

expected to begin in 1948. Until then it would be provided at cost price, about £10, through the hospitals. Free maintenance, servicing, and new batteries would be available except in cases of damage through the patient's own carelessness. The Electrical Acoustics Committee had also recommended approved equipment for testing the degree of deafness. This would be supplied to clinics free of charge.

Vaccination and Inoculation.—Mr. LAWSON told Mr. Braddock on June 4 that Army instructions issued on Feb. 20 stated that inoculation and vaccination were voluntary. Mr. Lawson believed this was well known throughout the Army. These instructions referred to Service personnel and their families. The question of the inoculation and vaccination of families proceeding over-seas was under discussion. Difficulties arose because it was laid down by some foreign countries that vaccination and inoculation certificates must be produced as a condition of entry into the country concerned. Present instructions therefore stated that certain types of vaccination and inoculation must be carried out before passage could be allowed.

Extra Food Allowances.—Mr. STRACHEY stated on June 5 that a list of the conditions for which extra foods were allowed had been circulated to all registered medical practitioners. He added that it would not be in the general interest to publish this information. The medical advisers of the Ministry of Food were strongly against publication, but he would look into the matter again. Hunger, Mr. Strachey remarked, was not a disease.

Notes in Brief

Patients suffering from infectious diseases such as measles and scarlet fever, when isolated at home, are entitled to an extra soap ration if confined entirely to bed for a period longer than one month.

In Tanganyika 5,372 cases of sleeping sickness were reported during the years 1936 to 1945 inclusive, of which 2,527 were fatal. Of 86 cases reported up to the end of April this year, 16 were fatal.

At May 13, 31,612 vacancies were notified to the Ministry of Labour for all grades of nurses and midwives.

The committee considering the future of the x-ray industry includes Mr. Warburton, lately Director of Medical Supplies, Ministry of Supply (chairman), Brig. McGrigor, consultant radiologist to the War Office, and Dr. Russell Reynolds, radiologist.

The Services

Dr. William Evans has been appointed consulting cardiologist to the Royal Navy.

The following appointments and mention in dispatches have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services while prisoners of war:

C.B.E. (Military Division).—Col. (Acting) J. Taylor, O.B.E., R.A.M.C.

O.B.E. (Military Division).—Col. C. O. Shackleton, late R.A.M.C.; Lieut.-Cols. D. C. Bowie and L. R. S. MacFarlane; Lieut.-Cols. (Temp.) J. C. Collins and C. W. Maisey, R.A.M.C.

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Majors G. F. Harrison, A. C. King, and R. Ramsay; Majors (Temp.) H. M. S. G. Beadnell, F. J. Murray, M. T. Read, M.C., and E. C. Vardy; Major (Acting) P. R. Graves; Capt. G. Blair, K. P. Brown, F. E. de W. Cayley, A. H. R. Coombes, R. L. Lancaster, J. Markowitz, K. C. Matheson, J. C. McNeilly, C. C. Petrovsky, T. S. Protheroe, A. Roy, P. G. Seed, H. E. De-Wardener, R. D. Taylor, and A. J. N. Warrack, R.A.M.C.

Mentioned in Dispatches.—Major (Temp.) J. D. Fraser, R.A.M.C.

The following appointments and mentions have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the field:

O.B.E. (Military Division).—Major F. P. H. E. Orban, R.A.M.C.

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Major (Temp.) S. N. Varian, R.A.M.C.

Mentioned in Dispatches.—Major (Temp.) D. D. A. Fraser and Capt. D. R. Macauley, R.A.M.C.

The following appointments, awards, and mention in dispatches have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Burma:

C.B. (Military Division).—Major-Gen. (Acting) W. E. Tyndall, C.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C.

C.B.E. (Military Division).—Brigs. (Local) J. C. Hawksley, H. L. Marriott, and M. F. Nicholls; Brig. (Temp.) G. E. Macalevey, D.S.O., M.C.; Brig. (Acting) A. Swindale, O.B.E., T.D.; Col. (Temp.) J. J. O'Dwyer, R.A.M.C. Brig. (Local) M. K. Alfridi, O.B.E., I.M.S.

