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17,717. These were not paid salaries, but their total remuneration for such services, including the value of the Exchequer superannuation contributions, was £43,506,262. This represented an average of £2,456 per doctor, out of which he had to meet his professional expenses.

Average Capitation Fee.—In the year ending March 31, 1951, the average payment, based on an annual capitation fee of 18s., was just under 16s. 5d.

Universities and Colleges

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on April 3, with Sir Cecil Wakeley, President, in the chair, it was announced that the College had been adjudged by the House of Lords to be a charity, in a case arising out of the will of the late Lady E. G. Bland-Sutton. A bequest to the College from Mrs. Eliza Handcock, of Bournemouth, was reported to the Council.

Handcock, of Bournemouth, was reported to the Council. Mr. G. T. W. Cashell, F.R.C.S.Ed., was elected to the Fellowship of the College ad eundem. The following were elected Fellows of the College without examination as being medical practioners of at least 20 years' standing: Mr. E. H. Shaw, Mr. S. A. Henry, Mr. V. B. Green-Armytage, Sir William Kelsey Fry, Mr. A. J. Boase, Professor J. Kirk.

The Jacksonian Prize for 1951 was awarded to Mr. Rodney Smith (St. George's) and a certificate of honourable mention was awarded to Mr. Oliver Jelly (Manchester). The Council selected "Pathology and Surgery of Peripheral Vascular Occlusion" as the subject for the Jacksonian Prize for 1953.

The John Hunter Medal and Triennial Prize were awarded to Dr. Cuthbert E. Dukes for his outstanding contributions to pathology in general, with special reference to his work on cancer.

A Leverhulme Research Scholarship was awarded to Mr. J. N. Ward-McQuaid, and Mr. D. I. Williams's Leverhulme Research Scholarship was renewed for a further year.

The Begley Prize for 1952 was awarded to Miss J. R. C. Jones (Charing Cross Hospital).

Diplomas in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, in Ophthalmology, in Physical Medicine, and in Child Health were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to the following successful candidates:

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—M. A. Baddoo, K. L. Batten, R. A. Benninger, B. Bevan, C. Bianchini, Elizabeth R. Bridgman, P. A. Cooper, R. E. Davenport, T. Derola, E. M. Ensor, J. G. Grounds, N. R. Gupta, C. R. Jones, V. N. Kapur, S. A. Karimjee, K. B. Kenyon, P. K. K. Knudsen, A. H. Laxton, G. S. Mahapatra, M. G. Mandavia, D. Metselaar, D. O'Keeffe, J. G. Paranjpe, R. F. Payne, M. A. A. Razek, H. A. Reid, L. R. Roberts, Kathleen C. Rogers, J. Schneider, F. D. Schofield, B. M. A. Shafik, P. A. Shave, S. Skulthai, C. Sudhipongse, W. R. G. Thomas, W. R. W. West-Watson.

DIPLOMA IN OPHTHALMOLOGY.—J. D. Brosnan, P. A. Clarke, R. R. Collmann, Teresa Coyle, Gwenllian Edwards, W. S. Foulds, P. Griffiths, J. W. Hornbrook, E. G. Hurd-Wood, A. S. Jones, S. B. Kapur, J. K. McCall, B. M. McOwan, R. J. Patel, Rhona A. Reid, C. W. Thornhill, Dorothy F. Usher, M. P. van Huyssteen, C. H. Walsh.

DIPLOMA IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE.—D. C. Arnott, L. B. Blomfield, J. Fulton.

DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH.—Anne M. Allen, J. D. Allen, Marion M. Ashforth, Honor E. Bambridge, Alice Benjamin, D. U. Bloor, D. S. N. Brierley, J. G. S. Buchanan, G. J. Budow, June D. Cain, W. H. Cary, P. Catzel, Rachel Chacko, Jean E. H. Charlton, D. N. Chatterji, P. R. Clay, Nancy Cole, S. V. Cullen, Lorna C. Davies, Sheila F. Dawson, D. J. Dobson, S. E. Ellison, R. J. Fassina, Mary E. G. Feetham, B. M. Fehler, A. Freedman, S. Freier, L. Friedlander, N. A. W. Gibson, N. Goldblatt, Irene Harrison, M. M. Hassan, J. P. de V. Hendrickse, Susan E. Herdman, Catherine M. Hoyle, T. T. S. Ingram, Brenda James, E. H. Judge, S. M. Kaplan, Irene E. Kenmuir, Margaret M. Kerr, D. K. Kouyoumdjian, Janet M. Lamont, S. G. Loh, G. M. Lurie, Isabel M. McCullough, Bridget M. V. McGettigan, Mary B. B. McGregor, Kathleen G. McKee, Elisabeth Monkhouse, N. M. Newman, G. A. Perling, H. T. Phillips, Dorothy E. M. Pierce, Jill Poole, Megan C. Pratt, D. H. H. Pullon, H. G. Rischbieth, Margaret Rogers, N. R. Rowell, Olive Sharpe, Freda Sheinbaum, N. Sher, Joan Slack, A. L. Speirs, F. A. Springall, H. Stein, Janet M. Stokes, Hilda J. Tanner, J. B. Taylor, R. MacN. Thomson, Sheila M. Tyrrell, S. Vakil, H. K. Virik, J. R. H.

Watson, J. N. Wattie, Hebe F. Welbourn, R. H. R. White, Constance M. Wilkinson, Olive C. Wilks, Mary E. S. Wylie, V. C. G. Yzelman.

The following hospitals were recognized under paragraph 23 of the F.R.C.S. regulations: Bulawayo Government Hospital, two senior house-surgeons. Salisbury General Hospital, Southern Rhodesia, two senior house-surgeons. Heatherwood Orthopaedic Hospital, Ascot, two orthopaedic registrars, for six months. Westwood Hospital, Beverley, Yorkshire, house-surgeon and orthopaedic house-surgeon, both for six months. Gulson Hospital, Coventry, resident surgical registrar, resident surgical officer, both for six months. East Riding General Hospital, Driffield, house-surgeon for six months (till March 31, 1954). West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, four house-surgeons in general surgery, for six months; three surgical registrars, for one year; house-surgeon (orthopaedic), for six months (decennial revision). Kettering and District General Hospital, house-surgeon and casualty house-surgeon, both for six months. Leicester Royal Infirmary, registrar, ear, nose, and throat department (under paragraph 23c of the regulations). Macclesfield Hospital, registrar, senior house officer, both for six months. Macclesfield Hospital, surgical Neath General Hospital, resident surgical officer, for one year; two house-surgeons, for six months. Newcastle-upon-Tyne General Hospital, two surgical house officers (general surgery), for one year; two house-surgeons (general surgery), for six months. Staffordshire General Infirmary, Stafford, resident surgical officer and house-surgeon, both for six months. Swansea General Hospital, resident surgical officer, for one year; two registrars, both for one year; three house-surgeons in general surgery, for six months (decennial revision).

Vital Statistics

Smallpox in Lancashire

Four cases of variola minor were notified in the week ending April 12—Rochdale 1, Littleborough 2, and Wardle 1. The diagnosis of the Wardle case is not certain. No more cases have been reported from Aldershot. The total of cases to April 12 is 136.

Week Ending April 5

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 1,361, whooping-cough 3,004, diphtheria 22, measles 6,836, acute pneumonia 711, acute poliomyelitis 19, dysentery 548, paratyphoid fever 7, typhoid fever 1.

Quarterly Return for Scotland

The birth rate, 16.1 per 1,000, during the fourth quarter of 1951 was the lowest rate since 1940. The infant mortality was 36 per 1,000 registered live births; it was 6 below the rate for the corresponding quarter of 1950 and 13 below the rate for the corresponding fourth quarters. The general death rate was 11.5 per 1,000; this was 1.6 below the rate for the last December quarter and 0.9 below the five-years average. Deaths attributed to the principal infectious diseases numbered 45, and of these 22 were due to influenza, 11 to whooping-cough, and 7 to cerebrospinal fever.

A large fall was recorded in the death rate from tuberculosis. The death rate from all forms of tuberculosis was 37 per 100,000, and that from respiratory was 33. The former rate was 14 and the latter 13 below the rate for the corresponding quarter of 1950, and they were respectively 32 and 28 below the five-years average.

