

in medicine and surgery. This book accords with American concepts of the scope of physical medicine, which do not always coincide with ours. There is some repetition in the various chapters, and we should have welcomed articles on diagnosis and on the use of physical medicine in gynaecology and obstetrics.

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### CARDIOLOGY ATLAS

*Atlas of Cardiovascular Diseases. Correlation of Clinical Electrocardiography and Cardiac Roentgenology with Clinical History and Autopsy Findings.* By Irving J. Treiger, M.D. (Pp. 180; 69 plates containing 244 illustrations; 11 in colour. 50s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1947.

Cardiology is suitable for presentation in atlas form because the clinical and instrumental methods used are often complementary and the data they provide may be pieced together to establish the diagnosis. In this book Dr. Treiger is concerned principally to relate clinical, radiological, and electrocardiographic methods to necropsy findings. In the opening section he illustrates the normal heart, and he shows that there is no better way of demonstrating the significance of screening appearances in terms of the heart's anatomy and the cardiographic patterns depending upon the lie of the heart, its posture, rotations, and displacements. The photographs of specimens of morbid anatomy are clear, but the dozen or so coloured plates are on the whole less satisfactory. In a section on arteriosclerotic heart disease illustrations of opened hearts show at a glance how the position of a cardiac infarct is signified by special serial changes in the electrocardiogram and the corresponding radiographic configuration.

Each electrocardiogram includes a tracing from "lead IV" in addition to the usual limb leads. The chest lead is at the apex, but the author does not state whether the lead is C or F or V. Additional precordial leads would have provided information of interest in some of the cases. This work has obviously been planned chiefly to demonstrate common conditions; it is therefore a pity that congenital lesions are less well presented than others, now that diagnosis is becoming more precise and the scope of surgeons greater.

K. SHIRLEY SMITH.

### SURGERY FOR STUDENTS

*Textbook of General Surgery.* By Warren H. Cole, M.D., F.A.C.S., and Robert Elman, M.D., F.A.C.S. Fifth edition. (Pp. 1,160; 558 figures. \$11.) New York: D. Appleton-Century Company. 1947.

There is no doubt that this is a very good textbook of surgery. In its fifth edition there are all the changes and additions necessary to bring the subject up to date. It is written for the undergraduate student, yet will surely be used also by post-graduates, practitioners, and practising surgeons. A feature which commends it to the latter classes of reader is the references to original papers on debatable and new aspects of surgery.

English students will want to know if it will serve their purpose as an undergraduate examination book. Like many of the books they are accustomed to read it is by a number of authors. This has the great advantage that we can rely on finding the opinions of authorities on any particular subject; on the other hand the writing and exposition are of uneven quality. All writers have not the same power of emphasizing the important facts and presenting them in a balanced way. Nothing could be more lucid than Evart Graham's account of thoracic surgery, but other sections—for example, that on urinary diseases—are not treated as fully as our students are accustomed to. The new chapter on surgical convalescence is a welcome addition. Then again dogmatism is helpful in teaching the novice. Some of the authors here are almost hesitant, or at least unobtrusive, in their recommendations (as deep thinkers and great experts often are). Frequently they evade deciding on the best line of treatment by referring to the original sources. Perhaps the average American student is more apt than the British to consult original papers and monographs. The many illustrations are good and the make-up of the book is excellent.

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### BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*The Treatment of Malignant Disease by Radium and X-rays.* By Ralston Paterson, M.C., M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., D.M.R.E., F.F.R. (Pp. 622. 45s.) London: Arnold. 1948.

The principles and practice of treatment as carried out at the Radium Institute at Manchester.

*The Economics of the Just Society.* By Griffith Evans, M.A., D.M., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 71. No price.) Caernarvon: Gwenlyn. 1948.

An essay on economics.

*Food Policy is Health Policy.* By Griffith Evans, M.A., D.M., F.R.C.S., D.O.M.S. (Pp. 43. No price.) Cardiff: The Castle Books. 1948.

Notes on nutrition, the use of town refuse as fertilizer, and the Health Act.