O.B.E. (Military Division).—Lieut.-Col. (Temp.) D. J. Lawless, W. C. Mitchell, C. E. Moorhead, H. G. Page, M.B.E., W. Serle, and W. G. Sutcliffe, R.A.M.C. Col. (Temp.) J. L. Mewton; Lieut.-Cols. (Temp.) S. M. Basu, A. S. Rao, F. W. Snedden, and B. P. Srivastava, I.M.S. Col. (Acting) A. L. Craddock, M.B.E., Army in Burma Reserve of Officers.

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Majors (Temp.) A. B. Cook, B. H. Ellis, N. S. Martin, W. Minns, J. McD. Simpson, W. T. Walker,

D. B. Watson, and J. D. Younghusband; Major (Acting) H. D. Thompson; Capt. H. Acton and M. F. Ronayne, R.A.M.C. Majors (Temp.) S. Prakash and S. D. Singh; Capt. Hafiz-ur-Rahman and S. B. H. Gardezi, I.M.S. Majors (Temp.) S. F. Thomas and C. J. Todd; Capt. B. Singh and B. M. R. Choudhury; Capt. (Acting) V. P. Batra; Subadar C. Mani, I.A.M.C.

M.C.—Major (Temp.) J. Jacobs; Capt. D. R. Evans and G. H. Pimblett, R.A.M.C. Capt. H. N. Roy and S. A. Wadud, I.M.S.

Mentioned in Dispatches.—Capt. B. Bernstein, R.C.A.M.C.

The following appointments and mentions in dispatches have been announced for distinguished service during the war in the Far East:

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Temp. Surg. Lieuts. T. W. G. Kinnear, S.A.N.F.(V.) and I. F. K. Muir, R.N.V.R.

Mentioned in Dispatches.—Surg. Cmdr. D. F. Walsh and Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. E. B. Bradbury, R.N., Acting Surg. Cmdr. R. D. Bradshaw, Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. W. P. G. Dickson, Temp. Acting Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. J. Watt, and Temp. Surg. Lieuts. R. D. Maclean, I. S. Bergius, R. R. H. Lovell, and B. J. Webb, R.N.V.R.

Medical News

The annual general meeting of the Paddington Medical Society will be held at St. Mary's Hospital, W., on Tuesday, June 25, at 8.45 p.m., when films on gas-air analgesia in midwifery and on the production and distribution of medical gases will be shown.

A meeting of the Medical Society of the L.C.C. will be held at County Hall, S.E., on Wednesday, June 26, at 4.30 p.m., when Mr. W. Ritchie Young will open a discussion on "Dental Disease in its Relation to Ill-health."

The annual general meeting of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association will be held at the India Office, Whitehall, at 3 p.m., on Wednesday, June 26, when addresses will be given by Sir Bernard Bourdillon, chairman of the executive committee, and Dr. T. E. Davey, medical superintendent of the Uzuakoli Leper Settlement in S.E. Nigeria.

A meeting of the Medico-Legal Society will be held at 26, Portland Place, W., on Thursday, June 27, at 8.15 p.m., when a paper will be read by Mr. T. Paterson Owens on "Approved Schools and Remand Homes."

The annual meeting of the Royal Society of Medicine will be held on Tuesday, July 2, at 1.30 p.m., when diplomas of Honorary Fellowship will be presented to Group Capt. Antoni Fiumel, late D.G.M.S., Polish Forces, and Col. Carel Frederick Koch, late D.G.M.S., Netherlands Forces, and the officers and council of the society for 1946-7 will be elected.

