

Reviews

A TEXTBOOK OF GYNAECOLOGY

Textbook of Gynaecology. By J. H. Peel, B.M., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. Second edition. (Pp. 467; illustrated. 21s.) London: William Heinemann Medical Books. 1946.

This textbook is of convenient size, and the paper and print are of excellent quality for a modern publication, though the illustrations are not perhaps of a high enough standard. The original Forsdike illustrations have been retained to a large extent, and though they do not equal those of modern American publications they are fairly satisfactory. The main criticism should be directed towards the new illustrations, particularly the photomicrographs, some of which are very poor.

The arrangement of the book is unusual and the chapter on symptoms in gynaecology is introduced towards the end. The chapter on gynaecological operations is possibly too condensed. Most teachers will agree that students do not need too much detail, but they probably want to know more than Mr. Peel has included in his textbook. There is a tendency to over-stress endocrinology, and some of the ingenious suggestions for the classification of disorders of menstrual function are not universally accepted. The subject is notoriously difficult, and anyone familiar with the American literature knows only too well that widely different opinions are held in that country. Another difficulty is the use of the word oestrogen in a wide sense to include all oestrogenic substances. The practice is popular with some American authors, but may be confusing to medical students.

On the whole the book is well written, but there are occasional lapses in literary style. For example, on page 43 there is the sentence, "The primary function of oestrogen in the body is that of a sexual growth stimulating one." Nevertheless the book is interesting, with a good classification, and medical students will be able to obtain a fair knowledge of gynaecology from it.

NURSING RECRUITMENT

Why No Nurses? By James Barclay. (Pp. 176. 6s.) London: Faber and Faber. 1946.

Although nursing conditions have been surveyed in recent years first by the *Lancet* Commission and then by the Athlone and the Rushcliffe Committees, and many recommendations have been made and some have been acted upon, the profession still remains under-recruited. The fate of the hospital part of the National Health Service scheme depends upon the success with which Mr. Bevan can court the young woman of 18 who knows quite well what she wants and has many other opportunities open to her. Mr. James Barclay's well-written little book *Why No Nurses?* suggests that the difficulty is not so much a question of pay—the worsening of nursing recruitment has run parallel with increase in remuneration—as a lack of private life which is supposed to be inherent in the nurse's calling. Even in her off-duty hours in the nurses' home she is still psychologically attached to the hospital in a sense in which the typist is not attached to her office or the teacher to her school; but he does not make the obvious suggestion that nurses should be recruited so far as possible from the locality of the hospital in which they are to serve and be allowed to live at home. One of his proposals is that the nurse should be trained in a hospital unit rather than in an individual hospital—a conception which may be realizable through the regional hospital boards. He is critical of many things in the nurse's life, especially the matrons and their lieutenants, the home sisters, and hospital administration in certain respects; he even drags in the British Medical Association for uncomplimentary reference. The author is an officer of a public health authority and sees the matter from that point of view. His "left" sympathies are indicated by the fact that the new permanent committee which he would have the Ministry of Health set up to make constant surveys and reports on the position would include T.U.C. representatives, a delegate member of the Socialist Medical Association, and a representative of the *New Statesman and Nation*. He seems to recede a little from this advanced attitude when he says that "the composition should be predominantly male."

BOOKS RECEIVED

[Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received]

Traité de Neuro-endocrinologie. By G. Roussy and M. Mosinger. (Pp 1,106. 2,200 francs.) Paris: Masson. 1946.

An account of the hypothalamic-hypophyseal mechanism, and its nervous and hormonal connexions.

Man: The Verdict of Science. By G. N. Ridley. (Pp. 156. 2s. 6d.) London: Watts. 1946.

A popular exposition of the scientific study of man and society.

One Hour of Justice. By A. C. Alport, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 311. 8s. 6d.) London: Dorothy Crisp. 1946.

A denunciation of the conditions in which the Egyptian poor live, by the late professor of clinical medicine at the University of Cairo.

Ophthalmic Surgery and Sight-testing. By M. A. Kamath, M.B., C.M. (Pp. 297. Rs. 6.) Mangalore: Sharada Press. 1944.

A manual intended for the use of students and practitioners.

On Goitre and Allied Diseases. By John Hertz, M.D. (Pp. 586. 40s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1943.

A monograph, with illustrations, some in colour, and extensive bibliography, on the normal and diseased thyroid gland. Translated from the Danish.

