Faculty Appointments

GEORGE WHITMAN, '67

This year eight major appointments were made to the staff of Dalhousie University Medical School: two each to the Departments of Anatomy, Pathology and Preventive Medicine and one to both Bacteriology and Biochemistry.

A new faculty has been set up at Dalhousie University, this being the Faculty of Health Professions, the first of its kind in Canada. The Dean, Dr. R. M. Mac-Donald, is also a professor in the Department of Medicine.

These appointments were:

Dr. ROBERT M. MacDONALD, is a native of Sydney, who holds degrees from McGill University and the University of Edinburgh. He came to Halifax in 1949 as assistant professor of medicine at Dalhousie. The faculty which he will head is composed initially of the Pharmacy College, the Nursing School, and the new School of Physiotherapy. The faculty of Health Professions is designed to train those who will be engaged in public health outside the faculties of medicine and dentistry.

Dr. A. D. DICKSON has been appointed associate professor of anatomy and will direct the teaching of microanatomy. He hails from Belfast, Ireland, and comes to Dalhousie from Aberdeen University where he was lecturer in anatomy.

Dr. Dickson holds a Master of Arts degree from Cambridge and an M.D. degree with commendation from Belfast. He has had a considerable background in medical research and extensive teaching experience in anatomy, embryology and histology at Belfast, Cambridge and Aberdeen.

Dr. D. M. CHAPMAN, a new assistant professor of anatomy, is a Canadian from Port Arthur, Ontario. He graduated with a B.Sc. and first class honors in Zoology from the University of Manitoba. He received his M.Sc. from the same University for histological research on the nervous system, and later continued his studies at the University of Cambridge and the Marine Biological Association Laboratory at Plymouth, receiving his Ph.D. at Cambridge this year. Dr. Chapman will be teaching histology and doing research in electron microscopy in the Department of Anatomy at Dalhousie.

Dr. R. H. DESPOINTES comes to Dalhousie from the Montreal Children's Hospital, where his investigations have been carried on in the Endocrine Research Laboratory. He has an extensive record in medical research and has produced eight important scientific publications during the last five years.

Dr. Despointes was born in Martinique, France, studied in Caen and Paris, and he received his M.D. degree in 1958. In 1962 he earned his Ph.D. degree in Investigative Medicine at McGill University. Dalhousie has appointed him to the rank of assistant professor of Pathology.

Dr. KHALID HAMEED was born in Pakistan and educated there as well. He graduated from the King Edward Medical College, Pakistan, in 1958 with an M.B., B.S. degree and following graduation served in the Pakistan Army. Before coming to Dalhousie, where he has been appointed assistant professor of Pathology, Dr. Hameed took graduate training in Ohio, St. Louis and Chicago.

Dr. J. S. ROBERTSON graduated from Dalhousie University with an M.D., C.M. degree in 1934 and has a Diploma of Hygiene from the University of Toronto. He is Deputy Minister of Public Health for the Province of Nova Scotia. Dr. Robertson, whose field is Public Health has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine.

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Dr. GRAHAM G. SIMMS graduated from Dalhousie University with a B.A. degree in 1934, M.D., C.M., in 1938 and D.P.H. from the University of Toronto in 1940. He is Executive Director of the Hospital Insurance Commission for the Province of Nova Scotia. Dr. Simms has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine.

Dr. W. S. HENDERSON has been appointed associate professor in the Department of Bacteriology. He received his medical degree in 1944 from Aberdeen University. Shortly after the war he served for four years in the Royal Army Medical Corps in Palestine and Egypt.

Although most of his work has been in Bacteriology, Dr. Henderson has received general training in pathology as well. He comes to Dalhousie from St. Mary's Hospital Medical College, London, where he held a position as senior lecturer.

Dr. C. W. HELLEINER, a native of Austria, finished his elementary and high school education in Toronto. He then attended the University of Toronto where he obtained his B.A. in 1952 and Ph.D. in 1955. From 1955-1957 he held a postdoctorate fellowship of the National Research Council at the Microbiology Unit, Oxford University.

He has been appointed assistant professor of biochemistry at Dalhousie following staff appointments at the University of Toronto and the position of chief of the subdivision of biochemistry in the Ontario Cancer Institute. Dr. Helleiner's field is medical biophysics in which he has an excellent record as teacher and research worker.

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