

## NOTICE

REGARDING THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DIPLOMA  
IN TUBERCULOUS DISEASES.

COMMUNICATED BY PROFESSOR S. LYLE CUMMINS.

MEMORIAL OFFICES,  
WESTGATE STREET, CARDIFF.  
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Sir,

I venture to forward you a copy of the Regulations for the Tuberculous Diseases Diploma (Wales), which has just received the sanction of the University Authorities, and the first examination for which will be held at Cardiff, I hope, on the first Tuesday and Wednesday of July next.

The reasons that are thought to render such a Diploma desirable are as follows:

The number of Government appointments for whole-time Tuberculosis work is now very large and likely to increase in the future. In order to find suitable recruits for these appointments it is necessary that young medical men should have an opportunity of taking up special Courses in the study of this disease and presenting themselves for an examination, the successful passing of which will provide them with a Diploma as evidence that they have devoted a period of real study to the disease which they are about to deal with.

The extreme importance of pulmonary tuberculosis has undoubtedly tended to concentrate attention upon this form of the disease. The institution of a standard examination, study for which must necessarily involve the examination of the disease as a whole including its surgical characters, must raise the standard of knowledge and improve the methods of dealing with tuberculous patients; while it is undoubtedly true that our preventive measures are likely to be based on sounder lines if greater account is given to tuberculosis as a general rather than a local disease.

It is hoped to ensure to the T.D.D. (Wales) Examination the high standard that alone can make a Diploma worth having, and to this end it is proposed to invite External Examiners of recognised position as Authorities on Medical and Surgical Tuberculosis to assist in conducting the examination.

It is realised that at the present moment difficulties may arise for would-be candidates in obtaining the Courses of Instruction which are laid down in the Regulations for Admission. These difficulties appear inevitable under the circumstances and can only be solved when Universities, Medical Schools and Tuberculosis Hospitals are prepared to initiate the classes of instruction which are necessary for candidates belonging to Category B. The imperative necessity

for these definite Courses in the case of young medical men without whole-time experience of the disease will be generally recognised. Arrangements are being made to give these special Courses to medical Graduates in the Welsh National School of Medicine at Cardiff, and particulars can be obtained on application to the Professor of Tuberculosis or to the Registrar.

I shall be much obliged if you can kindly give publicity to the Regulations for this examination in your Journal.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

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### THE WELSH NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE.

## The Tuberculous Diseases Diploma, University of Wales (T.D.D. Wales).

### REGULATIONS

#### *For Entrance to the Examination.*

1. Candidates for the TUBERCULOUS DISEASES DIPLOMA (T.D.D.) must possess a medical qualification registrable for practice in Great Britain and Ireland, be not less than 25 years of age, and

*Either*

#### CATEGORY A

have held, for a period of not less than five years, whole-time appointments for work on Tuberculosis, and presented the following Certificates:—

(a) A Certificate of general suitability for work in connection with Tuberculosis, signed by a Tuberculosis Physician, Medical Superintendent, Medical Officer of Health or other Medical man under whom or with whom the candidate has worked for at least one year.

(b) Certificates in support of the fact that the candidate has worked for five years in whole-time Tuberculosis appointments, signed by the Representatives of the Authorities for whom the work was performed or by the Administrative Medical Officer concerned.

*Or*

#### CATEGORY B

have held a registrable qualification to practise for at least one year, and presented the following Certificates:—

(a) A Certificate of satisfactory pursuance of a course of consecutive postgraduate study of the clinical and epidemiological aspects of Tuberculosis of six months' duration at a recognised University, Medical School, or Hospital where such a course is given, or alternately a Certificate of one year's postgraduate work as a whole-time member of the staff of a recognised Tuberculosis Hospital, Sanatorium or Dispensary signed by the Representative of the Authorities for whom the work was performed or by the Administrative Medical Officer concerned.

(b) A Certificate of satisfactory pursuance of a course of consecutive postgraduate practical study of the Pathology and Bacteriology of Tuberculosis of three months' duration at a Tuberculosis Laboratory or a recognised General Laboratory where such a course is given.

(c) A Certificate of three months' satisfactory attendance at a Tuberculosis Institute or Dispensary.

The courses certified as above may be taken concurrently.

(d) A Certificate of general suitability for work in connection with Tuberculosis, signed by a Professor of Tuberculosis, or the Dean of the Medical Faculty, or the Registrar of the Hospital where the course of six months' duration covered by Certificate (a) has been satisfactorily pursued, or by the Representative of the Authority or the Administrative Medical Officer under whom the year of whole-time work at Tuberculosis has been spent.

2. The Diploma will be granted to such candidates as pass an examination divided into two parts, as follows:—

#### PART 1.

(a) A written examination on the Clinical and Epidemiological problems of Tuberculosis.

(b) Oral and Practical Work, including the examination of patients, the recording of the physical signs found to be present, the recognition of pathological specimens, and a *viva voce* examination.

#### PART 2.

A written and practical examination on the Pathology and Bacteriology of Tuberculosis.

But in the case of candidates of Category A, Part 2 may be remitted on the submission and acceptance either of a thesis setting forth the results of Clinical or Epidemiological investigation carried out by the candidate in connection with Tuberculosis or of reprints or copies of not less than two original articles on Tuberculosis published by the candidate in the Medical Press.

3. An examination in each part will be held annually in July. Notice of candidature, together with the entrance fee of £10. 10s. and the necessary Certificates, must be forwarded to the Registrar of the University, University Registry, Cathays Park, Cardiff, not later than the 15th of May.

#### POST-GRADUATE COURSES OF INSTRUCTION FOR THE T.D.D. (WALES).

Under arrangements made by Professor S. Lyle Cummins, C.B., C.M.G., LL.D., M.D., David Davies Professor of Tuberculosis, University of Wales, assisted by members of the Medical Staff of the Welsh National Memorial Association, Special Courses of Instruction are given for the convenience of Category B candidates for the T.D.D. (Wales). Courses for Certificates (b) and (c) are held annually, commencing on the first Monday of April in each year. Each course lasts for three months, and includes Hospital, Laboratory and Dispensary instruction. At the termination of each course the students become entitled to Certificates (b) and (c) if, in the opinion of the Professor of Tuberculosis, their attendance has been satisfactory and they have made good progress while under instruction. A fee of £5. 5s. is charged for the combined courses, payable to the Registrar, University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Cathays Park, Cardiff, to whom application for admission to the courses should be made not later than the 21st day of March of each year.

A six months' course for Certificate (a) for a limited number of students can be arranged for by the Professor of Tuberculosis if there are sufficient applicants to form a class. This course will be for six months, starting in January, and its satisfactory completion will entitle the candidate to Certificates (a) and (d). Applications should be addressed to the Registrar of the University College, as above. The fee for this course is £5. 5s.

#### BOOKS RECOMMENDED.

1. MAURICE FISHBERG. *Pulmonary Tuberculosis*. New York, 1921.
2. SIR JAMES KINGSTON FOWLER. *Pulmonary Tuberculosis*. London, 1921.
3. CLIVE RIVIERE. *The Early Diagnosis of Tubercle*. Oxford University Press, 1921.
4. J. FRASER. *Tuberculosis of Bones and Joints in Children*.

#### ADDITIONAL BOOKS (FOREIGN) TO SUPPLEMENT IF DESIRED.

- A. CALMETTE. *L'Infection Bacillaire et la Tuberculose*. Paris, 1920.  
 E. SERGENT, L. RIBADEAU-DUMAS et L. BABONNEIZ. *Tuberculose*. Paris, 1921.