to appropriate adjustment in the case of fellowships tenable at centres outside the sterling area. An allowance is made for travelling and other approved expenses.

Forms of application may be obtained from the Secretary, Medical Research Council, 38, Old Queen Street, London, S.W.1, with whom applications must be lodged by March 31, 1953.

HONOURS

NORMAN McALISTER GREGG, M.C., CH.M. Sydney, F.R.A.C.S., Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, Australia, has been created a Knight Bachelor.

OBITUARY

ROBERT MILNE DICKSON

ROBERT MILNE DICKSON, O.B.E., M.D., D.O.M.S., who died suddenly on November 8, 1952, in his 71st year, had been Director of the Ross Foundation for the Study of the Prevention of Blindness for 15 years.

Born on December 13, 1880, Dickson graduated in Medicine at St. Andrews University in 1906 and joined the R.A.M.C. in 1908. After a period as M.O. to the Royal Scots, he went to India early in 1910 and served with the 8th Hussars. At the beginning of the first world war he transferred to the King's Dragoon Guards and went with them to France in October, 1914. He was mentioned in dispatches for attending to the wounded under fire, and was himself severely wounded at Hooge in May, 1915. While convalescing he wrote his M.D. thesis on spinal paralysis, a condition of which he had thus gained first-hand experience.

During a second period in India he had unusually extensive ophthalmic operative experience, and when he returned to England in 1927 he was appointed Eye Specialist at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Millbank, London. In 1933 he became senior M.O. in Ceylon where he re-organized the medical service in the Ceylon Defence Force; in 1936 he was gazetted Colonel and returning to England was appointed A.D.M.S., Home Counties Area.

The following year he was made Director of the recently formed W. H. Ross Foundation for the Study of the Prevention of Blindness, Edinburgh (later extended to Scotland), and he remained in this post until his death, except for a period from 1939–41 when he served as A.D.M.S., Edinburgh Area, and went to Orkney and elsewhere to organize medical services.

Dickson was a keen sportsman and an excellent rifle shot, and one of the heads shot by him in India appears in Roland Ward’s Book of Records. In later life he became an enthusiastic fisherman, and he caught his last salmon only two months before his death. While he was director of the Ross Foundation he interested himself in the research work which led to the discovery of sodium sulphacetamide as a remedy for external eye injuries, especially for hypopyon ulcer, and he organized its use in first-aid treatment in mines and factories. He also undertook a Statistical Analysis of Persons Certified Blind over the North and East of Scotland, and, with Dr. John Marshall and Dr. Seiler presented an important comprehensive Statistical Statement for the whole of Scotland.

It was most fortunate for the work of the Ross Foundation that a man of Colonel R. M. Dickson’s training and knowledge, devotion and personality was chosen as whole-time ophthalmologist. His work was greatly appreciated and his loss is deeply deplored.