Effect of a Carcinogenic Hydrocarbon on Manifest Malignant Tumors in Mice. By S. Stamer. (Pp. 158. 12s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1943.

Includes accounts of experiments with 9:10-dimethyl-1:2-benzanthracene by injection and ingestion, and its effect on the Crocker sarcoma, Street sarcoma, and transplanted leukaemia. Translated from the Danish.

Serological Studies on the Pneumococci. By Erna Mörch. (Pp. 193. 10s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1943.

An account of the author's studies of pneumococci at the State Serum Institute, Copenhagen, with previous work summarized and list of references. In English.

Studies on the Risk of Infection with Bovine Tuberculosis to the Rural Population. By Jón Sigurdsson. (Pp. 250. 15s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1945.

After an introduction on the bacteriology of the tuberculosis bacillus the author discusses ways of infection in pulmonary tuberculosis, distribution of bovine tuberculosis in man and cattle, and the spread of the bovine form. In English.

Studies on Impaired Fertility in Man with Special Reference to the Male. By Rich. Hammen. (Pp. 206. 10s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1944.

An investigation into the morphology, motility, viscosity, and viability of spermatozoa, and how these and other factors are related to fertility. In English.

The Dental Assistant's Handbook. By G. I. West. (Pp. 108. 6s.) London: Wm. Heinemann. 1946.

A simple account of the dental assistant's duties and the knowledge required in performing them. Includes chapters on radiology, the psychological approach to patients, and dental instruments.

The Epidemiological Significance of Grouping and Typing the Haemolytic Streptococci. By Jörgen Ernst. (Pp. 377. 25s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1942.

Part I contains a classification of haemolytic streptococci; in Part II the spread of streptococcal infections is considered, and also milk-borne epidemics, scarlet fever in schools, and the occurrence of streptococci in the throats of healthy people. In English.

The Duodenal Glands of Brunner in Man. By E. Landboe-Christensen. (Pp. 267. 20s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1944.

An investigation into the distribution and quantity of the Brunner glands. The parenchymal mass was found to be relatively greatest in childhood, absolutely so in middle age.

Medical Disorders of the Locomotor System. By E. Fletcher, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 625. 45s.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1947.

The author discusses rheumatic diseases at length and has included chapters on osteoarthritis, fibrositis, brachial neuralgia, and the anatomy and physiology of the locomotor system. Many illustrations.

general practice. Dr. Staddon was surgeon to the East Suffolk Constabulary; he was a vice-president of the British Legion; and he was well known as a member of the Ipswich Liberal Association. Although his work left him little time for other activities he was an enthusiastic gardener. He had been a member of the British Medical Association for twenty years, and he is survived by a widow and three sons.

Dr. BARTHOLOMEW GIDLEY DERRY died at his home in Whinney Hill, Durham, on Jan. 24 at the age of 58. His father was for many years prison surgeon at Bodmin, Cornwall. Dr. Derry, who qualified in 1917, served in Russia and India during the first world war. He joined the prison service in 1922 and was medical officer at Holloway, at Brixton, and at Dartmoor before succeeding the late Dr. R. Stuart at Durham. Dr. Derry, who had been ill for two or three weeks, was a familiar figure in the Northern Assize Courts, where he frequently gave evidence. He had been a member of the British Medical Association for twenty-five years, and he was a warden at St. Oswald's Church, and a member of the committee of the Durham Community Service Council.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The Raymond Horton-Smith Prize for 1945-6 has been awarded to E. E. Pochin, M.D. (St. John's College), for his paper on "The Mechanism of the Ocular Manifestations in Graves's Disease."

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

At a Graduation Ceremony held on Jan. 11 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—*W. T. Walker, *H. Wapshaw, *H. Wyers, G. A. Macgregor, M.B., Ch.B.—R. A. Caldwell, Winifred E. Cameron, J. E. Carlyle, Eileen Carroll, A. A. Chazan, Joan R. Christison, J. I. Cohen, Anne L. Craig, K. B. M. Crawford, A. H. Dawes, H. B. Farrell, A. Forrester, D. A. Jack, R. R. Kennedy, K. B. Lazarus, J. B. Lister, J. McLenachan, M. C. Macleod, R. M. H. McMinn, W. McNaught, W. C. MacPherson, A. Mack, Mathewson, Mary D. Milne, W. A. Mullen, Margaret E. Murison, F. S. Preston, W. H. D. Scotland, A. Scott, A. L. G. Smith, D. D. Smith, D. H. Sproull, Lesley MacD. Stewart, A. A. Thomson, W. Waldie, N. Weiner, Agnes A. M. White.

