

OUR NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL

William Robert Macfarlane Drew, was born in Sydney, Australia on 4th October 1907 the son of William Hughes Drew of Sydney and Ethel Macfarlane Drew of Ottawa. He married Dorothy Merle daughter of Edward Alfred Dakingsmith of Bowral, New South Wales and has one son, a medical registrar at St. Thomas's Hospital, and a daughter married to an officer of the Royal Artillery. Educated at Sydney Grammar School and the University of Sydney where he qualified M.B., B.S. with Honours and B.Sc. and was honorary secretary of the University Medical Society from 1930-31.

Commissioned Lieutenant R.A.M.C. in 1931 he commenced his long and distinguished career taking first of all the Marshall Webb Prize on the R.A.M. College Junior Course before proceeding on one of the then routine and now almost forgotten Indian tours of service. Return to the United Kingdom made it possible for him to take the M.R.C.P. in 1938 and to qualify with distinction and first in order of merit (Leishman and Catherine Webb Prizes) at the 37th (Post War) Senior Officers Course at Millbank in 1939. (The number and title of the course show that the shadow of the First World War still hung over R.A.M.C. organization). Qualification as a specialist in medicine also dated from 1939. Joining the B.E.F. in France, evacuation through Dunkirk was the prelude to that period of training when so much was to be done by everyone to prepare for the future. Duty in a field ambulance, as a D.A.D.M.S., and in charge of a medical division of a general hospital contributed to that broad basis of experience from which he taught as Professor of Tropical Medicine at R.A.M. College and later at the Royal College of Medicine, Baghdad.

Returning to the United Kingdom in 1952 he was consulting physician at R.A.M. College until 1955 and commanded the Cambridge Hospital, Aldershot before appointment as Consulting Physician to the Army and Director of Medicine 1959-60. Commandant of the R.A.M. College from 1960-63 he was two years as D.M.S., BAOR before appointment as Director General Army Medical Services on 5th April 1965.

Elected F.R.C.P.(London) in 1945 he was appointed C.B.E. and Commander of El-Rafidain of Iraq in 1952, Q.H.P. in 1959 and C.B. in 1962. The close liaison he has maintained with civilian practice and colleagues is shown by the work he has done and the honours he has received—Goulstonian lecturer, Royal College of Physicians in 1946; Mitchiner Medallist of the Royal College of Surgeons 1955; Lettsomian lecturer of the Medical Society of London 1961; lecturer in tropical medicine at the Westminster Hospital Medical School 1952-7; honorary secretary and later councillor and Vice-President of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and similar posts in the Medical Society of London; a councillor (1960-62) and President of the Clinical Section (1964) of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Amongst other activities we find General Drew as :-

Member of the Governing Body, British Postgraduate Medical Federation (University of London) 1954-56; Member of the Committee of Management Postgraduate Medical School (University of London) 1955-57, 1959-63; Member of the Royal College of Surgeons Working Party on aid to developing countries 1962-63; Member of the Steering Committee New School of Medicine and Human Biology; Extraordinary

Member, Association of Clinical Pathologists ; Liveryman, Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London ; Member of the Executive Committee of the Horse Shoe Club and President of the Army Swimming Union ; Member of Committee of the Anglo American Medical Society ; Member of the Association for the study of medical education ; Member of the Association for the study of human biology ; Member of the Association of Physicians of Great Britain and Ireland and Founder Member of the International Society of Internal Medicine.

As Director General Army Medical Services he is, ex officio, one of the Commissioners of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea.

He has recently been elected to the Council of the Hunterian Society and appointed a governor of the Royal School for Daughters of Officers of the Army, Bath.

It is with the greatest pleasure that we record the inclusion of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Drew in the Birthday Honours 1965 as a Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL SIR WILLIAM BOOG LEISHMAN,

K.C.B., K.C.M.G., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.

It is proposed to devote the first number of this Journal in Volume 112 (January 1966) to the celebration of the Centenary of Sir William's birth. He was born in Glasgow on 6th November, 1865.

Material is required to reach the Editor before 1st October 1965.

President of the Royal College of Physicians of London

The re-election as President of Sir Charles Dodds, Kt., M.V.O., M.D., D.Sc., P.R.C.P., F.R.S., has been announced.

Order of St. John of Jerusalem

Promotions and appointments include :

Officers (Brothers)

Major-General J. C. Barnetson, C.B., O.B.E., Q.H.P., late R.A.M.C.

Brigadier R. E. Waterston, M.B., F.R.C.S., late R.A.M.C.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. H. McFerran, M.B., R.A.M.C.

Lieutenant-Colonel D. MacMillan, M.B., R.A.M.C.(TA).