A final programme has now been issued for the National Conference on Maternity and Child Welfare to be held at Friends House, Euston Road, N.W., on Thursday and Friday, June 27 and 28. There are three main subjects for discussion: (1) planning a home, making a home, running a home; (2) incidence of dental disease and the care of the teeth of expectant and nursing mothers and children under 5 years; (3) care and treatment of the handicapped child. There will also be a show of films dealing with the care of the teeth. Dr. Jane H. Turnbull, chairman of the National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality, will open the conference at 10.30 a.m. on June 27. Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, will give his presidential address on June 28 at 10.30 a.m. Tickets (10s. 6d. each for two days, 6s. each for one day, or one session) may be had from the secretary, Miss M. R. Lovelock, 117, Piccadilly, W.1.

A Swiss doctor is offering free board and lodging to an English male student for three months beginning July 1. The student should be studying medicine or natural science, 22 years of age or older. If possible he should be a research worker or studying for a higher degree. For full details apply to the Secretary, British Medical Students Association, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

A new and revised list of the names and addresses of all members of the British Institute of Radiology is very shortly to be published. Members are asked to take immediate steps to let the Institute know their present permanent address should this differ from that published in the yearbook for the session 1943-4. They should write to 32, Welbeck Street, London, W.1.

A notice was published in the *London and Edinburgh Gazettes* dated June 14, 1946, of the Secretary of State's intention to make Rules amending the Poisons Rules, 1935, and an Order amending the Poisons List. Copies of the proposed amending Rules and Order may be obtained from H.M. Stationery Office or through any bookseller, price 2d. and 1d. respectively.

Dr. Cyril Burt, professor of psychology at University College, London, received a Knighthood in the Birthday Honours List.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

At a Congregation held on June 3 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—J. N. Mills (by incorporation), J. Metcalf, R. L. Lancaster, S. C. Truelove.

M.CHIR.—A. G. Leacock (by proxy).

M.B., B.CHIR.—J. G. Benstead, F. J. Conway.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Sir Edward Peacock will present the prizes at the London Hospital Medical College in the Library on Thursday, June 27, at 3 p.m.

The Senate has decided to confer the honorary degree of D.Sc. on Prof. E. D. Adrian, O.M., M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., and Sir Henry Dale, O.M., G.B.E., M.D., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., at a ceremony in November next, in connexion with the celebration of Foundation Day.

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

At a meeting of the University Council, held on June 14, M. F. A. Woodruff, M.D., M.S., was appointed full-time tutor in surgery. The Council received the resignation of Dr. C. E. Davies of the post of part-time assistant tutor in medicine, and thanked him for his services.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

The President and members of the Council entertained to dinner at the College on June 11 various oversea delegates to the Imperial Press Conference.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NOTES

Discussion of Table

In *England and Wales* there were 644 more cases of measles than in the preceding week. The only other changes were decreases in diphtheria 67, and dysentery 37.

The largest variations in the returns for whooping-cough were increases in Carmarthenshire 31 and Essex 25, and a decrease in Staffordshire 43. Only 304 cases of diphtheria were notified—the smallest ever recorded; the largest decreases were Yorkshire West Riding 22, Durham 18, and Lancashire 11. In contrast to the general trend of diphtheria an increase of 17 was recorded in London.

The rise in measles was mainly confined to the counties surrounding London, though the incidence in London decreased by 67. The largest increases were Middlesex 144, Lancashire 131, Essex 90, Kent 54, Surrey 52, and Hertfordshire 43. Anglesey had 66 more cases in an outbreak which began last week with 101 cases.

The only new outbreak of dysentery was in Kent (Malling R.D. 17 and Cranbrook R.D. 11). Other large returns were Lancashire 28, London 15, and Warwickshire 11.

In *Scotland* rises occurred in the notifications of scarlet fever 33, whooping-cough 23, and diphtheria 12. The increase in scarlet fever was mainly contributed by Glasgow, where the notifications rose from 47 to 68. The largest rises in diphtheria were Glasgow 7 and Edinburgh 6.