* With commendation.

UNIVERSITY OF ST. ANDREWS

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—W. G. Davidson (with honours).
FINAL M.B., Ch.B.—Margaret J. Davies (or Grewar), Helen M. Dean, A. F. Fairlie, Mary Gibson, W. J. Halpin, Betty I. Lumsden, Helen L. W. Esplin (or McLagan), R. D. Mills, T. W. Roberts, Patricia A. Scott (or Naylor), J. A. Smith, Eileen Steel, J. M. L. Winton, Janet S. Young.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

At a meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London held on Jan. 30, with the President, Lord Moran, in the chair, the following were elected representatives of the College: Dr. A. S. Barnes on the court of governors of the University of Birmingham; Sir Reginald Bond on the council of the Professional Classes Aid Council; Dr. W. G. Wyllie on the National Association for Mental Health; and Dr. Janet Vaughan on the advisory board of nursing education of the Royal College of Nursing. Sir Allen Daley was nominated to represent the College at the Conference of the Royal Sanitary Institute to be held at Torquay from June 2 to 6.

The following, having satisfied the Censors' Board, were elected Members of the College:

D. G. Abrahams, M.B.Camb., W. B. Alexander, M.B.Camb., J. V. Almeida, L.R.C.P., C. L. Balf, B.M.Oxon., A. H. Baynes, M.B.Camb., Patricia L. Bidstrup, M.B. Adelaide, J. H. Burkinshaw, M.B.Camb., C. R. Burton, M.D. Toronto, J. Carson, M.D.Belf., A. G. C. Cox, M.B.Lond., H. D. Crosswell, M.B.Lond., P. H. Davison, M.B.Birm., J. Dean, M.B.Camb., R. B. Franks, M.B.Camb., B. F. Gans, M.D.Lond., R. T. Gaunt, M.B.Sheff., K. B. Gibson, M.B.Liverp., W. Goldberg, M.B. Witwatersrand, K. J. Grice, M.D. Melbourne, G. R. Hand, M.B.Lond., Margaret M. Henderson, M.D. Melbourne, R. A. Henson, M.D.Lond., R. D. Hotston, M.B.Liverp., J. Lowe, M.D.Birm., Anne E. McCandless, M.B.Liverp., J. A. Malloch, M.B.Edin., E. P. G. Michell, M.B.Camb., E. P. Morley, M.B.Camb., E. J. Moynahan, L.R.C.P., A. P. Norman, M.B.Camb., G. Osborne, M.B.Camb., J. H. S. Pettit, M.B.Lond., W. J. E. Phillips, M.B.Camb., J. R. K. Preedy, M.B.Camb., F. Prescott, L.R.C.P., W. A. Pritchard, M.B.Lond., E. G. G. Roberts, M.B. Wales, J. B. Robinson, M.D.Lond., N. A. Rossiter, M.B. Witwatersrand, G. Shneerson, M.B.Lond., J. Simpson, M.D.Durh., E. Smith, D.M.Oxon., J. B. Stanton, M.B.Camb., T. H. Steel, M.D. Melbourne, Capt. G. H. Valentine, M.B.Brist., R.A.M.C., A. Venner, M.B.Lond., A. P. B. Waind, M.D.Leds., C. W. M. Whitty, B.M.Oxon., M. H. C. Williams, B.M.Oxon., H. H. O. Wolff, M.B.Camb., M. Zoob, M.B.Lond.

Licences to practise were conferred upon 96 candidates (including 26 women) who had passed the Final Examinations in Medicine,

Surgery, and Midwifery of the Conjoint Board, and have complied with the necessary by-laws:

