

mediated along autonomic pathways to produce organic disease must result from profound affective inhibition associated with as yet unrecognized constitutional factors. This is surely work for the physician wholly devoted to such psychotherapeutic problems—a psychotherapist who should be neither alienist nor internist.

Carl Binger concludes with an interesting discussion on the prospects of socialized medicine in the U.S.A. He states that 80% of American families—i.e., with incomes of 3,000 dollars or under—cannot now afford to meet the full cost of medical care. Such facts impel him to the conclusion that some form of socialized medicine, such as contributory health schemes organized by individual States, is inevitable. He also writes: "The public is hardly yet aware that the general practitioner's day is passing and that he is being replaced not by the high-priced specialist but by the internist, who should be the primary counsellor in all illness." Some of us in Britain hope that the general practitioner will, given reasonable facilities, become the general physician (the internist) of the future.

D. V. HUBBLE.

### UROLOGY IN WOMEN

*L'Urologia nella Donna.* By Luigi Caporale. Second edition. (Pp. 366. No price given.) Torino: Edizioni Minerva Medica S.A. (Via Martiri della Libertà, 15).

This is the second edition of a book on urology in women. The author gives a full account of the anatomy and the diseases and disorders of the female urinary tract from the kidney to the urethra, including an account also of the methods by which the functions of the various organs can be investigated. He stresses, as one would expect a professor of urology to do, the urological rather than the gynaecological aspects. In fact his discussion of the obstetrical and gynaecological disorders which have urinary complications is rather meagre. The description of the kidney in toxæmia of pregnancy which he describes as nephrosis of pregnancy, is far from up to date, and he does not mention the vascular lesions that are now regarded as of primary importance in the disease. He describes elaborately the technique of nephropexy, an operation that is at any rate temporarily out of favour in Britain. The section on pyelitis in pregnancy is adequate, though he seems to stress unduly treatment with diuretics and vaccines instead of the more modern chemotherapeutic methods. His account of the latter is by no means full enough, since he hardly considers the bacteriological aspect and omits to mention the choice and dosage of the various agents.

The best section is that on the bladder, where he discusses conditions such as cystitis and the tumours of the bladder. He describes various methods of operative treatment for urinary incontinence in women, but gives no account of the new fascial sling operations such as those devised by Aldridge and by Millin, which are now tending to replace muscle grafting and the older methods. The book is well produced and the illustrations are good. With the exception of omitting to mention certain very recent advances already referred to, the author presents a clear, well-written, and full account of the subject.

JOSEPHINE BARNES.

We again welcome that dermatological "best-seller" *Common Skin Diseases*, by A. C. Roxburgh (eighth edition, published by H. K. Lewis at 21s.). Eight editions in sixteen years—few medical books can show such a record. Where students and doctors have given so decisive a verdict there is no need for additional panegyric. In the present edition the author maintains all the characteristics of its predecessors, but with a few more pages, a few more illustrations, and a slight increase in price, which remains moderate by modern standards. Last year it was translated into French, and we wish the best of luck to that enterprise.

The fourth edition of Dr. Thorpe's well-known *Biochemistry for Medical Students* (18s., J. and A. Churchill) is of the same high quality as the previous edition. Although he has added a new chapter, "The Use of Isotopes in Biochemical Investigations," and has rewritten many of the sections, the size of the book has been increased by only 20 pages. This testifies to the soundness of the general plan of the work as well as to the author's determination to keep the text within reasonable limits—an achievement that medical students, for whom the book is primarily designed, will appreciate.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*The Nursing of Tuberculosis.* By O. V. Buxton, S.R.N., and P. M. Maculloch Mackay, S.R.M.N. (Pp. 124. 7s. 6d.) Bristol: John Wright. 1947.

A manual intended for nurses and student nurses.

*Penicillin in Syphilis.* By J. E. Moore, M.D. (Pp. 319. 27s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1947.

After discussing the pharmacology of penicillin and some experimental investigations, the author describes its use in the treatment of syphilis.

*Psychiatric Examination of the School Child.* By Muriel Barton Hall, M.D. (Pp. 398. 15s.) London: Edward Arnold. 1947.

A general account of mental disorder in children aged 5 to 15, especially their classification and investigation.

*Hamlet.* By W. Shakespeare. (Pp. 179. 8s. 6d.) London: Vision Press. 1947.

Dr. Ernest Jones contributes a psycho-analytical study as introduction to the play.

*1947 Year Book of General Surgery.* Edited by Evarts A. Graham, A.B., M.D. (Pp. 734. 21s.) Chicago: The Year Book Publishers. 1947.

Abstracts of recent papers on surgery.