The preliminary report for the whole year shows that the birth rate in 1951 was 17.7 per 1,000 of the population; this rate was 1.9 below the average of the five preceding years and the lowest rate since the war, being the same as the average for 1935-9. Infant mortality was 37 per 1,000 live births—this rate was 2 below that for 1950 and was the lowest infant mortality ever recorded in Scotland. The general death rate was 12.9 per 1,000 of the population, and it was 0.5 above the rate for 1950 and the average of the five preceding years. Deaths from epidemic diseases

COMING EVENTS

Annual Convention of Chiropodists.-This year the meeting of the Society is at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on April 24, 25, 26, and will be opened by Sir John S. B. Stopford. The convention fee is 10s. 6d., but students may obtain free tickets of admission through their medical schools.

Harveian Society of London .-- The Buckston Browne-Gray Hill Dinner of the Harveian Society of London will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, on Thursday, May 15, at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

British Association Annual Meeting .-- The, next annual meeting of the British Association will be held in Belfast from September 3 to 10 under the presidency of Professor A. V. Hill. Copies of the preliminary programme and full details may be obtained from the association, Burlington House, London, W.1.

International History of Medicine Society .-- The 13th congress will be held at Nice, Cannes, and Monaco from September 8 to 14. The registration fee will be 5,000 francs (3,000 for members of the society), and full details may be obtained from M. Jean-Paul Faure, 38, Avenue Auber, Nice.

First International Congress of Neuropathology.-This will be held at Rome, September 8-13. The final programme will shortly become available, and those who wish to join the British party to the congress should communicate with Dr. J. G. Greenfield, at the National Hospital, Queen. Square, W.C.1, as soon as possible.

Course in Care of Elderly .-- The National Old People's Welfare Committee is organizing another course for those who want to become wardens of homes for old people. The course will last four months, starting in October. Applications are invited by the secretary, 26, Bedford Square, W.C.1.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked \bullet . Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, April 21

- HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, 64, London Wall, E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., annual general dinner-meeting; "Hunteriana—Part II," by Mr. C. Robert Rudolf.
 ROYAL EVE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—S p.m., "Science and Art of Refraction: Introductory," by Dr. T. H. Whittington.

Tuesday, April 22

- EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University New Buildings, Teviot Place, 5 p.m., "Plastic Changes in the Reflex Responses of the Mammalian Spinal Cord," Macarthur Postgraduate Lecture by Professor J. C. Eccles, D.Phil., F.R.S. (Otago).
- ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E. 5 p.m., "Genetics in Ophthalmology," by Professor A. Sorsby.

Wednesday, April 23

- FARNBOROUGH HOSPITAL, Kent.-5.30 p.m., clinical meeting. "Carcinoma of the Lung," by Mr. T. Holmes Sellors. OXFORD UNIVERSITY.-At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., "The Clinical Approach to the Problem of Malignant Cervical Glands," Litchfield Lecture by Mr. W. R. Douglas.
- Royal College of SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "Tuberculosis of the Urinary Tract," Urology Lecture by Mr. Hugh Donovan.
 Royal Eye Hospital, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., "Ophthalmic Injuries," by Mr. L. H. Savin.

- S.E.—5.30 p.m., "Ophthalmic Injuries," by Mr. L. H. Savin.
 ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE, 28, Portland Place, London, W.—3.30 p.m., "The Avoidance of Injury to Children at Play" (Illustrated), by Dr. Mary D. Sheridan.
 ROYAL MICROSCOPICAL SOCIETY, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "The Flying Spot Microscope," by Mr. F. Roberts, M.Sc.