D. A. B. Ashcroft, J. H. Atteridge, A. R. Baines, D. C. Barker, Mary E. Benians, N. O. Bennett, P. R. Boyd, G. A. Bracewell, D. C. Bradford, Alison M. Brydone, Joyce M. Buck, Irene M. S. Cade, G. H. Carriett, K. Carter, D. J. E. Cheshire, Jeanne M. Clements, Mary M. H. Cogman, C. I. Cohen, J. J. Content, E. Coupland, K. S. Daber, Sylvia Danks, Barbara M. Davey, Joan M. Denman, R. Dryden, K. H. Foord, D. S. Foster, Joan Frankton, Angela D. Fuller, P. R. G. Graham, G. Hadfield, M. J. Hargrave, B. M. C. Harris, J. A. B. Harrison, A. J. Harrold, Mary W. Hart, F. C. B. Harvey, H. Herbert, G. M. Hopwood, Barbara M. F. Jacobs, K. E. Jolles, R. T. Jones, B. Karat, R. A. Kershaw, C. S. Kirkham, S. A. Lateef, D. D. La Touche, N. Lees, Ursula E. K. Leitner, Lillian J. Letty, A. H. Levy, F. M. MacDonagh, Anne J. W. Manley, E. D. Marsh, S. Meizner, Christine L. Miller, L. G. Nicol, J. Niwes, C. F. Noon, A. G. Norman, Vivienne Norman, F. G. Orton, M. Panikkar, Enid H. Pettigrew, G. S. Plaut, I. R. D. Proctor, D. R. V. Prys-Jones, H. Rawlings, M. Redfern, E. N. Rees, D. E. R. Richardson, Kathleen J. Rigg, Diana M. Robinson, Sonia Rollin, G. W. J. Rothwell, C. D. Rushworth, R. A. Ryan, A. I. Sahyoun, Joan Seaman, H. Shapiro, F. J. Sharrod, J. G. H. Shaw, S. G. A. Shute, N. T. Smith, Joan E. T. Spong, Cynthia F. Stephenson, H. S. Trafford, M. Vites, D. Walker, N. H. Warburton, J. C. Ward, P. A. M. Weston, H. D. White, R. M. C. Williams, Elizabeth Williamson, G. M. Woodward.

Diplomas in Public Health were conferred, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to the following successful candidates:

J. B. Bramwell, A. Butterworth, W. A. Cannell, W. J. Christie, C. W. Coffey, J. S. Colzman, Eveline M. Cumming, C. L. Day, H. McD. Forde, A. H. T. F. Fullerton, Margaret R. Gilmour, D. W. T. Harris, R. A. Hoey, E. I. Holloway, G. J. Laws, C. D. L. Lyett, H. G. Magill, J. E. Masterson, B. U. Meyer, R. Murray, J. J. O'Dwyer, M. J. Plazdell, I. Reatin, Arna E. Rides, R. D. Rutherford, Christina M. Small, T. D. Spencer, Mair E. M. Thomas, P. de B. Turtle, G. P. Wallace, W. M. Walsh, E. R. Winton.

Diplomas in Anaesthetics were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to the successful candidates whose names were printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the *Journal* of Dec. 28, 1946 (p. 1008). The initials of D. S. Young were wrongly printed in this report.

Diplomas in Psychological Medicine were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to the successful candidates whose names were printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the *Journal* of Jan. 18 (p. 121).

Diplomas in Laryngology and Otology were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to W. F. Dickie-Clark and to the successful candidates whose names were printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England in the *Journal* of Jan. 18 (p. 121).

A Diploma in Industrial Health was granted to A. L. L. Silver and a Diploma in Child Health to N. F. E. Burrows, both jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Medical Notes in Parliament

SCOTTISH HEALTH SERVICE BILL

The National Health Service (Scotland) Bill was again before the Standing Committee on Scottish Bills on Feb. 4.

On a motion that Clause 4 should stand part of the Bill. Mr. WILLIS said members on the Government side of the Committee desired a definite assurance that the Secretary of State would look into the Clause again. It sought to carry into the new system a feature of the present system which Labour men had always opposed—the setting aside of accommodation for fee-paying patients in hospitals. His Party had fought against the introduction of this into the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and have fought against it since. In practice the Clause would mean that part of a hospital was set aside for fee-paying patients. If the patient got there something which he would not otherwise get this was wrong, and if he did not get anything which he would not otherwise get the Clause was a swindle. He suggested that on this point the Bill might with great advantage differ from the English Act.

Mr. MCKINLAY said the reason in many cases why people got private accommodation was not because of the nature of their illness but because they had a desire for seclusion and could pay for specialist treatment. He could not understand why the Bill sought to perpetuate the existing system of payment for specialist services. It had been argued that if specialist services were not allowed in private apartments there would be a danger that the specialists would not come near the hospital. He doubted that. There were hospitals in Glasgow which took private patients who paid for the accommodation. He did not think that the patients received better treatment. He had too great an admiration for the medical profession to believe that a specialist's skill was at the disposal of a person only because of the remuneration. In spite of the opposition by the British Medical Association the medical profession was a body of men and women who gave their best to their patients without regard to what might come at the end of it.