*Films—their Use and Misuse.* Part I. By N. H. Rosenthal, B.A., B.Sc. (Pp. 36. 3s. 6d.) Melbourne: Robertson and Mullens. 1945.

A short account of the use of films in education.

*The Teacher's Manual.* Part II. By N. H. Rosenthal, B.A., B.Sc. (Pp. 67. 6s.) Melbourne: Robertson and Mullens. 1947.

An aid to teachers using instructional films.

*Primer of Cardiology.* By George E. Burch, M.D., F.A.C.P., and Paul Reaser, M.D. (Pp. 272. 22s. 6d.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1947.

An introduction to cardiology intended chiefly for medical students.

*Studies on the Formation of Cellular Substances During Blood Cell Production.* By Bo Thorell. (Pp. 120. 12s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1947.

A monograph on the development of blood cells.

*Therapeutic Uses of Infra-Red Rays.* By W. Annandale Troup, M.C., M.D., Ch.B. 4th ed. (Pp. 149. 15s.) London: The Actinic Press. 1947.

A practical book on infra-red ray therapy for medical men.

*Color Atlas of Hematology.* By Roy R. Kracke, M.D. (Pp. 204. 30s.) London: J. B. Lippincott. 1947.

Coloured plates illustrating blood disorders, with explanatory notes.

*Calific Disease of the Aortic Valve.* By Howard T. Karsner, M.D., and Simon Koletsy, M.D. (Pp. 111. 30s.) London: J. B. Lippincott. 1947.

A monograph on calcification of the aortic valve.

*Practical Histology for Medical Students.* By D. T. Harris, M.D., D.Sc., F.Inst.P. 4th ed. (Pp. 138. 12s. 6d.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1947.

Summarized description of laboratory techniques.

*Progress in Clinical Medicine.* Edited by Raymond Daley, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., and Henry G. Miller, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Pp. 356. 21s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1948.

Articles by various authorities on recent clinical medicine.

*Materia Medica.* By William Hale-White. Revised by A. H. Douthwaite, M.D., F.R.C.P. 27th ed. (Pp. 549. 15s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1947.

A textbook for the student and practitioner, with emphasis on clinical applications of pharmacology.

*A Handbook of Hygiene and Health Education.* By Cyril G. Eastwood, M.D., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H. 2nd ed. (Pp. 368. 7s. 6d.) London: Edward Arnold. 1947.

An introduction to the subject for students.

## Medico-Legal

### SHORT WEIGHT IN PILLS

[FROM OUR MEDICO-LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

A Dorset doctor ordered from a firm of drug suppliers in London some 1-gr. (65-mg.) and 3-gr. (0.2-g.) pills of sodium thiocyanate. The firm obtained them from a large manufacturing concern. The patient did not respond properly to treatment, and the pills were analysed and found to be of short weight by 23 and 28% respectively. The second firm were therefore charged with supplying an article not of the nature and quality demanded by the purchaser. The magistrates found that the firm had adopted the usual trade practice in the manufacture of the pills and were not aware that this deficiency could occur in making pills by hand; they therefore dismissed the case. On appeal by the county inspector, the Divisional Court said that the bench ought to have convicted.<sup>1</sup>

The firm's excuse was that a certain amount of material sticks to the hand or the mortar in the mixing, and they therefore could not guarantee that every pill that went out contained 1 or 3 gr., as the case might be, as it would not pay them to test the pills. The court could not accept this. If the firm knew that the pills might be deficient they should inform the doctor or customer of the fact. There was no evidence that doctors and the public generally knew that they could not expect a pill to weigh as much as it was supposed to. A manufacturer was protected against the consequences of a small deficiency by the provision of the Food and Drugs Act that an accidental abstraction of some constituent did not entail a penalty if it had not affected the quality or potency of the drug and was not made fraudulently, but he could not waive his responsibility for a shortage that really mattered. If manufacturing chemists could not supply the right quantity they, and the retailer, should make it clear to the purchaser that they could not say that a particular pill contained substantially the precise amount of the drug ordered.

<sup>1</sup> *Breed v. British Drug Houses*, 1947, 2 All E.R., 613.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Air Vice-Marshal Alan Filmer Rook, C.B., O.B.E., F.R.C.P., R.A.F., and Leonard Heber Hawtrey May, M.B., B.Chir., have been appointed Senior Health Officer and Junior Health Officer respectively in the Department of Medicine for a period of three years from May 1.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Prof. G. R. Cameron, D.Sc., F.R.S., F.R.C.P., will deliver the Sydney Ringer Memorial Lecture, on "Pulmonary Oedema," in the lecture theatre of University College Hospital Medical School, University Street, Gower Street, W.C.1, on Tuesday, March 16, at 4.30 p.m. The lecture is open to all qualified medical practitioners and medical students.