*Industrial Medicine.* By T. A. Lloyd Davies, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 244. 15s.) London: Churchill. 1948.

An introduction intended for students and nurses as well as medical practitioners.

*Memoirs of an Army Surgeon.* By J. A. R. (Pp. 354. 15s.) London: Blackwood. 1948.

Stories of the author's activities during the recent war.

*Veterinary Education.* By W. I. B. Beveridge. (Pp. 40. 1s. 6d.) Cambridge: University Press. 1948.

A lecture reviewing veterinary education in Britain and abroad

*Into the Atomic Age.* By Chapman Pincher, B.Sc. (Pp. 158. 9s. 6d.) London: Hutchinson. 1948.

An account of atomic energy for the layman.

*Surgical Pathology of the Mouth.* By E. Wilfred Fish, C.B.E., M.D., Ch.B., L.D.S., D.D.Sc., D.Sc., F.D.S.R.C.S. (Pp. 463. 50s.) London: Pitman. 1948.

Intended to supplement general textbooks of dental pathology.

*Functional Cardiovascular Disease.* By Meyer Friedman, M.D. (Pp. 266. 16s. 6d.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1948.

Includes discussion of mental states and such symptoms as giddiness, palpitation, dyspnoea, and pain.

*Oral and Dental Diseases.* By Hubert H. Stones, M.D., M.D.S., F.D.S.R.C.S. (Pp. 896. 90s.) Edinburgh: E. and S. Livingstone. 1948.

A textbook of pathology, clinical features, and treatment.

*An Atlas of Anatomy.* By J. C. Boileau Grant, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. 2nd ed. (Pp. 496. 55s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1948.

With coloured illustrations and diagrams

*Useful Drugs.* Issued under the Direction and Supervision of the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the American Medical Association. 14th ed. (Pp. 241. 15s.) London: Lippincott. 1948.

A manual of the properties, actions, and uses of commonly prescribed drugs.

*Surgical Urology.* By G. de Illyés, M.D. 2 vols. (Pp. 679. 63s.) London: Constable. 1942.

A textbook with operative details by the Director of the Clinic of Urology in the Hungarian Royal Péter Pázmány University, Budapest.

*Exposés Annuels de Biochimie Médicale.* Edited by Prof. Michel Polonovski. 8th series. (Pp. 369. 800 francs.) Paris: Masson. 1948.

Includes papers on methionine, the intermediary metabolism of ovarian hormones, and the structure of antibodies.

*Oral Vaccines and Immunization by Other Unusual Routes.* By David Thompson, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., et al. (Pp. 329. 42s.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1948.

Based on a critical examination of the literature.

*Klinik und Therapie der Leptomenigitiden.* By Hermann Czickeli. (Pp. 95. 20 schillings.) Vienna: Wilhelm Maudrich. 1948.

A clinical account of the various types of meningitis for medical students.

## Medico-Legal

### CONTRACEPTIVES AND NON-CONSUMMATION

[FROM OUR MEDICO-LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

The troublesome decision of the Court of Appeal in *Cowen v. Cowen*, which held that insistence on the use of a contraceptive could amount to wilful refusal to consummate a marriage, was declared invalid by the decision of the House of Lords in *Baxter v. Baxter*.<sup>1</sup> Consummation means in law what it means in ordinary speech, and intercourse even with the use of a contraceptive is consummation. In the case of *Horton v. Horton*,<sup>2</sup> decided about the same time, their Lordships' House declined to define the phrase "wilful refusal of consummation," but said that it connoted a settled and definite decision come to without just excuse. Similarly, the Attorney-General stated on Jan. 27, when asked by a member at Question Time, that the Government did not intend to introduce amending legislation to nullify the effect of *Baxter v. Baxter*. The member described the present definition of consummation as pernicious and contrary to public policy, but the Government held the view that this was one of the fields of human relationship—not now very numerous, some may think—which cannot properly be dealt with by legislation. The Attorney-General hinted that there was some misunderstanding of the effect of the decision. He pointed out that the case did not decide that one of the parties to the marriage was entitled to refuse marital relations unless contraceptives were used, nor that where they were so refused the other party had no remedy. The Lord Chancellor said in deciding the *Baxter* appeal that the proper occasion for considering the subjects raised by it was when the sexual life of the spouses and the responsibility of either or both for a childless home formed the background to some other claim for relief. Examples given recently by a learned writer<sup>3</sup> were a divorce suit based on desertion or cruelty, or the defence of a suit brought on some other ground by a spouse guilty of such a refusal. This writer, however, did not see very much importance in such a "background," for desertion requires actual separation for three years, and desertion of the "constructive" kind envisaged here, in which the petitioner has left the home because the respondent has made life in it impossible, requires conduct amounting to expulsion. A suit based on cruelty requires proof of injury to health or a reasonable apprehension of it.