Mr. GALLACHER said he could not conceive a situation in which any hospital with single rooms would not always have

TRADE UNION MEMBERSHIP

The following corrections are made to the list of local authorities requiring employees to be members of a trade union or other organization:

Delete from *County Borough Councils*: York, Salford; from *Non-County Borough Councils*: Erith, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

Add to *County Borough Councils*: West Bromwich (limited to new appointments); to *Non-County Borough Councils*: Heston and Isleworth; to *Urban District Councils*: Portslade.

Association Notices

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD DIVISION.—At Miller General Hospital, Greenwich, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 8.30 p.m., Clinical Evening.

RICHMOND DIVISION.—At Royal Hospital, Richmond, Friday, Feb. 14, 9 p.m. Sir Alexander Fleming: Penicillin.

SUNDERLAND DIVISION.—At Sunderland General Hospital, Friday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m., Clinical Demonstration by Drs. D. C. Robb, J. R. Beal, and J. Seed. Address by Mr. T. Pomfret Kilner: Reconstructive and Reporative Surgery.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

LINCOLN DIVISION

A general meeting of the Division, to which all practitioners in the area were invited, was held at Lincoln on Jan. 21, with Dr. W. V. Semple in the chair. Thirty-one members were present.

Copies were circulated of a letter from the secretary of the County Hospital in reply to representations made to him that practitioners should be able to refer patients direct to special departments at the hospital for x-ray, pathological, and other examinations, without their first being seen by a member of the hospital staff. The gist of the letter was that the E.P.S. laboratory was open to any practitioner for pathological examinations, but a small charge was made for them. With regard to the x-ray department, however, the suggested procedure used to be in force at the hospital, but had had to be abandoned owing to the extra work involved. It was not practicable to reintroduce the system.

The chairman then opened a discussion on the amended recommendation which the Council was to submit for approval by the Representative Body, and he gave a synopsis of the Minister of Health's reply to the letter from the Presidents of the Royal Colleges. A brisk discussion ensued in which Drs. Maiden, Morey, Sharrard, O'Brien, Ritter, Lillcrap, A. H. Briggs, Maclure, Fennell, and Wray took part. Some speakers felt that, by maintaining a firm attitude and refusing to negotiate, further concessions might be obtained from the Minister, but the majority supported the resolution, laying emphasis on the phrase "the possibility that discussions may lead to further legislation is not excluded." Dr. Sharrard proposed that our representative support the recommendation, and this was seconded by Dr. Maclure. Dr. Fennell proposed that no negotiations be entered into, and this was seconded by Dr. Campbell. On a show of hands Dr. Sharrard's proposal was carried by 26 votes to 1.

Dr. Fraser drew attention to the ineffectiveness of the B.M.A. public relations and wanted some resolution submitted on this subject. After discussion, in which Drs. Wray, Hadley, Sharrard, Maiden, O'Brien, and A. H. Briggs took part, no resolution was put forward.

SUNDERLAND DIVISION

The third meeting in the scientific programme was held at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland on Jan. 31. A clinical demonstration was given by Dr. G. S. Robinson and Mr. W. Grant Waugh, and an address was given by Prof. A. A. Moncrieff on "Diseases of the Newborn."

Prof. Moncrieff stated that more children died at birth than were lost through accidents on the road under the age of 12 years. He described the treatment of those conditions which must be recognized and dealt with if the birth rate was to be maintained and preventable deaths avoided. He also indicated the need for an extension of antenatal care.

POSTGRADUATE NEWS

Two weeks' general refresher courses for general practitioners will be held at Southend General Hospital beginning on March 3, and at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, from March 17. The fee for the full course is £7 17s. 6d., but one week of either course may be attended at a fee of £4 4s. Schemes of financial assistance are available under which the fee and travelling and subsistence allowances will be repaid, subject to certain conditions, to (a) demobilized general practitioners within one year of release from H.M. Forces; (b) doctors engaged in practice under the National Health Insurance Acts. Applications for schedules, places in the course, and particulars of the financial assistance available should be made to the Dean of Postgraduate Medical Studies, Trinity Hall, Cambridge, and not to the hospital.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—*Mon.*, and *Tues.*, 3.45 p.m. Prof. W. R. Spurrell: The Physiology of the Alimentary Tract; 5 p.m., Dr. J. Whillis: The Mouth and Pharynx. *Wed.*, 3.45 p.m., Dr. E. L. Patterson: The Internal Structure of the Brain Stem; 5 p.m., Prof. W. R. Spurrell: The Physiology of the Alimentary Tract. *Thurs.*, and *Fri.*, 3.45 p.m., Prof. J. Z. Young: Nerve Injury and Nerve Regeneration; 5 p.m., Dr. A. H. T. Robb-Smith: The Pathology of the Reticular Tissue.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Pathology.—*Tues.*, 8 p.m., Laboratory Meeting at the Hale Clinical Laboratory, London Hospital, E. Demonstrations.