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College*: Mr. A. W. Badenoch, Mr. A. H. Hunt, and Mr. J. E. A. O'Connell (Surgery); Dr. K. O. Black and Dr. N. C. Oswald (Medicine); Dr. J. W. Aldren Turner (Medicine (Neurology)); Mr. H. Jackson Burrows (Orthopaedics); Dr. A. W. Franklin (Children's Diseases); Mr. D. B. Fraser (Obstetrics and Gynaecology); Dr. R. A. K. Harper and Mr. I. G. Williams (Radiology); Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna (Dermatology); Mr. H. B. Stallard (Ophthalmology). *St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School*: Dr. W. A. Low (Anaesthetics). *St. George's Hospital Medical School*: Dr. J. N. M. Chalmers (Pathology); Dr. M. I. A. Hunter (Medicine); Dr. N. H. Martin (Chemical Pathology). *Middlesex Hospital Medical School*: Dr. F. R. Bettley (Dermatology); Dr. G. W. Hadley and Dr. A. Willcox (Medicine); Mr. R. Sampson Handley (Surgery). *St. Mary's Hospital Medical School*: Dr. J. J. Pritchard (Anatomy). *Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine*: Miss Jean M. Dollar, M.S., F.R.C.S. (Ophthalmology). *Maudsley Hospital*: Dr. E. Guttmann (Mental Diseases (Psychiatry)). Probationary, for two years from November, 1947. *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College*: Dr. W. E. Gibb (Medicine). *St. George's*

*Hospital Medical School*: Sir William P. Mallinson, B.M., B.Ch. (Mental Diseases (Psychiatry)). *Middlesex Hospital Medical School*: Dr. E. W. Hart (Children's Diseases); Mr. P. H. Newman (Orthopaedics).

The British Postgraduate Medical Federation, in respect of its facilities at the Postgraduate Medical School of London, has been admitted as a School of the University in the Faculty of Medicine.

The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland has been recognized for the purposes of the M.B., B.S. degrees for external students for a period of five years from Oct. 1.

The John Marshall Fellowship, of the value of £700 a year for two years, has been awarded to Athol George Riddell, M.B.E., M.B., B.S., University College Hospital Medical School, from Nov. 1, 1947

Dr. J. R. Gilmour has resigned from the post of Reader in Morbid Anatomy at London Hospital Medical College, and Dr. A. C. Stevenson, Reader in Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, resigns from this post on April 1.

George Perkins, M.C., M.Ch., F.R.C.S., has been appointed to the University Chair of Surgery tenable at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, as from Jan. 1.

### King's College Hospital Medical School

Harold Clifford Edwards, C.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S., has been appointed Dean of the Medical School in succession to Terence Edward Cawthorne, F.R.C.S., who has resigned.

Henry Adolph Magnus, M.D., Morbid Anatomist to the Hospital and Medical School, has been appointed Director of the Pathology Department.

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES

The following candidates for the degrees of M.B., B.Ch. at the Welsh National School of Medicine have satisfied the examiners at the examinations indicated:

**OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—Maureen M. Bassett, Sarah A. Chard, N. V. Chivers, S. I. Cohen, A. V. Coleman, G. J. Davies, Joan V. Davis, E. F. Griffiths, Anne Guy, E. J. Hargadon, J. M. E. Hyde, Marjorie L. James, Beryl H. Jones, Eluned K. Jones, J. H. Jones, Rosina E. Jones, T. D. Jones, D. M. D. King, R. H. Lewis, C. S. Livingstone, Joan A. McLay, J. E. Mitchell, M. A. Owen, C. L. Perry, G. M. Reynolds, Frances M. Richards, J. M. Richards, Esme S. Rogers, Sybil H. Stephens, \*C. E. Stroud, Augusta J. Taylor, J. H. S. Wakelin, J. A. Wilkinson.

\* With distinction.

**SURGERY.**—Maureen M. Bassett, N. V. Chivers, \*S. I. Cohen, A. V. Coleman, D. P. Davies, E. F. Griffiths, Anne Guy, \*J. M. E. Hyde, E. G. A. Jackson, D. W. James, Marjorie L. James, Dilys W. John, J. H. Jones, R. H. Lewis, C. S. Livingstone, Joan A. McLay, J. E. Mitchell, Lilian M. Morgan, E. G. Rees, Frances M. Richards, J. M. Richards, Sybil H. Stephens, \*C. E. Stroud, Augusta J. Taylor, J. H. S. Wakelin.

