

## Medical Notes in Parliament

### ISLE OF MAN PARLIAMENT

#### RIISING COSTS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Presenting an estimate of £580,297 for the Island's Health Services in Tynwald, the Isle of Man legislature, recently, Mr. T. C. COWIN, chairman of the Health Services Board, drew attention to the rising cost of pharmaceutical services—£65,000 in the current year.

A committee had been set up to investigate prescriptions under the chairmanship of Dr. H. H. Corrigan. It would be about 12 months before the board would receive its findings.

Last year 306,409 prescriptions were dispensed and £60,655 was paid to chemists. The average cost per prescription was 4s. 3½d., compared with a little over 11d. in 1941. Dental treatment cost £37,635 for 13,341 completed cases and £13,326 was paid to opticians.

The sixpenny charge for each prescription form had resulted in a saving of £5,188 last year, though exemptions were given to 10,011 persons, about 20% of the population. The amount recoverable for dental treatment was £3,011.

Doctors had asked to have applied to them the recent award in Britain regarding their remuneration since July 5, 1948. If their claim were successful Tynwald would have to be asked for additional funds.

Deemster COWLEY said that specialists should have been appointed at the salary which would be theirs in England, allowing for the difference of taxation, and it was not too late to change to that system.

Mr. H. C. KERRUSH agreed that the island was paying specialists £500 a year more than in England.

Mr. H. K. CORLETT said he was not convinced that the island's health scheme should cost so much more than in England, £10 per head of the population. The time had come, he added, for the Manx Government to bring over experts to study conditions in the island.

Tynwald approved the estimate and adopted capital expenditure by the Health Services Board totalling £64,000, of which £42,000 was for Noble's Hospital and £22,000 for Ballamona Hospital.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL (Mr. S. J. Kneale) urged that the administration of Noble's Hospital should be taken over by the Health Services Board from the hospital management committee. He stated that in 1939 the cost of running the hospital was £16,000; this year the committee was asking for £140,000. The Board should have direct control over expenditure.

## The Services

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commanders A. Daunt-Bateman, O.B.E., and W. E. Kershaw, R.N.V.R., have been awarded the R.N.V.R. decoration.

Surgeon Rear-Admiral R. W. Mussen, C.B.E., R.N., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen, and Surgeon Rear-Admiral J. Hamilton, C.B.E., R.N., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, both from March 31, 1952.

Colonel (Honorary Brigadier) G. J. V. Crosby, C.B.E., T.D., K.H.P., has been appointed Honorary Colonel of a T.A. Unit, in succession to Major-General Sir E. M. Cowell, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., T.D., whose tenure has expired.

The following have been mentioned in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya during the period July 1 to December 31, 1951: Lieutenant-Colonel W. N. J. Clarke, O.B.E., Major A. O. McClay, Major (temporary) H. A. J. Reay, and Captains T. B. Boulton and T. Brearley, R.A.M.C.

Captain H. C. Stevenson, R.C.A.M.C., Medical Officer, 2 Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment, has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of gallant and distinguished service in Korea.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending April 5 (No. 14) and corresponding week 1951.

Figures of cases are for the countries shown and London administrative county. Figures of deaths and births are for the 160 great towns in England and Wales (London included), London administrative county, the 17 principal towns in Scotland, the 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland, and the 14 principal towns in Eire.

A blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available. The table is based on information supplied by the Registrars-General of England and Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Eire, the Ministry of Health and Local Government of N. Ireland, and the Department of Health of Eire.

CASES in Countries and London	1952					1951				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria .. ..	22	1	10	0	3	48	8	23	1	3
Dysentery .. ..	548	81	55	4	1	846	187	194	15	4
Encephalitis, acute ..	4	1	0	0	1	8	1	0	0	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid .. ..	1	0		1	1	8	1	3	0	2
Paratyphoid .. ..	7	0		0	2 (B)	27	0		0	
Food-poisoning .. ..	185	12		5		69	17		5	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..				8	67	13			10	21
Measles* .. ..	6,836	231	633	227	421	28,800	2083	593	188	164
Meningococcal infection .. ..	60	6	19	4		39	5	26	0	5
Ophthalmia neonatorum .. ..	38½	2	8	0		34	3	11	0	
Pneumonia† .. ..	711	40	304	10		799	36	218	15	9
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic .. ..	15	2		1	1	11	0		2	0
Non-paralytic .. ..	4	0				4	0			2
Puerperal fever§ .. ..	221	36	8	1		68	8	12	3	
Scarlet fever .. ..	1,361	93	183	17	57	843	48	139	21	36
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory .. ..			150	38				154	25	
Non-respiratory .. ..			23	16				35	3	
Whooping-cough .. ..	3,004	134	266	95	45	4,009	247	588	33	68