#### Two Relevant Cases

An actual case, however, was decided recently by the High Court<sup>4</sup> in which (as the *Law Notes* writer points out) refusal of normal intercourse was held to provide reasonable ground for a husband to leave his wife. This husband had been very anxious to have a family, but the parties had decided not to have children during the war. After the war the wife refused to bear a child or to allow normal intercourse, and the justices believed the husband's evidence that she was always nagging and "bawling" at him. There was a final quarrel, the husband left the home, and both parties petitioned for nullity on the ground of non-consummation, but neither was able to prove the case. The wife then summoned the husband for maintenance and the bench dismissed her summonses, holding that her conduct was such that normal married life was not possible, and that she was not genuinely prepared to cohabit with the husband again. The wife appealed to the Divisional Court, and Lord Merriman, the President, said that every word of the Lord Chancellor's remarks, in *Baxter v. Baxter*, about the responsibility of one or both spouses for a childless home forming the background to another claim for relief applied precisely to the present case, and the justices had been quite right in assessing the bearing of the parties' sexual life on the parting between them. But he emphasized that there was nothing irrevocable about any of these matters. Although the wife had been sterilized by an operation, she could mend her ways and resume cohabitation in the full sense of the

word; if she did so, the husband would not be entitled to take the view that it had been finally decided that because she had refused to bear children the marriage was at an end.

On the other hand, the "background" did not help another husband who asked the court to allow him to present a petition for divorce before three years had elapsed from the date of the marriage, a course only allowed if the court considers it justified by exceptional hardship.<sup>5</sup> He maintained that his wife's refusal to allow intercourse without a contraceptive because she did not want children constituted the exceptional hardship required by Herbert's Act. Mr. Justice Pilcher refused, and the Court of Appeal supported him. Mr. Justice Bucknill said that married couples ought not to be encouraged to take such an ill-advised step as to sue for divorce merely because things had gone wrong. On the husband's other ground of exceptional hardship—namely, that he had not been able to get his petition for nullity heard and decided before the House of Lords' decision in *Baxter v. Baxter*, which laid down that a marriage can be consummated by intercourse with a contraceptive—the Lord Justice said that the contention had no merit and that those who got their decrees before *Baxter v. Baxter* were the lucky ones.

#### Coitus Interruptus

Another question that has given rise to a difference of judicial opinion is whether a marriage has been consummated when there has been no intercourse except coitus interruptus.<sup>6</sup> This question was also left undecided in *Baxter v. Baxter* but has recently been considered in two other cases. On May 10 Mr. Justice Finmore in the undefended case of *Grimes (otherwise Edwards) v. Grimes* held that the husband's insistence on the practice against the wishes of the wife amounted in law to wilful refusal to consummate the marriage. It was not natural or complete intercourse and it could be distinguished from the practice of using contraceptives.