In *Eire* the only changes were increases in measles 54, and scarlet fever 13. The rise in scarlet fever was general, while the rise in measles was mainly due to an outbreak in Wicklow, Rathdrum R.D. 40.

Quarterly Returns for Scotland

During the March quarter the births were equivalent to a rate of 18.1 per 1,000, which was 0.5 above the average of the five preceding first quarters. Infant mortality was 69 per 1,000 registered live births and was 15 below the five-years average. The general death rate was 16.3 per 1,000, being 0.1 below the average for the five preceding March quarters. The death rate from all forms of tuberculosis was 82 per 100,000, and from respiratory tuberculosis 66; these rates were 8 and 3, respectively, below the five-years average. Deaths from epidemic diseases included diphtheria 40, cerebrospinal fever 32, whooping-cough 24, and measles 19.

Week Ending June 8

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 987, whooping-cough 1,749, diphtheria 304, measles 3,896, acute pneumonia 546, cerebrospinal fever 47, dysentery 149, poliomyelitis 9, paratyphoid 2, typhoid 4, smallpox 3.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

We print below a summary of Infectious Diseases and Vital Statistics in the British Isles during the week ended June 1.

Figures of Principal Notifiable Diseases for the week and those for the corresponding week last year, for: (a) England and Wales (London included). (b) London (administrative county). (c) Scotland. (d) Eire. (e) Northern Ireland.

Figures of Births and Deaths, and of Deaths recorded under each infectious disease, are for: (a) The 126 great towns in England and Wales (including London). (b) London (administrative county). (c) The 16 principal towns in Scotland. (d) The 13 principal towns in Eire. (e) The 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland.

A dash — denotes no cases; a blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available.

Disease	1946					1945 (Corresponding Week)				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Cerebrospinal fever ..	54	8	33	—	—	44	9	22	2	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Diphtheria	304	43	86	38	8	436	20	106	108	18
Deaths	2	—	—	1	—	11	—	3	1	—
Dysentery	163	15	46	—	—	458	37	155	1	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis lethargica, acute	2	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	40	10	3	—	—	42	8	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	35	1	11	27	3	50	8	11	35	2
Deaths	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	15	—
Measles*	3,931	967	640	78	5	10,455	508	410	64	3
Deaths	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia neonatorum	64	4	23	—	—	72	7	20	1	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fever	—	—	—	—	—	8	1	9(B)	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia, influenzal	596	43	3	5	3	486	21	4	10	2
Deaths (from influenza)†	13	3	2	—	3	5	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia, primary	—	—	228	32	7	—	23	184	19	7
Deaths	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	14	—	—
Polio-encephalitis, acute	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis, acute	9	1	1	5	—	3	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal fever	—	1	20	—	—	—	2	6	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia‡	135	8	10	3	—	104	5	8	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Relapsing fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet fever	1,070	88	176	31	30	1,233	45	239	21	32
Deaths	1	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Smallpox	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid fever	5	—	4	4	2	8	2	—	3	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Typhus fever	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping-cough*	2,059	193	92	30	16	982	45	129	24	16
Deaths	10	2	3	1	—	4	—	—	—	—
Deaths (0-1 year)	321	46	63	25	12	329	48	47	42	21
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (excluding stillbirths)	4,336	678	615	194	126	4,019	566	526	211	128
Annual death rate (per 1,000 persons living)	—	—	13.5	12.4	—	—	—	11.9	13.6	—
Live births	8,438	1273	1009	444	283	7,043	727	925	451	260
Annual rate per 1,000 persons living	—	—	20.3	28.4	—	—	—	18.5	29.1	—
Stillbirths	264	33	29	—	—	253	31	29	—	—
Rate per 1,000 total births (including stillborn)	—	—	28	—	—	—	—	30	—	—

* Measles and whooping-cough are not notifiable in Scotland, and the returns are therefore an approximation only.

† Includes primary form for England and Wales, London (administrative county), and Northern Ireland.

‡ Includes puerperal fever for England and Wales and Eire.