DEATHS in Great Towns	1952					1951				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria .. ..	0	0		0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. ..	0	0		0			0		0	
Encephalitis, acute ..		0			0		0			0
Enteric fever .. ..	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..	2	0	7	0	2	13		3	1	0
Influenza .. ..	33	5	6	1	0	49	7	1	0	3
Measles .. ..		0		0	0		2	1	0	1
Meningococcal infection .. ..		0					0	0		
Pneumonia .. ..	245	33		5	3	253	46		16	13
Poliomyelitis, acute ..	2	0		0		1	0			0
Scarlet fever .. ..		0		0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory .. ..	143	20	20	5	7	175	25	29	5	11
Non-respiratory .. ..		1	5	1	1		6	3	0	2
Whooping-cough .. ..	2	1		0		6	0	2	0	1
Deaths 0-1 year .. ..	249	36	44	6	15	304	45	42	14	18
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	6,035	923	638	116	153	5,817	906	673	161	223
LIVE BIRTHS .. ..	8,204	1256	995	258	446	8,049	1296	1030	248	416
STILLBIRTHS .. ..	184	26	25			189	26	39		

\* Measles not notifiable in Scotland, whence returns are approximate.

† Includes primary and influenza pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

## Friday, April 25

- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5.15 p.m., "*Surgery of Repair*," by Mr. R. J. V. Battle; 6.30 p.m., "*Tumours of the Jaws*," by Mr. S. H. Wass.

## Sunday, April 27

LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Adolph Tuck Hall, Woburn House, Upper Woburn Place, W.C., 3 p.m., "*Genetics in Medicine—Problems and Prospects*," by Professor Arnold Sorsby.

## Monday, April 28

INSTITUTE OF DENTAL SURGERY, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "*Periodontitis and Gingivitis as Sources of Headache and Other Head Pain*," by Dr. Frode Hilming (Copenhagen).

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., lecture-demonstration for postgraduates by Dr. E. Stengel.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—(1) At Lecture Room, Dental Hospital, 5 p.m., meeting of Section of Odontology. A.G.M. followed by clinical meeting. (2) At Manchester Royal Infirmary, 9 p.m., meeting of Section of General Practice. Film: "*The Treatment of Heart Failure*," commentary by Dr. A. Morgan Jones.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.—8.30 p.m., "*Treatment of Tuberculosis of Urinary Tract*," discussion to be introduced by Mr. W. W. Galbraith and Mr. J. G. Yates Bell.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5.15 p.m., "*Lymphoedema of the Lower Extremities*," by Professor A. M. Boyd; 6.30 p.m., "*Ureteric Obstruction*," by Professor V. W. Dix.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5 p.m., "*Clinical Aspects of Accommodation. Treatment of the Hypermetrope*," by Dr. T. H. Whittington.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY.—At Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 4.45 p.m., "*Chemical Structure, Interaction, and Fractionation of Proteins*," public lecture by Professor J. T. Edsall (Harvard).

## Tuesday, April 29

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5.15 p.m., "*Clinical Aspects of Peripheral Vascular Disease*," by Professor Ian Aird; 6.30 p.m., "*Cleft Lip and Palate*," by Professor T. Pomfret Kilner.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5 p.m., "*Genetics in Ophthalmology*," by Professor Arnold Sorsby.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON.—At Anatomy Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., "*The Development of Perception and Thought*," special university lecture in psychology by Professor D. O. Hebb, Ph.D. (McGill University). (See also April 30 and May 2.)

## Wednesday, April 30

CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, 8.15 p.m., clinical meeting.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Shenley Hospital, near St. Albans, Hertfordshire, 3 p.m., general meeting. Demonstration of cases. Introductory talk on psycho-analysis by Dr. S. T. Hayward. A discussion will follow.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5.45 p.m., "*Abdominal Emergencies in Childhood*," by Mr. Harold C. Edwards.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., "*Proptosis*," by Mr. L. H. Savin.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE, 28, Portland Place, London, W.—3.30 p.m., "*Radiology and its Contribution to the Diagnosis of Abdominal Disease*" (Illustrated), by Dr. S. Cochrane Shanks.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON.—At Anatomy Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., "*The Development of Perception and Thought*," special university lecture in psychology by Professor D. O. Hebb, Ph.D. (McGill University). (See also April 29 and May 2.)

## Thursday, May 1

DURHAM UNIVERSITY.—At Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 5.15 p.m., "*Haematuria*," 11th Rutherford Morison Lecture by Dr. E. N. Cook.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY, University New Buildings, Teviot Place.—At Anatomy Theatre, 5 p.m., "*The Treatment of Dorsal-lumbar Fractures of the Spine with Paraplegia*," Honyman Gillespie Lecture by Mr. I. A. G. Lawson Dick.

FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—At Royal London Homoeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C., 5 p.m., "*Report on a Scheme for Collecting Homoeopathic Case-Records*," by Dr. N. J. Pratt.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, The Union, University Avenue, Glasgow.—7.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "*Disinfection and Sterilization*," by Dr. J. O. Oliver.

