorary assistant bishop in the diocese of Peterborough until finally retiring at age 93.

A man of great faith, humanity and humour; he was an embodiment of the Church of England at its best. His second wife Barbara and a son survive him.

ROBERT (ROBIN) HENDERSON THOMPSON

Robert was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institute and Queens University, Belfast. A high profile sportsman, he represented Ireland at rugby, and at the age of 23 was captain of the British Lions tour of South Africa in 1955.

In the Northern Ireland Civil Service he was for a number of years Chief Factories Inspector, ending his career as Chairman of the Health and Safety Executive. His wife Noreen survives him

OTHER REPORTED DEATHS:

Robert Rawson
Dr Ronald Blackwood Pridie

2003 SCHOLARS

Miss K.J Austen, Huddersfield, Law
Miss B.L. Bryson, Warwick, Management Studies
Miss S.M. Chandler, Warwick, Mathematics
M.A. Chambers, Lancaster, Design & Technology
J.C.H Cottam, Pembroke Oxon Biological Science
Miss C.A.T Enderuweit, Bradford, Chemistry
Miss R.L. Jubb, Durham, History & Politics
Miss S.C. McCabe, Glasgow, Medicine
N.E.C. Montgomery, St. Edmunds Hall, Oxon Geography
S.W. Nixon, Bristol, Medicine
Miss G.L. Potter, East Anglia, History
Miss J.L. Roberts, Brunel, English
J.E.D. Ross, Durham, Economics
Miss N.A. Stewart, Nottingham, Medicine
E.J.E. Sullivan, Bristol, Design Engineering
Miss A.I. Trew by, Newcastle, History
Miss V. Argent, Exeter, Medicine
Miss K.J. Bussell, Cardiff, Business Studies
Miss A.E. Court, Bristol, Engineering
C.C. Murphy, Durham, P.P.P
Miss T.J. Ashton, Derby, Travel & Tourism
C.A.B. Duffield, King's. London, Medicine
J.G.B. Duffield, St. Andrews, Biology
Miss K.L. Hemming, Reading, Psychology
A.W. Lamaison, Imperial College, Computer Science
Miss K.A. Meehan, Cardiff, International Bus & Finance
J.J. Miller, Birmingham, English & German

DINNERS PAST

The Fourteenth Annual Dinner of the Kitchener Scholars Association took place at the Trocadero Restaurant on Tuesday the 26th November 1935. Col. The Right Hon. the Lord Wigram of Clewer presided; the Guest of Honour was General Sir John Asser, KCB, KCMG, KCVO. About 180 were present....”

The reply to the Guest of Honours speech was made by Mr Hart (KS) and ran in part,
 “..... As one of the earliest Kitchener Scholars, and a founder member of this Association, I could not let pass this opportunity of expressing our indebtedness to the members of the original Executive Committee. I am delighted to see that the two members of that Committee still serving – Sir George Arthur and Sir Herbert Creedy – are here as our guests this evening. Also I know my contemporaries will join me in wishing a speedy recovery to our friend and adviser of those days, I refer to Sir Thomas Taylor. (...) When I was a Kitchener Scholar we were a very small body, and I remember vividly an evening at the Connaught Rooms in December 1921, when we were all guests at dinner of the late Mr. Pandeli Ralli. As a result of the meeting held then, this Association was formed having four main objects. I hope I may be forgiven if I touch upon them briefly.

The first was the perpetuation of the memory of Lord Kitchener by seeking to emulate his high example of service. Apart from this Association I can claim two other remote contacts with our great figurehead. First, I do not think it is generally known that Lord Kitchener was a student for a brief period at my on College – University College, London, where he studied geology from 1866 to 1867, which must have been before he went to Woolwich. Secondly, as a very junior member of the Corps of Royal Engineers, I had the occasion to spend a period in the Sapper headquarters at Chatham. There I was very much moved by the veneration with which the name of the greatest of all sappers was held. I trust you will forgive my moralising, but I do hope that all of us

will keep his ideals before us and emulate them to the best of our ability and, above all, avoid being that type of man who passes responsibility up and work down.

Our second and third objects which were to further the good fellowship and common interests of past and present Scholars are fulfilled by certain local social gatherings and sporting events of which we shall doubtless hear more this evening.

Fourthly with regard to this annual dinner I do not wish to trespass on the preserves of our Honorary Secretary who is to follow me, but I do think that we ought to get a greater percentage of our 1700 scholars and ex-scholars at this annual dinner (...) I am afraid my Lord, that anything I have said is the effort of a rather humble engineer who is trying to make the experiment, strange to him, of multiplying words rather than following his usual practice of economising in them. I am reminded of the story of Orville Wright, that pioneer of aviation, who was in France just after the beginning of the War and was asked to deliver a series of lectures to airmen under training, and he said: “ it is unfortunately true, gentlemen, but of all the birds, the parrot which talks the most flies the worst.” “

Extract from The Kitchener Scholar published in 1936.