On the following day Mr. Justice Willmer, in the defended suit of *White (otherwise Berry) v. White*, disagreed with this decision. He held that coitus interruptus was not wilful refusal to consummate, though if it caused injury to the wife's health it might amount to legal cruelty. His Lordship therefore granted the wife a decree nisi of divorce on the ground of cruelty, though he dismissed her petition for nullity.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

The following appointments were made at a meeting of the University Council on June 18: *Full-time Medical Officer for the Student Health Service*, P. W. W. Gifford, M.B., Ch.B. *Full-time Assistant Lecturer in Pathology*, B. E. Heard, M.B., Ch.B. *Part-time Tutor in Obstetrics*, S. J. Barr, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.O.G. *Part-time Assistant Tutor in Obstetrics*, T. Smith, M.B., Ch.B. Glas., F.R.C.S. Ed., F.R.F.P.S.

The Council received the resignations of Dr. G. B. Oliver (Honorary Lecturer in Industrial Medicine), Mr. M. F. A. Woodruff (Tutor in Surgery), and Dr. G. L. Hermitte (Lecturer in Histology) and thanked them for their services to the University.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

The Faculty of Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has arranged a series of lectures on anatomy, applied physiology and pathology in their application to dental surgery to be given at the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.) on Mondays to Fridays, from July 5 to 30, at 5 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. each day. The Faculty also announces a series of lectures on general, oral, and dental surgery to be given at the College on Mondays to Fridays, from Sept. 6 to Oct. 1, at 5 p.m. and 6.15 p.m. each day, except on Sept. 7 and 10 (6.15 p.m. only) and Sept. 16 and 22 (5 p.m. only). The admission fee for each course is £12 12s. (Fellows and Members and Fellows and Licentiates in Dental Surgery of the College will be admitted for £10 10s.) Admission cards may be obtained from Mr. W. F. Davis, secretary of the Faculty of Dental Surgery.

The following lectures will be delivered at the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.), at 5 p.m. on each day: July 1, Hunterian Lecture by Prof. John Loewenthal, "Treatment of Intertracial Ulceration of the Leg, with special reference to Streptomycin"; July 8, Surgery Lecture by Dr. Richard B. Cattell (Surgeon, Lahey Clinic), "Carcinoma of the Pancreas"; July 16, Charles Tomes

<sup>1</sup> *British Medical Journal*, 1948, 1, 231.

<sup>2</sup> 1947, 2 All E.R. 871.

<sup>3</sup> *Law Notes*, 1948, 67, 62.

<sup>4</sup> *Rice v. Rice*, 1948, 1 All E.R. 188.

<sup>5</sup> *Daily Telegraph*, 1948, March 16 (*Fisher v. Fisher*).

<sup>6</sup> *Law Notes*, 1948, 67, 123.

Lecture by Prof. Andrew Francis Jackson (Temple University, Philadelphia), "Growth and Development from the Clinical Aspect of Orthodontics"; July 22, Bernhard Baron Lecture by Prof. John Beattie, "The Changes in Volume and Distribution of Body Water under Conditions of Stress"; July 28, Charles Tones Lecture by Dr. Malcolm Wallace Carr (Metropolitan Hospital, New York), "Acute Infections of the Face and Neck of Dental Origin: a Consideration of Surgical Pathology and Management of the Patient"; July 29, Hunterian Lecture by Prof. Shafik Shalaby (Fouad University, Cairo), "Amoebic Liver Abscess." The lectures are open to those attending courses in the College and also to all other medical practitioners, dental surgeons, and advanced students.

An ordinary meeting of the Council of the College was held on June 10 with the President in the chair.

Prof. W. E. Gye, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., and Dr. Cuthbert Dukes were appointed Imperial Cancer Research Fund Lecturers for the ensuing year.

A Leverhulme Research Scholarship was awarded to Mr. Leslie John Ray.

The following were co-opted as members of the Council for the ensuing year: Dr. H. Guy Dain (general practice), Mr. J. M. Wyatt (gynaecology and obstetrics), Mr. V. E. Negus (otolaryngology), Mr. A. D. Marston (anaesthetics), Mr. J. H. Doggart (ophthalmology), Prof. R. V. Bradlaw (dental surgery), Prof. B. W. Windeyer (radiology).