General Meeting of Fellows.—*Tues.*, 5.30 p.m. Ballot for election to the Fellowship.

Section of Comparative Medicine.—*Wed.*, 5 p.m. Papers by Prof. R. A. Willis: Teratomas and Mixed Tumours in Animals and their Bearings on Human Pathology. Mr. E. Cotchin: Some Glandular Tumours of the Dog. Mrs. M. Mandeville and Prof. A. Haddow: Melanoma Occurring in the Viviparous Fish *Heterandria formosa* and associated with Sex Reversal.

Section of Dermatology. *Thurs.*, 5 p.m. (Cases at 4 p.m.)

Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—*Fri.*, 8 p.m. Clinico-Pathological Meeting devoted to specimens and cases submitted by junior members of the section.

Section of Radiology.—*Fri.*, 8 p.m. Discussion: Carcinoma of the thyroid. Openers: Mr. J. M. Graham, Dr. R. McWhirter.

CHADWICK TRUST.—At 26, Portland Place, W., *Tues.*, 2.30 p.m. Prof. S. P. Bedson, F.R.S.: Laboratory Investigations in the Diagnosis of Virus Infections of Man.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.—*Mon.*, 9 p.m. Lettsomian Lecture (I), by Prof. Ernest Finch: Cancer from the Earliest to Modern Times.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE, 26 Portland Place, W.—*Wed.*, 3.30 p.m. Prof. C. H. Stuart-Harris: The Study of Epidemic Influenza (Illustrated).

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At 26, Portland Place, W., *Thurs.*, 8 p.m. Second Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Chadwick Lecture by Gen. L. M. J. Van Hoof, M.D. (a/e Médecin en Chef, Congo Belge): Trypanosomiasis in the Belgian Congo.

SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH.—At B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C., *Thurs.*, 5.30 p.m. Dr. Percy Stocks: Morbidity Statistics. Followed by Mr. Louis Moss. *Fri.*, 5.30 p.m., at B.M.A. House, meeting of Navy, Army, and Air Force Hygiene Officers' Group. Presidential address by Brig. G. S. Parkinson, R.A.M.C. (ret.).

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At South Kensington Hotel, 41, Queen's Gate Terrace, S.W., *Fri.*, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Dinner-discussion: An Introduction to Mass Psychotherapy. Speaker, Dr. E. N. Snowden.

WEEKLY POSTGRADUATE DIARY

EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE LECTURES.—At Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, *Thurs.*, 4.30 p.m. Prof. R. W. B. Ellis: Growth and Maturity in Relation to Age.

LONDON HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.—Honyman-Gillespie Lectureship on Homoeopathy, *Mon.*, and *Thurs.*, 4.15 p.m. Dr. C. E. Wheeler. *Fri.*, 2.30 p.m. Dr. A. D. C. Macgowan.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, W.C.—*Tues.*, 5 p.m. Dr. H. Corsi: Therapeutic Uses of Thorium-X.

ST. STEPHEN'S HOSPITAL (L.C.C.): RHEUMATIC UNIT, Fulham Road, S.W.—*Wed.*, 4.30 p.m., Lecture-demonstration by Mr. A. G. Timbrell Fisher: Orthopaedic Methods in Treatment.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS

CRAIG.—January 28, 1947, to Mollie, wife of D. H. Craig, F.R.C.S., 1, Wellington Park, Belfast—a son.

HAMILTON.—On Jan. 30, 1947, at The Dower House, Monks' Orchard, Beckenham, to Margaret, wife of Dr. J. G. Hamilton, a daughter—Nicola Mary.

ROCHE.—On Jan. 27, 1947, at Briarwood Nursing Home, Worcester Park, 40 Margaret (Susan) (née Tyrrell), wife of Major G. K. T. Roche, a brother for Patricia.

DEATH

AYLWARD.—On Jan. 29, 1947, at Gypeswic, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Walter Charles Aylward, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 89.