GRANTS FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

THE Council of the British Medical Association desires to remind members of the profession engaged in researches for the advancement of medicine and the allied sciences that it is prepared to receive applications for grants in aid of such research. Applications for sums to be granted, should reach this office not later than May 15th, and must include details of the precise character and objects of the research which is proposed, and must be made on forms to be had of the General Secretary, at the temporary office of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand, London.

Every recipient is required to furnish to the Science Committee, on or before May 15th following upon the allotment of the grant, a report (or, if the object of the grant be not then attained, an interim report to be renewed at the same date in each subsequent year until a final report can be furnished) containing: (a) A brief statement for the report of the Science Committee, showing the results arrived at, or the stage which the inquiry has reached; (b) a general statement of the expenditure incurred, accompanied, so far as is possible, with vouchers; (c) and references to any Transactions, Journals, or other publications in which the results of the research have been printed.

The work of the Grantees shall be subject to inspection.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for three Research Scholarships, each of the value of £150 per annum, tenable for one year, and subject to renewal by the Council, provided the whole term of office has not exceeded three years.

The scholarships exist for the encouragement of research in Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology, Bacteriology, State Medicine, Clinical Medicine, and Clinical Surgery.

The Scholars' work shall be subject to inspection.

Applications for scholarships must be made on forms to be had of the General Secretary, and returned on or before May 15th.

ERNEST HART RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP.

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for the Ernest Hart Memorial Scholarship, of the value of £200 per annum, tenable for one year, but subject to renewal by the Council for another year. The Scholarship is for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.

Applications for Scholarships and Grants should, as a rule, be accompanied by a recommendation from the head of the laboratory in which the applicant proposes to work, setting out the fitness of the candidate to conduct such work, and the probable value of the work to be undertaken. This is not intended, however, to prevent applications for Grants in aid of work which need not be performed in a recognized laboratory.

GUY ELLISTON, General Secretary.

6, Catherine Street, Strand,
April, 1907.

MEDICAL NEWS.

DR. M. J. McQUOID, of Ballyjamesduff, has been appointed to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Cavan.

DR. BÜCKER, of Radebeul, in Saxony, has died of cerebrospinal meningitis, which he is believed to have contracted from a patient.

THE annual general meeting of the Medical Defence Union will be held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on Thursday, May 16th, at 4 p.m.

A CHEMISTS exhibition, organized by the *British and Colonial Druggist*, will be open at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, from May 6th to 10th.

MR. A. ROLLAND RAINY, M.P., will deliver an address on The Necessity for a Minister of Public Health before the New Reform Club, at 10, Adelphi Terrace, London, W.C., on Friday next, when the chair will be taken by Sir W. J. Collins, M.P., at 8.30 p.m.

THE annual meeting of the State Children's Association will be held at Stafford House, St. James's, S.W., by kind permission of the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, on Wednesday, May 8th, when the chair will be taken at 4 p.m. by Lord Burghclere.

UNDER the will of the late Mr. Derman Christopherson of Blackheath the East London Hospital for Children receives a sum of £250.

THE Bishop of St. Albans will take the chair at the forty-seventh annual dinner of King's College, London, at the Hotel Cecil, on Monday, May 27th. Particulars can be obtained from Mr. P. H. Kirkaldy, Honorary Secretary, at the College.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM WRIGHT is to deliver the first of three lectures on the Prehistoric and Early Historic Inhabitants of England at the Royal College of Surgeons on Monday next at 5 p.m. The second and third lectures will be delivered on Wednesday and Friday of the same week, and all will be illustrated by lantern slides. Ladies and gentlemen will be admitted to these lectures on presenting their visiting cards.

THE annual general meeting of the British Medical Temperance Association will be held at 20, Hanover Square, W., on Tuesday next at 4 p.m. At 5 p.m. a meeting, open to medical practitioners and students on presentation of card, will be held at which Professor Sims Woodhead will give an address on the medical justification of total abstinence.

A BILL intended to restrict the scope of expert testimony in murder trials is now before the Legislative Assembly of New York State. It provides that the expert must have actually examined the person concerning whose mental state he is to testify. Provision is also made against the abuse of the hypothetical question. The Bill is doubtless an outcome of the Thaw trial.

THE German Society for the Prevention of Venereal Diseases will hold its third Congress at Mannheim on May 24th and 25th. The principal subject of discussion is the question of instruction in sexual matters to be given in the home and in schools of all grades. Professor Eulenburg of Berlin and Frau Adams-Lehmann of Munich will deal with "sexual dietetics."

THE University of Geneva will celebrate with appropriate pomp and circumstance the 350th anniversary of its foundation, which falls in 1909. A committee has been appointed to arrange for the proper solemnization of the festal rites, to which representatives of foreign universities will be invited. The "Academy," founded by John Calvin in 1559, retained that title till 1798. It was afterwards erected into a university, and reached its full development, with faculties of theology, law, physics, philosophy, and science, in 1873.

At a meeting held recently under the presidency of Professor Golgi, at which all the leading representatives of neurology in Italy were present, it was decided that an Italian Neurological Society should be established. Professor Bianchi was elected President, Professors Morelli and Mingazzini, Vice-Presidents, and Professor Tanzi, General Secretary. The Society will hold annual or biennial congresses. The first has been fixed for October 16th, 17th, and 18th of the present year, and will take place at Naples.

THE reports submitted and adopted at the annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Hospital Saturday Fund showed that the income for 1906 exceeded that for 1905 by some £500, the total being £26,460. The distribution of £23,898 amongst 215 institutions was recorded; of this sum the general and special hospitals received £16,241, convalescent homes £1,469, dispensaries £911, and the Surgical Appliance Committee £1,500. The expenses of administration were 9.65 per cent. of the gross receipts. This fund, it will be remembered, makes its contributions on the general principle of *quid pro quo*, and the extent to which it puts this idea into practice is indicated by the number of letters of recommendation issued last year by the Distribution Committee. It was 41,686.

AN International Stomatological Association has been formed to bring the science and art of dental surgery into line with other branches of medicine, such as laryngology and ophthalmology. A circular letter, signed by an International Organization Committee, of which Dr. Sim Wallace is the English member, has been addressed to stomatologists and stomatological societies throughout the world. By stomatology the new Association understands the dental art or odontology in all its branches. The members will be exclusively medical practitioners, and it will consist of the official delegates of all societies of stomatologists (that is, medically-qualified men practising oral or dental surgery), of delegates of stomatological or dental journals, and of the delegates of oral or dental clinics, institutes, and departments of universities. The inaugural meeting will be held in Paris on August 6th and 7th, 1907. There will probably be four sections: (1) Legislation and professional organization; (2) education; (3) oral hygiene (public and private); (4) literature and international stomatological bibliography.