The following hospitals were recognized in connexion with the regulations for the Final Fellowship examination: Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (ear, nose and throat house-surgeon); Royal Cancer Hospital, London (third house-surgeon); Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea (resident surgical officer and house-surgeon).

A Diploma of Fellowship was granted to Marco Caine.

A Diploma of Membership was granted to J. R. Bennett.

Diplomas in Medical Radiotherapy and in Medical Radio-Diagnosis were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to the following successful candidates:

**DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIO-THERAPY.**—Lorraine L. Alexander, N. B. Atkin, C. C. Burkell, L. S. Green, A. Greig, P. S. Huck, G. M. King, A. W. O'Farrell, H. E. C. Walls, A. H. N. Welikala.

**DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIO-DIAGNOSIS.**—W. Campbell, D. M. Coates, J. G. L. Cole, T. N. Cowie, W. Davidson, A. Griffiths, G. de B. Hinde, R. D. Hoare, J. F. K. Hutton, J. A. Kennedy, H. P. Kent, C. D. T. MacLean, S. J. Meyersohn, W. L. Munro, R. G. W. Ollershaw, D. A. R. Orr, D. E. Paterson, J. E. A. Paterson, I. Pierce-Williams, U. S. Prasad, F. Reid, J. Richard, M. I. Robinson, G. D. Scarrow, J. M. Stewart, G. U. Thomas, T. J. Thomas, J. L. G. Thomson, W. N. Thomson, W. I. Walker, G. N. Weber, J. Winter.

## Medical Notes in Parliament

### DEVELOPMENT OF INVENTIONS BILL

Mr. HAROLD WILSON on June 11 moved the Second Reading of the Development of Inventions Bill, which had already passed the House of Lords. He said the Bill was to ensure that full and proper use was made of British inventions, especially those which had been made in Government Research Establishments or in the universities. It provided for the establishment of a National Research Development Corporation which would be an independent body subject only to general directions from the Board of Trade. The field of medical inventions had been much in the mind of the Government in preparing the Bill and he hoped the Corporation would have a special interest in it.

The medical profession had always regarded with suspicion the patenting of medical inventions and discoveries. In accordance with the ethics of the profession such inventions and discoveries had been made freely available to those who wished to use them. A new situation had arisen, however, in connexion with the synthetic production of drugs and medicines. It was becoming plain that the patenting of these inventions and discoveries was often not merely useful but necessary to get the proper development of an invention or to protect it against improper exploitation. Unless a firm could be certain that it would be able to proceed with a long and costly development without the results of its researches being purloined, it would often be unwilling to embark on the process. On the other hand when a medical process was patented the manufacture could often be restricted to those firms who would adhere to a high standard of quality. That was desirable but was contrary to many of the traditions of the medical profession. The British medical profession had a fine record in research, but free publication had left the field of development open to persons abroad who often had cynical views about their development. At times we had been called upon to pay heavy royalties overseas to those who had developed inventions and discoveries made first of all in this country. The development of penicillin had been slow in this country, not because of slowness on the

part of the industry, but because of wartime scarcities which did not apply on the other side of the Atlantic. In the absence of reciprocal arrangements with overseas countries it did not seem right that Britain should sacrifice the valuable returns which might be obtained from overseas exploitation. The Bill offered some solution to these difficulties. The Medical Research Council was anxious to co-operate and agreed to establish a body of trustees prepared to accept patents dedicated to them and to administer them in the best interests of the public.

Mr. Wilson added that the National Research Development Corporation would work at all times in close co-operation with the Board of Trade, with the Government production departments generally, and with the Medical Research Council and other scientific bodies. It would have a close relationship with existing experimental stations, and would help to speed up the implementation of the fundamental research undertaken in Government departments and the universities.

After a brief discussion Mr. BELCHER replied for the Government and the Bill was read a second time without a division.

### FACTORIES BILL

The new Factories Bill was the subject of an annotation in our issue of April 10 (p. 698).