\* With distinction.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

At a meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London held on Jan. 29, with the President, Lord Moran, in the chair, the following resolution was passed:

"That after the plebiscite and the Special Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association on March 17 a special Comitia should be held to determine what action could most usefully be taken in the interests of the public and the profession as a whole."

Dr. G. Bourne was appointed to represent the College on the Central Council for District Nursing and Prof. J. M. Mackintosh at the Royal Sanitary Institute Conference to be held at Harrogate from May 24 to 28.

### Membership

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

J. L. Adams, M.B., D. G. Adamson, M.B., Y. Ez-el-Din Ahmad Azab, M.B., Daphne S. A. Anderson, M.B., W. F. Anderson, M.D., W. B. Armstrong, B.M., P. Arnold, M.B., G. P. Baker, M.B., C. W. B. Bartley M.D., A. G. Beckett, B.M., A. B. Black, M.B., V. M. Borrelli, M.B., P. F. Borrie, M.B., B. F. Breyer, M.B., H. T. Calvert, M.B., J. A. G. Carmichael, L.R.C.P., Major, R.A.M.C., H. S. De Silva, M.B., P. E. Dipple, M.D., A. Divaris, M.B., A. S. J. Dixon, M.B., H. G. Dunn, M.B., A. M. Edwards, M.D., F. J. Fish, M.B., Constance C. Forsyth, M.B., J. L. Frew, M.D., A. N. Ganguli, M.B., T. J. B. Geffen, M.B., Janet B. Gorham, M.B., N. Green, M.D., H. Grusin, M.B., R. T. S. Gunn, M.B., R. T. Hastings-James, M.B., I. F. Hayali, M.D., J. Henneman, M.B., H. W. Hickman, M.B., J. A. Hildes, M.D., S. W. Hinds, M.D., J. Hirst, M.D., W. S. Holden, M.B., C. A. Holman, M.B., F. H. Howarth, M.B., I. P. Jaffe, M.B., H. W. F. Jones, M.B., Henriette Lackner, M.B., G. de J. Lee, M.B., J. Lee, M.B., D. Longson, M.B., J. B. Lowe, M.B., D. B. Macaulay, M.B., E. McC. McGirr, M.B., A. G. MacGregor, M.B., M. McGregor, M.B., C. S. McKendrick, M.B., T. P. Mann, M.B., P. M. C. Mark, M.D., A. S. Mascen, M.B., R. M. Mason, B.M., J. D. H. Matthews, M.B., W. B. Matthews, B.M., D. A. D. Montgomery, M.D., J. A. U. Morgan, M.B., J. E. Morris, M.B., A. H. Nakhooda, M.B., F. W. Nash, M.B., W. O'Brien, M.B., D. F. D. O'Neill, M.D., A. G. Parks, B.M., J. C. Pease, B.M., J. Perrin, M.B., J. Pinching, B.M., P. E. Polani, M.D., A. S. Ramsey, M.D., D. G. B. Richards, M.B., P. H. Rogers, M.B., A. J. Rook, M.B., E. S. Rowbotham, M.D., J. Rubie, M.B., J. Rudolph, M.B., W. A. M. Seldon, M.B., S. A. Sewell, M.B., S. C. Sheth, M.B., V. Solomon, M.B., J. P. Sparks, M.D., Y. H. Tang, M.D., Jean S. Taylor, M.B., W. H. Trehowen, M.B., O. L. Wade, M.B., J. K. Wagstaff, M.B., G. D. Walker, B.M., R. L. Ward, M.B., A. D. Weatherhead, M.B., R. H. Wheeler, M.B., R. H. White-Jones, M.B., E. G. Wilkins, M.D., J. M. Wilson, M.B., R. H. L. Wolsohn, L.R.C.P., B. S. B. Wood, B.M.

### Licences

Licences to practise were conferred upon 100 candidates (including 22 women) who have passed the final examination in Medicine,