●MOTHERS' CLINIC, 108, Whitfield Street, London, W.—2.30 p.m., lecture and demonstration (on living models) on contraceptive technique by Marie C. Stopes.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "*The Histopathology of Sinusitis*," by Dr. H. A. Lucas.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., "*Surgery of Squint*," by Miss J. M. Dollar.

ROYAL SOCIETY, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W.—10.30 a.m., "*The Structure of Proteins*," discussion to be opened by Professor W. T. Astbury, Sc.D., F.R.S.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Materia Medica Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., "*The Pathological Physiology of Dyspnoea*," by Professor D. Whitteridge.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Hyde Park Corner, London, S.W.—5 p.m., lecture-demonstration in neurology by Dr. D. Williams.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.—At 48, Cosway Street, Marylebone Road, London, N.W., 5.30 p.m., "*Physical Methods of Treatment. II*" (Demonstration), by Dr. E. H. Larkin.

## Friday, May 2

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "*The Handling of the Common Dermatoses*," clinical demonstration by Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY, National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "*The Technique of Illustrating Medical Papers and Lectures*," Guest Lecture by Dr. R. Ollerenshaw.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5.15 p.m., "*Indications for Radiotherapy*," by Professor B. W. Windeyer; 6.30 p.m., "*Surgery of Repair—Skin Grafting*," by Sir Archibald McIndoe.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., "*The Physiology of A.C.T.H. and Cortisone with Special Reference to the Eye*," by Dr. C. A. Keele.

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## Saturday, May 3

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY, 330, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.—11.30 a.m., "*Physiology and Pathology of the Soft Palate*," with film on a plastic operation for open rhinophonia, by Professor S. Podvinec (Zagreb).

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

## BIRTHS

Bailey.—On March 22, 1952, at Providence Hospital, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Olive May, wife of Dr. Norman Loudon Bailey, a daughter—Heather Jane.

Hall.—On April 13, 1952, to Mardi, wife of Dr. Derek W. Hall, of 5, Pencester Road, Dover, a daughter.

## MARRIAGES

Laidlaw.—On April 2, 1952, at Port Glasgow, Allan James Laidlaw, L.R.C.P.&S Ed., L.R.F.P.S., Barbourne Road, Worcester, to Greta MacAskill Mair, S.R.N., Port Glasgow.

Owen.—On March 20, 1952, at Garth Chapel, Portmadoc, Arthur Wyn Owen to Dr. Gwen Ellis Hughes.

## DEATHS

Allen.—On April 18, 1952, Robert Hugh Allen, M.D., late of Forest Gate, London, E., and Porters Bar, Middlesex, aged 85.

Candlish.—On April 13, 1952, at his home, 9, Learmonth Gardens, Edinburgh, Eric Elsmore Candlish, M.B., Ch.B., formerly of Southfield, Liffithgow, aged 57.

Chennell.—On April 16, 1952, Eileen Annie Chennell, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., of London S.W.

Deas.—On April 17, 1952, at 20, Milton Road, Bournemouth, Hants, Leonard Joseph Montagu Deas, M.B., F.R.C.S. Ed., Colonel, I.M.S., retired, aged 78.

Fleming.—On April 16, 1952, at a nursing home, Glasgow, Geoffrey Balmanno Fleming, M.B.E., M.D., LL.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.F.P.S., aged 70.

Gordon-Wilson.—On April 13, 1952, Alexander Gordon Gordon-Wilson, M.D., F.R.C.S., of 51, Queen's Gate Gardens, London, S.W.

Hare.—On April 16, 1952, John Hare, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.F.P.S., D.L.O., Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., retired, of 7, Culford Gardens, Chelsea, London, S.W.

Hosford.—On April 10, 1952, at Seaford Nursing Home, Bexhill-on-Sea, John Stroud Hosford, F.R.C.S. Ed., of 37, Harley Street, London, W., and Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex.

Howard-Jones.—On April 12, 1952, at Torrington, Caerau Road, Newport, Mon., John Howard-Jones, T.D., M.D., D.Sc.

Johnson.—On April 12, 1952, at 11, Chadwick Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, Henry Johnson, L.S.A., F.F.A., R.C.S.

Ledgard.—On April 11, 1952, at Windsor, Herbert Arthur Ledgard, M.B., Ch.B., Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel, Royal Horse Guards.

Martin.—On April 8, 1952, at The Firs, Rhayader, Radnorshire, Charles Martin, M.B., Ch.M., aged 83.

Mole.—On April 10, 1952, Richard Howard Mole, M.D., of 60a, Higher Bebbington Road, Bebbington, Cheshire, formerly of Moukden, Manchuria, aged 75.

Oliver.—On April 10, 1952, at Magdalen Hill, Winchester, Hants, Leonard William Oliver, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Hillside, Ropley, aged 84.