Moving the Second Reading on June 11, Mr. ISAACS said the purpose of Clauses 1 and 2 was to extend the medical examination to all young persons entering factory employment and to provide for re-examination at least once a year. These Clauses were intended to bring British law into line with the International Labour Convention of 1946. The Government was not in a position to adopt that Convention, but intended to introduce legislation gradually. Clause 6 dealt with the provision of seats in factories. Clause 7 changed the name "examining surgeon" to "appointed factory doctor" and altered in some degree the manner of his appointment. Mr. Isaacs held it was better to use the word "doctors." In many cases factories had fully employed doctors for duties which were not covered by the Act. The Ministry of Labour wished to see these doctors more widely used, but doubted whether it could legally appoint them as examining doctors. The Ministry was aware that it was thought the firm's doctor was less likely than an outside doctor to give a certificate that dermatitis arose out of a man's employment. It wished to have the complete confidence of workers and employers in regard to the appointment and decisions of factory doctors. If that could not be got, half their value was lost. Clause 8 gave power to prescribe standards of heating. Clause 12 gave the Minister power to make health or safety regulations about dangerous equipment, such as fire extinguishers, which were not in use in a manufacturing process. A complete, comprehensive industrial medical service could not be established at the moment. More suitable doctors were required before that could be done, but the training of doctors was receiving a new slant in this direction and a powerful association of medical men had banded together to encourage this work.

The debate was adjourned.

**University Seats.**—When the Report Stage of the Representation of the People Bill was taken in the House of Commons on June 14 a proposal to retain university representation was rejected by 217 to 88.

**N.H.S. Regulations.**—The National Health Service (General Medical and Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, were presented to Parliament on June 15, as were the Medical and Pharmaceutical Service Committees and Tribunal (Scotland) Regulations, 1948, and the National Health Service Executive Councils and Dental Estimates Board Financial Regulations, 1948. The National Health Service (Supplementary Ophthalmic Services) Regulations, 1948, were presented to Parliament on June 16 and the National Health Service (Dissolved Authorities) Regulations, 1948, on June 17.

**National Insurance and N.H.S.**—Major TUFTON-BEAMISH asked on June 17 how far persons who defaulted with their subscriptions to the National Insurance General Scheme or to the Industrial Injuries Insurance would still receive the full scale of medical services provided under the Health Act after July 5. Mr. BEVAN answered that entitlement to the health service did not depend on contributions at all.

**Quinquennial Reports on National Insurance Scheme.**—Provision is made in the National Insurance Act, 1946, for quinquennial reports by the Government Actuary on the financial condition of the National Insurance Fund, and on the adequacy or otherwise of the contributions payable, and for interim reports by him on the operation of the scheme. These reports are to be made to the Treasury, and are to be laid before Parliament. The first Interim Report will cover the period from July 5, 1948, to March 31, 1950.

**Dr. Chuni Lal Katial**

On June 8 the Freedom of the Borough of Finsbury was granted to Chuni Lal Katial, M.B., B.S., D.T.M. Dr. Katial was Mayor of Finsbury in 1938-9 and was a first-aid medical officer throughout the war. He is leaving Finsbury to become Director of all India's industrial health services.

**Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham**

Air Marshal Sir Harold Whittingham, B.O.A.C.'s Director of Medical Services, has flown to Toronto to attend meetings of the Airline Medical Directors Association, the Aero Medical Association, and the Medical Panel of the International Air Transport Association.

**30-Million Volt Synchrotron**

Following their operation of the world's first synchrotron in 1946, the Electronics Group of the Ministry of Supply's Atomic Energy Research Establishment has now made a larger machine, producing 30-million volt x rays. Details of the synchrotron were given in an annotation in the *Journal* of March 20 (p. 554).

**Wills**

Mr. John James Robb, of Dundee, left £37,870. Dr. John Braithwaite, formerly in practice in Boston, Lincs., left £53,299; Dr. Edward Stainer, of Great Missenden, £12,706; Mr. Ernest Arnold Hodgson Hindhaugh, of Liverpool, £9,482; and Lieut.-Col. Joseph Hulbert, late I.M.S., £10,460.