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

D. B. Albrook, Sorbie Bard, Marjorie M. Barr, A. J. Beale, Edda L. I. Boesen, T. R. Bonomji, J. M. N. Boss, W. M. Brent, P. P. M. Browne, R. St. J. Buxton, P. S. Carton-Kelly, D. B. Cathcart, Elizabeth H. Clow, I. H. Colley, J. G. E. Collins, A. L. Cowan, J. Davenport, J. L. J. de Bary, P. L. G. Delva, R. B. Dittmar, R. G. Donaldson, D. H. Dracup, G. A. Dransfield, D. A. Evans, T. M. W. Farewell, J. M. Fisher, H. A. Friedlander, Kathleen M. Frith, R. G. Gibbs, M. E. Glanvill, B. Goldstein, Aileen M. Hampton, P. R. Harben, A. B. Haward, Annie Hosker, J. A. C. Howie, Aelwen Hughes, L. G. R. Hull, Rosalind E. S. James, Mary J. Jeterly, F. H. W. Johnson, Margaret E. Johnson, Millicent M. Johnston, D. C. B. Jones, H. E. Kane, C. A. L. Kyndt, A. H. Laxton, A. L. Levere, R. Lewis, Patricia M. M. Lobb, C. H. Luke, A. G. McCallum, I. L. MacFarlane, H. F. Madge, A. P. M. Meyer, M. J. Mildren, E. R. Mitchell, J. C. Mitchell, N. D. W. Morrison, J. B. Moser, Margaret G. Oyston, D. J. Parr, G. K. H. Parsons, R. A. Payne, D. L. Phillips, J. C. E. Pougher, F. J. Powell, D. M. P. Pullen, F. A. Rainford, Honour C. I. Richardson, C. S. C. Roberts, K. J. Roberts, P. R. M. H. Scales, E. Schofield, Olive Sharpe, B. A. Shelmerdine, J. T. Sherlock, N. K. Shinton, J. F. Skone, F. H. N. Smith, W. T. Smith, S. Sternberg, Janet M. Stokes, S. N. Stokesbury, W. E. Suffield, P. G. S. Sutton, P. K. Sylvester, Elizabeth K. Tang, Barbara R. Tanner, Hilda J. Tanner, K. C. G. Taylor, Valerie M. Thompson, R. L. Timms, W. C. Turner, Joan C. Wells, W. J. Williams, M. B. Wingate, J. L. Wood, D. H. M. Woollam, M. E. Y. York-Moore.

### Diplomas

The following diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England:

**DIPLOMA IN ANAESTHETICS.**—J. B. Searle; and to the other 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. 24 (p. 178).

**DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.**—D. W. Rowntree; and to the other successful candidates whose names were printed in the *Journal* of Jan. 24 (p. 178).

**DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.**—S. Khayatt; and to the other successful candidates whose names were printed in the *Journal* of Jan. 21 (p. 178). Diplomas in Laryngology and Otology and in Industrial Health were granted to the successful candidates recorded in the *Journal* of Jan. 24 (p. 178).

**DIPLOMA IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE.**—W. R. Grant, A. K. Tyler.

**DIPLOMA IN OPHTHALMIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY.**—J. Scully.

**DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOThERAPY.**—D. K. Sambrook.

**DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH.**—M. B. Gamat, A. D. M. Jackson.

**DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.**—L. R. B. Birt, P. Coggins Brown, Jessie A. R. Cripps, T. M. W. D'Arcy, Margaret B. Davies, J. Dolan, V. O. B. Gartside, R. B. Illing, C. L. Knight, S. E. Large, Barbara Law, W. C. D. Lovett, J. H. Maughan, A. J. Nelson, J. O'Regan, W. S. Parker, P. Pattison, J. V. Radley, J. Reynolds, H. J. A. Richards, A. F. Ritchie, Mary V. Rose, Marguerite S. Sheare, Elspeth W. Smellie, Agnes A. V. Smyth, W. Stewart, P. Weyman, D. H. J. Williams.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an ordinary meeting of the Council of the College, held on Feb. 12, with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, Bt., President, in the chair, a proposal to provide residential accommodation for postgraduate students of the College was approved in principle.

It was decided to establish a Faculty of Anaesthetics in the College.

The Hallett Prize was awarded to D. S. Chapman (University of Durham).

The following hospitals were recognized in respect of the resident surgical posts required of candidates for the Final Fellowship examination: Bootle General Hospital (resident surgical officer); City General Hospital, Sheffield (house-surgeon and casualty officer); West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital (resident surgical officer for one year only).

The following members of the medical profession were elected Fellows in Dental Surgery: J. B. Parfitt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., G. F. Fawn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., A. L. Packham, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., H. L. T. J. Hardwick, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

### Diplomas

Diplomas of Membership were granted to M. D. M. Bowen, J. S. Jenkins, and to the recipients of the licence of the Royal College of Physicians of London whose names are printed above in the report of the meeting of the College.

Diplomas in Public Health, in Psychological Medicine, in Anaesthetics, and in Ophthalmic Medicine and Surgery were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to the successful candidates whose names appear above in the report of the meeting of that College.

Diplomas in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to M. S. Holman and S. Khayatt, and in Child Health to H. S. de Silva.