Thursday, April 24

- ALFRED ADLER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11, Chandos Street, London, W., 8 p.m., symposium: "Essentials of Individual Psychology"; speakers, Professor R. Dreikurs (recorded in Chicago), Dr. N. R. Beattie, and Dr. J. Bierer. A discussion will follow.
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 LONDON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At St. James' Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W., 3 p.m., clinical meeting.
 MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF ANAESTHETICS.—At Staff House, Manchester University, 8.15 p.m., "Anaesthesia in Cardiac Surgery," by Dr. E. S. N. Fenton; "The Descrip-tion of a Simply Constructed Mechanical Respirator (Spiro-Pulsator)," by Dr. J. R. Esplen.
 PHYSICAL SOCIETY: Low TEMPERATURE GROUP.—At Science Museum, South Kensington, London, S.W., 5.30 p.m., "Effect of Low Temperatures on Biological Systems," by Dr. J. C. Fidler.
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- Fidler. RENAL ASSOCIATION.—At Ciba Foundation, 41, Portland Place, London, W., 4.30 p.m., "The Nature of the Disintegration of Homo-transplanted Kidneys in Dogs," by Dr. W. J. Dempster; "Auto-regulation of the Renal Circulation," by Drs. H. E. de Wardener and B. E. Miles. ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—At Lecture Theatre, John Islip, Street, London, S.W., 5 p.m., "Arthroplasty," by Mr. St. J. D. Burton
- Buxton.
- Buxton.
 ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.-5.30 p.m., "Post-operative Complications and their Management," by Miss J. M. Dollar.
 ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Materia Medica Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., "Plastic Changes in the Reflex Responses of the Spinal Cord," by Pro-fessor J. C. Eccles, D.Phil., F.R.S. (Otago).
 ST. GEORGE's HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Hyde Park Corner, London, S.W.—5 p.m., lecture-demonstration in psychiatry by Dr. D. Curran.
 ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—4.15 p.m., demonstration and discussion of clinical cases.

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- WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL, Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.—5.30 p.m., clinico-pathological demonstration. Discussion: "*Electrolyte Therapy in Surgery*"; speakers will include Professor N. F. Maclagan, Dr. R. D. Tonkin, Mr. A. G. Jessiman, and Dr. C. F. Scurr.

Friday, April 25

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 INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY, 330, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.—4.30 p.m., general practitioners' meeting. "Deafness and Hearing-aids," by Mr. F. W. Watkyn-Thomas.
 MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES, 11, Chandos Street, London, W.—7.30 p.m., general meeting. Presidential address: "My Recent Experiences and Problems." A discussion will follow.
 SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: FOOD GROUP.—At Winter Gardens, Margate, 9.30 a.m., joint meeting with Royal Sanitary Institute. "Bacteriological Standards for Perishable Foods." address by Professor H. D. Kay; papers by Mr. W. Price-Davies, B.Sc., A.R.I.C., Mr. C. L. Heller, Ph.C., Mr. A. Rowlands, B.Sc., and M. Ingram, M.A., Ph.D., and J. Brooks; B.Sc., Ph.D. A discussion will follow.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Halpern.—On March 14, 1952, at Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, Middlesex, to Ruby May (formerly Francis), wife of Dr. M. Halpern, a son— Mark Francis.

DEATHS

Acton.—On April 3, 1952, Thomas Acton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 69. Nutfield Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey, formerly of Abbots Bromley, Staffs

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Callender.—On April 3, 1952, at Tentercroft, Cuckfield, Sussex, Eustace Maude Callender. C.B.E., M.D., aged 87.
Fleming.—On April 3, 1952, at his home, 65, Warren Drive, Surbiton. Surrey: Robert Hood Fleming, M.B., F.R.C.S., aged 62.
Millis.—On April 6, 1952, at 35, Surrey Street, Norwich, Robert James Mills, M.B., C.M., aged 96.
Pentony.—On April 4, 1952, at 26, Park Road, Middlesbrough, John Joseph Kevin Pentony, M.B., Ch.B.
Reid.—On April 5, 1952, at St. Andrew's Hospital, Northampton, James Bruce Ronaldson, O.B.E., V.R.D., M.D., of Innisfree, Little Chalfont, Bucks, aged 66.
Rosenberg.—On April 5, 1952, at Marley Cottage, Sidmouth, Devon, Edward Protheroe Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 77.
Taylor.—On April 3, 1952, at his home, 177, Victoria Road, Thornton, Blackpool, George Taylor, M.B., Ch.B..
Tirard.—On April 4, 1952, at 85, Sloane Street, London, S.W., Nestor Seppings Tirard, M.B., B.Ch.