**COMING EVENTS****Medical Records Officers**

The Association of Medical Records Officers held a week-end school at Bristol Royal Infirmary on May 29-30 under the presidency of the Infirmary's House Governor, Mr. S. C. Merivale. Similar courses will be held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, for the N.E. Metropolitan Region on June 26-27 and at the Manchester Royal Infirmary for the Manchester Region on July 17-18. It is hoped to hold further courses during the year at Cardiff, Liverpool, Leeds, London, Newcastle, and Sheffield.

**Kettle Memorial Lecture**

Prof. W. D. Newcomb, M.D., F.R.C.P., will deliver the Kettle Memorial Lecture on "Bone Growth and Absorption" in the lecture theatre of the Inoculation Department of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Praed Street, London, W., on Tuesday, June 29, at 5 p.m. All medical practitioners and medical undergraduates are invited to attend the lecture.

**Nurses Conference**

The Royal College of Nursing will hold its annual meeting and conference on June 30 to July 3. The annual general meeting will be at 3 p.m. on July 1 at the Central Hall, Westminster, and the professional conference on "The Nurses in the Social Order" will follow at 8 p.m. Speakers include Miss K. S. Armstrong, former editor of the *Nursing Times*, and Miss M. B. Powell, Matron at St. George's Hospital.

**Cameron Prize Lecture**

Prof. E. B. Astwood, M.D., C.M., Ph.D., Research Professor of Medicine, Tufts Medical School, Boston, Mass., U.S.A., will deliver the University of Edinburgh Cameron Prize Lecture for 1948 in the Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University New Buildings, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, on Friday, July 2, at 5 p.m. His subject is "The Use of Radioactive Iodine in the Study of Thyroid Function in Man." All students and graduates are invited to attend the lecture.

**Society of Medical Officers of Health County Borough Group**

The annual meeting and conference of the County Borough Group of the Society of Medical Officers of Health will be held at Aberdare Hall, Cathays Park, Cardiff, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 2, 3, and 4, under the presidency of Dr. J. Greenwood Wilson (Cardiff). The speakers will be Dr. E. K. Macdonald (Leicester), on "The fragments that remain . . ."; Dr. Charles M. Fletcher, Director of the Medical Research Council's Pneumoconiosis Research Unit; Sir Frederick Rees, Principal, University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, Cardiff, on "Post-war Planning"; Dr. D. A. Williams (Llandaff), Mr. D. B. E. Foster (Penarth), and Miss Mary Davies (health nurse, Cardiff Health Department), on "Follow-up of Ex-hospital Patients"; and Dr. W. G. Patterson, Senior Administrative Medical Officer, Newcastle-upon-Tyne Regional Hospital Board, on "The Regional Hospital Board and the Medical Officer of Health." The Lord Mayor of Cardiff has accepted an invitation to join the group at its inaugural dinner on the evening of July 2 and will entertain them to luncheon, it is hoped at Cardiff Castle, on July 3. The vice-president and honorary secretary of the group is Dr. R. M. Galloway, 10, Stapleton Avenue, Heaton, Bolton, Lancs.

**Oxford Graduates' Medical Club**

The summer dinner of the Oxford Graduates' Medical Club will be held at Christ Church, Oxford, on Friday, July 16, at 7 for 7.30 p.m., when the chair will be taken by Prof. A. W. M. Ellis, D.M., F.R.C.P. All men who are Oxford graduates, studying or practising medicine, are members of the club, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance at this the first post-war dinner. Accommodation is restricted, making it impossible to allow guests on this occasion. The joint honorary secretary of the club, Mr. E. A. Crook, M.Ch., F.R.C.S. (149, Harley Street, London, W.1), asks those who intend to be present at the dinner to let him know by July 1 at the latest; he would also be glad of the permanent addresses of all members. The cost of the dinner is 30s., inclusive of wine, and day dress will be worn.

**SOCIETIES AND LECTURES****Monday**

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY, 330, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.—June 28, 5.30 p.m. "Medical and Surgical Treatment in Relation to the Physiology of the Nose," by Dr. Arthur Proetz (St. Louis, U.S.A.). Followed by questions and discussion.