The Board of Faculty of Dental Surgery held its first dinner on Jan. 30, when it entertained at the College some of the senior distinguished members of the profession who were recently elected to the Fellowship in Dental Surgery. The President of the College, Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, who presided, proposed the health of the guests. He took the opportunity of thanking the Board for the silver cup which it had presented to the College to commemorate the inauguration of the Fellowship and the establishment of the Faculty. The cup is of George II period and bears the arms of the Earl of Chatham (William Pitt) who was responsible for Parliament buying the John Hunter Collection and entrusting it to the College. Mr. A. E. Rowlett, replying for the guests, thanked the President and the College for all they had done for dental surgery, particularly in the establishment of the Fellowship and Faculty. They all realized how much they owed to the President. The Dean (Prof. R. V. Bradlaw), Sir Frank Colyer, and Mrs. Lindsay also spoke.

## Medical News

### Not to Serve under the Act

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association of the Honorary Staffs of the Major (Non-Undergraduate) Voluntary Hospitals of England and Wales held on Jan. 29 the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"That this Association at its Annual General Meeting agrees to recommend that no member of the staffs of its member hospitals should accept service under the National Health Service Act as it now stands."

The Council has been concerned about the possible appointment of Regional Advisers and has passed the following resolution:

"That the Regional Adviser, if appointed, in visiting hospitals should advise, but not have the power of direction in clinical matters."

### Unit for Premature Babies

A unit for premature babies was opened at the Hammersmith Hospital on Feb. 12. The medical staff is provided by the Institute of Child Health and the British Postgraduate School. Prof. Alan Moncrieff, Dr. D. de la C. MacCarthy, and Dr. R. R. Gordon are in charge of the unit.

### W.H.O. Established

Twenty-nine member States of the United Nations have now ratified the constitution of the World Health Organization, and the Soviet Union has promised to do so shortly. It is therefore established on a permanent basis, and the first World Health Assembly will be held in Geneva in June. Subjects tabled for early discussion by the World Health Organization include such tropical communicable diseases as cholera, yellow fever, and malaria, and more general topics such as child health, standardization of biological products, and rural hygiene.

### Bridge of Earn Fitness Centre

The Residential Rehabilitation Centre for male patients formerly at Gleneagles Hospital is now functioning at Bridge of Earn Hospital and Fitness Centre, Perthshire. All classes of male patients, irrespective of their trade or calling, suffering from medical or surgical disabilities and requiring rehabilitation can be accepted, but they must be ambulant and able to feed and clothe themselves. Cases can be admitted from hospital or direct from medical practitioners anywhere in Scotland. Applications for admission of patients should be made to the Medical Superintendent and should give as much information as possible about the clinical condition of each patient; case sheets and x-ray photographs should be sent if available. They will be returned on discharge of the patient.

### Prize in Ophthalmology Offered

An honorarium of \$1,000 to promote research in ophthalmology is offered through the American members of the staff of the International Association for the Prevention of Blindness. The jury will consist of the executive committee together with the president and the officers of the Association. The award will be made in connexion with the Sixteenth Concilium Ophthalmologicum. The subject is "Simple Non-inflammatory Glaucoma" and may include anything relative to the problem. The work must be original. Papers may be written in English or French and should be either previously unpublished or published between now and Oct. 15, 1949. They should reach the secretary of the International Association for the Prevention of Blindness, 66, Boulevard St. Michel, Paris, not later than Oct. 15, 1949.

### Institute of Psycho-Analysis Prize

The prize of £25 offered by the Institute of Psycho-Analysis (96, Gloucester Place, London, W.) for the best entry for the students' prize essay competition has been awarded to Mr. H. S. Glatt (Sheffield University) for his essay entitled "A Social Approach to Psycho-Neurosis."

### Chest Specialist from Chile

Dr. H. Orrego Puelma, Head of the Chest Diseases Department of the San Salvador Hospital and specialist in tuberculosis, is visiting Britain under the auspices of the British Council to study recent developments in the treatment of tuberculosis and particularly rehabilitation problems.

### Tuberculosis Research in Germany

An institute has recently been established in Schleswig-Holstein for research in tuberculosis. It is staffed by German experts.

### Wills

Dr. Alexander Munro, of Bournemouth, who died on June 10, left £26,419. Dr. George Fyfe Waterston, Kendal, Westmorland, and Bolton, Lancs, who died on Feb. 27, left £40,545.

## COMING EVENTS

## Speech Therapy

A Speech Therapy Conference will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W.1, on Sept. 20 to 24. Those wishing to submit papers (time limit, 15 minutes) should send the title and a summary to the secretary not later than March 1. Sessions will be held on the following subjects: The Aim and Scope of Speech Therapy; Emotional Background of Stammering; Speech Disorders Arising from Head Injuries; the Speech Clinic and the Speech Defective Child; the Role of Emotional Problems in Producing Disorders of Speech; and general sessions during which members of the Conference will present papers on various aspects of speech therapy and closely related subjects.