MEMBERS NEWS

Vikki Argent (KS 2003) writes, . I have settled in well during my first term at Peninsula Medical School in Exeter. Clinical Skills sessions are the highlight of my week, in which I have the opportunity to try out and practice new skills such as Venepuncture and taking blood pressure. The school spirit is well established even though my year group is only the second cohort at the the school, and I have joined the MedSoc hockey team and the Ladies football team. The University as a whole has a friendly atmosphere and the new medical students have been welcomed into the student community. As the Christmas holidays draw to a close, I am looking forward to the approaching term and activities such as establishing a group who will teach basic life support to younger children and teenagers in schools.

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Please let us have news of your university, how you are getting on, and if there are any changes that might interest past scholars.

Ken Kirk , living in Cyprus (KS 1939) writes, “a couple of years ago a small booklet of my poetry was published. I copy a piece I wrote in 1994 as the preparations for the 50th celebration of the anniversary of D-Day drew near.”

D-Day 1944 – R.I.P.

The gentlemen of England now a-bed
 Shall hold their manhood cheap whilst any speaks
 That fought in France upon the sixth of June.
 But can they know what fighting is, who spent
 The flow of trade, the growth of a career –
 And now are loudest in their praise? Whilst we
 Who, under Slim or Alex, soldiered on
 Salute them with a wryish grin, ourselves
 Forgetting seamen who, month in, month out,
 Defied the cruel sea, dodging Doenitz,
 Ploughing onwards on their icy way. Nor
 Do we recall the heavy bombers whom
 We tar with the moustachioed panache
 Of the Few, though real life was nightly
 Grinding out five hundred miles, the engines
 Out of synch. for ten or fifteen seconds
 To aim at targets others chose.

Yet let

Us not diminish what was done that day;
 For them, the D foretold their dying day.

A PATH TO WORK : WORKING IN PUBLIC HEALTH

Continuing our series of articles on different career opportunities, we follow the path of one KS into Public Health : Nicholas Hicks studied medicine at Cambridge.

Public Health has been defined as “*the science and art of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through organised efforts of society*”. It is concerned primarily with health and disease in populations, in contrast to concerns for the health of individual patients.

Public health doctors make up one of the smallest specialties of medicine in the UK. Altogether there are about 800 public health consultants in the UK working in the NHS, several hundred of whom are also Directors of Public Health with broader responsibilities, working either for Primary Care Trusts or for a Strategic Health Authority. Most public health doctors work in small departments with the support of a range of other professionals like information analysts, nurses, managers and health promotion staff.

The chief responsibilities of a Director of Public Health are monitoring the health of a population, the identification of its health needs, the fostering of policies which promote health, and the evaluation of health services. Since 2002 a number of non-medical directors of public health have been appointed around the country.

To become a public health doctor¹ it is first necessary spend 5 or six years to become a qualified doctor, then usually to spend several more years or longer training in another medical specialty or general practice. Finally you can then embark on 5 years of training in public health medicine before becoming eligible to apply for a post as a consultant in public health medicine.

At this point you might ask why bother? Probably because having trained as a doctor you start to realise that although diagnosing and treating ill

people can be interesting; It is not always rewarding seeing patients return with the same sorts of clinical problems year after year.

Public health people from all professional backgrounds have an understanding that public policy and social conditions contribute to significantly to poor health and illness and that changing these factors will lead to much greater improvements in health and the avoidance of ill health across the population. Naturally most of these issues lie outside the health service and many public health staff spend much time working with other public, voluntary or statutory organisations.

At any time, some may be relatively straightforward, but others may need careful investigation and complex solutions.

The work of the public health doctor can lead in many different directions and a public health professional will usually be working on a range of different issues. Career wise, within public health it is possible to be a ‘generalist’ or to specialise in an area such as academic work, infectious disease epidemic and outbreak management, health screening, to population health needs assessment and service planning, advising on governmental policy to reviewing the evidence for the effectiveness (or otherwise) of medical treatments or of particular health services in a local area.

For more information have a look at the Faculty of Public Health website and its many links.

<http://www.fph.org.uk/>

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/dhsc/wmphg/exploringpubhealthcareerpaths.pdf>

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¹ Since 2002 it has also been possible for non-doctors of graduate level to undergo training in ‘public health’ with a view to gaining recognition of their public health qualifications as of equivalence to those of public health doctors. A non-medical register of qualifications of ‘public health specialists’ is currently being developed.

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