**Tuesday**

EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE BOARD FOR MEDICINE.—At Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, June 29, 5 p.m. "Changing Concepts in Therapeutics," by Prof. D. M. Dunlop.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—June 29, 5 p.m. "Pitfalls in Skin Therapy," by Dr. H. Gordon.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Praed Street, London, W.—In Lecture Theatre of the Inoculation Department, June 29, 5 p.m. Kettle Memorial Lecture: "Bone Growth and Absorption," by Prof. W. D. Newcomb.

**Thursday**

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., July 1, 5 p.m. "Treatment of Intractable Ulceration of the Leg, with Special Reference to Streptomycin." Hunterian Lecture by Prof. John Loewenthal (University of Manchester).

**Friday**

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—In Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University New Buildings, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, July 2, 5 p.m. "The Use of Radioactive Iodine in the Study of Thyroid Function in Man." Cameron Prize Lecture by Prof. E. B. Astwood, Research Professor of Medicine, Tufts Medical School, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS****BIRTHS**

**Bilainkin.**—On June 12, 1948, at 12, Avenue Road, London, N.W., to Dr. Lilian Rivlin, wife of George Bilainkin, a daughter—Lynne.

**Crane.**—On June 11, 1948, to Dr. Nest Crane (née Llewellyn), wife of Dr. J. E. Crane, Carmarthen, a daughter.

**Inglis.**—On June 10, 1948, to Joan (née Dobson), wife of Dr. A. Inglis, a son.

**McCoy.**—On June 14, 1948, at Cambridge, to Pauline, wife of John McCoy, M.B., D.P.H., a daughter—Jennifer.

**Martin.**—On June 16, 1948, in London, to Eileen, wife of Dr. J. D. M. Martin, a daughter.

**Morel.**—On June 3, 1948, at Barnstaple, N. Devon, to Daphne (née Elmslie), wife of Dr. Mervyn Morel, F.R.C.S., a son—Paul Gordon.

**Rudd.**—On June 13, 1948, at The Gables Nursing Home, Aylesbury, to Margaret (née Coghill), wife of Dr. Peter Rudd, Winslow, Bucks, a daughter.

**Scadding.**—On June 17, 1948, in London, the wife of Dr. J. G. Scadding, a son.

**Van Essen.**—On May 29, 1948, at Guy's Hospital, to Janet C. Van Essen (née Trotter), M.B., Ch.B., wife of William M. Van Essen, F.R.C.S.Ed., of 14, Oakhill Road, Beckenham, Kent, a daughter—Morna Janet, a sister for Christopher.

**DEATHS**

**Arkle.**—On June 16, 1948, at "Marfield," Town Row, West Derby, Liverpool, Alexander Septimus Arkle, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

**Baker.**—On June 19, 1948, at 2, Soberton Road, Bournemouth, Nugent Brander Baker, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas.

**Barnes.**—On June 17, 1948, at St. Albans, Herts, Augusta Schram Barnes, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., aged 36.

**Edwards.**—On June 17, 1948, at Westgate House, Leominster, Harford Norman Edwards, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

**Edwards.**—On June 14, 1948, at Ainsdale, Percy Edwards, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A., formerly of Liverpool, aged 84.

**Mott.**—On June 11, 1948, at The Woodlands, Hurnway, Christchurch, Hants, Georgiana Alexandra, widow of Sir Frederick Walker Mott, K.B.E., Hon.L.L.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.

**Patten.**—On June 13, 1948, Charles Joseph Patten, M.D., Sc.D., Emeritus Professor of Anatomy, Sheffield University, of Leyton House, Hale Road, Farnham, Surrey.

**Porteous.**—On June 12, 1948, at Douglas, Isle of Man, Edward John Porteous, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.

**Salisbury.**—Recently, Harold Kenneth Salisbury, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Woodstock Road, Redland, Bristol.

**Sharp.**—On June 19, 1948, at Struan Lodge, Musselburgh, Midlothian, James Sharp, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.



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