## Nutritional Status in Great Britain

The Nutrition Society has arranged a whole-day conference on "Results of Recent Investigations into the Nutritional Status in Great Britain" to be held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., on Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m.

## School Medical Officers

The School Health Service Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will hold a refresher course for school medical officers at the London School of Hygiene, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1, on April 5-10. It is intended primarily for medical officers who are actually engaged in the work of school medical inspection. The lectures will therefore be concerned with disabilities as the school medical officer meets them in his daily work, with special reference to the selection of cases to be referred for specialist investigation and treatment and to the care of children who are kept under observation in ordinary schools. The Minister of Education will recognize for the purposes of grant reasonable expenditure incurred by authorities in connexion with attendance by school medical officers or assistant school medical officers at the course, subject to district auditors passing such expenditure as a proper charge on the education account. Applications should be sent as soon as possible to: The Executive Secretary, Society of Medical Officers of Health, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. The fee for the course will be £2 12s. 6d. plus a registration fee of 10s. 6d.

## Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene

A series of lectures will be given at the Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene, 28, Portland Place, London, W., on Wednesdays, at 3.30 p.m., from March 3 to April 21 (except March 24). Details will be published in the diary column week by week. Admission to the lectures is free, without ticket.

## Guy's Hospital Dental School

The annual clinical meeting of Guy's Hospital Dental School will be held in the Dental Department of the hospital on Saturday, March 6, at 11 a.m., when demonstrations of modern dental procedures will be given by members of the staff and cases of clinical interest shown.

## American Association for the Advancement of Science

The centennial celebration of the American Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in Washington, D.C., in Sept., 1948.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

## Saturday

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At North Middlesex County Hospital, Silver Street, Edmonton, Feb. 21, 3 p.m. Demonstration of clinical cases of surgical, medical, and general interest.

**MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.**—At 11, Chandos Street, London, W., Feb. 21, 2.30 p.m. "Non-bacterial Infection of the Genito-urinary System," by Dr. W. E. Coutts (Chili). Discussion.

## Monday

**HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.**—At the Mansion House, London, E.C., Feb. 23, 8.30 p.m. "Rheumatism in the Time of John Hunter." Hunterian Oration by Dr. W. S. C. Copeman.

**MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.**—At 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.—Feb. 23, 9 p.m. "Clinical Pathology in Relation to Medical Practice." Second Lettsomian Lecture by Dr. C. E. Dukes.

## Tuesday

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—At 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C., Feb. 24, 5 p.m.—"Anomalies of Pigmentation," by Dr. W. N. Goldsmith.

**ILLUMINATING ENGINEERING SOCIETY.**—At Lighting Service Bureau, 2, Savoy Hill, London, W.C., Feb. 24, 6 p.m. Motion: "That Artificial Lighting is an Adequate Substitute for Natural Lighting." Proposers, Mr. L. H. Hubble and Mr. N. Sizer; opposers, Mr. P. V. Burnett and Mr. W. Allen.

## Thursday

**MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY.**—At 26, Portland Place, London, W., Feb. 26, 8.15 p.m. "The Obstetrician and Gynaecologist as a Witness in the Courts," by Dame Louise McIlroy.

**ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Hyde Park Corner, S.W.—Feb. 26, 4.30 p.m. "Psychiatric lecture-demonstration," by Dr. D. Curran.

## Friday

**BRITISH INSTITUTE OF PHILOSOPHY.**—At University Hall, 14, Gordon Square, London, W.C., Feb. 27, 5.15 p.m. "The Organic State," by Mr. G. R. G. Mure.

**LONDON CHEST HOSPITAL.**—At Victoria Park, E.—Feb. 27, 5 p.m. "Acute Pericarditis," by Dr. Browning Alexander.

**ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At 7, Melbourne Place, Edinburgh.—Feb. 27, 8 p.m. "Infantile Paralysis." Dissertation by Mr. T. P. C. Jameson.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY.**—At Gower Street, W.C.—Feb. 27, 5 p.m. "Epidemics and the Public Health," by Dr. E. A. Underwood.

## Saturday

**MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.**—At 11, Chandos Street, London, W., Feb. 28, 2.30 p.m. Extraordinary general meeting: "Crime in Relation to Sex," by Dr. H. S. Holden. Discussion.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

## BIRTHS

**Beaton.**—On Feb. 9, 1948, at Stoneleigh, Dawley, Shropshire, to Jenny, wife of Peter Beaton, M.B., Ch.B., a son.

**Bishop.**—On Feb. 7, 1948, at Nuffield House, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E., to Phyllis, wife of Dr. Peter Bishop, 122, Harley Street, London, W., a daughter.

**Bloom.**—On Feb. 8, 1948, at 52, Kensington Mansions, London, S.W., to Freddy, wife of Dr. Philip M. Bloom, of 30, Weymouth Street, London, W., a son.

**Cappon.**—On Feb. 3, 1948, at Berefields Nursing Home, Bradford on Avon, to Barbara Edna (née Williams), wife of Dr. D. Cappon, a son—Paul Scott, brother to Ian and Bruce.

**Ferguson.**—On Feb. 8, 1948, at Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, to Brenda, wife of Malcolm Ferguson, M.B., B.S., D.O.M.S., a daughter—Anthea Joy Collette.

## MARRIAGE

**Hirst—Speight.**—On Feb. 7, 1948, at Roundhay, Leeds, John Hirst, M.D., M.R.C.P., and Stella Armitage Speight, M.B., Ch.B.

## DEATHS

**Adams.**—On Feb. 9, 1948, at the Old Rectory, Theberton, Suffolk, Philip Edward Homer Adams, F.R.C.S.

**Dickinson.**—On Jan. 31, 1948, at 5, Airlie Road, Hoylake, Cheshire, William Henry Dickinson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

**Franklin.**—On Feb. 1, 1948, at Wadhurst House, Newington Green, London, N., Reginald Franklin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

**Gilbert.**—On Jan. 31, 1948, at 47, Painswick Road, Cheltenham, Clarence Edwin Lloyd Gilbert, M.R.C.S., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., retired, aged 85.

**Graham.**—On Jan. 17, 1948, Roscoe Graham, M.B., F.R.C.S.(C.), aged 58.

**Grant.**—On Feb. 6, 1948, at 23, Julian Road, Folkestone, Andrew Grant, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B.

**Grenfell.**—On Feb. 7, 1948, at Tregeseal, Saltash, Cornwall, Henry Osborne Grenfell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 85.

**Guinness.**—On Jan. 29, 1948, at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E., Ernest Whitmore Guinness, O.B.E., M.D., aged 82.

**Harrison.**—On Jan. 10, 1948, at Harington Nursing Home, Calcutta, Cecil Canilupi Harrison, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lieutenant-Colonel.

**Hastam.**—On Feb. 7, 1948, at 15, Cranmer Road, Cambridge, Henry Cobden Hastam, D.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., aged 77.

**Hodson.**—On Feb. 9, 1948, Vincent Sutherland Hodson, M.V.O., M.D., F.R.C.P., of Orchard Cottage, Southwater, Horsham, Sussex.

**Howell.**—On Jan. 28, 1948, at Roque Brune, France, Hector Lionel Howell, O.B.E., M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Colonel A.M.S., retired.

**James.**—On Jan. 29, 1948, at Southampton Borough Hospital, Henry Walter James, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 69.

**Johnstone.**—On Feb. 7, 1948, at Hairmyres, East Kilbride, Jean Gardner Cathels Johnstone, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.

**Lesser.**—On Jan. 31, 1948, Samuel Alfred Hugh Lesser, M.B., B.Chir., Major R.A.M.C., of South View, Pinne Hill, Middlesex, aged 36.

**McCubbin.**—On Feb. 9, 1948, at Portsmouth, Brian Arthur McCubbin, M.B., Ch.B.

**McHarr.**—On Jan. 29, 1948, at Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, Charles Liddell McHarr, M.B., Ch.B.Glaz.

**McSorley.**—At 442, Antrim Road, Belfast, Frederick McSorley, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., M.P.

**Mason.**—On Feb. 4, 1948, Philip de Roos Mason, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 5, De Montfort Street, Leicester, aged 48.

**Nunn.**—On Feb. 11, 1948, at Victoria Hospital, Barnet, John Wilfred Nunn, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Pymlicoe House, Hadley Green, Barnet, aged 72.

**O'Donoghue.**—Recently, James O'Donoghue, M.B., B.Ch.

**Payne.**—On Feb. 5, 1948, Otto Vaughan Payne, M.B., B.Ch., of Lansdowne House, Alton, Hants, aged 68.

**Pendred.**—On Feb. 7, 1948, Berthoin Fleming Pendred, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Rock Wood, Telham Lane, Battle.

**Reece.**—On Jan. 31, 1948, Richard Harold Reece, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Hallmoor, Tintagel, Cornwall.

**Williams.**—At Low Bridges, Stocksfield, Ethel Mary Nucella Williams, M.D., aged 85.