

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Dr. Janet M. Vaughan, Principal of Somerville College, and Dr. A. G. McD. Weddell, Reader in Human Anatomy and Fellow of Oriel College, were elected members of the Hebdomadal Council on May 21 from the first day of Michalmas Term, 1953, for six years and two years respectively.

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on May 23 the Vice-chancellor of the University, Sir Lionel Whitby, Master of Downing College and Regius Professor of Physic, was appointed a member of the council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for four years.

In Congregation on June 6 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—\*R. J. Dickson, R. D. Eastham, J. W. Fawcett, D. B. B. Whitehouse, G. Wetherley-Mein, R. E. Church, D. K. Ford, H. G. Dowler, J. Foley.

\*By proxy.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

On March 2 the degree of M.D. was conferred *in absentia* by diploma on \*R. S. Duff, and on April 25 the degree of M.D. was conferred on J. Joseph, I. A. Macdonald, and \*A. G. Melrose.

\*With high commendation.

### UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

At a graduation ceremony on April 2 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—\*Joan M. Burrell, R. N. Johnston, S. J. H. Miller.

M.B., Ch.B.—\*J. W. Davidson, \*Marion E. Mackay (with distinction in midwifery), \*C. G. Clark (with distinction in medicine), \*W. D. Wilson, J. B. O. Armstrong, R. A. Browne, C. I. T. Cruickshank, Christopher Donald, Annabelle M. Duguid, Mary E. Duncan, Eleanora J. Elmslie, G. Findlay, J. A. Fowler, C. V. Fraser, J. S. Fraser, R. D. Garson, G. M. Gill, A. J. Gray, Elizabeth N. Grieve, W. S. Hossack, Wilma E. M. Hoyte (née Cameron), A. G. Ironside, G. D. Laing, R. D. Laurenson, A. A. Lawrence, J. Lawrence, W. C. M. Lawrence, J. G. Ledingham, D. Leslie, R. D. Little, I. M. Lowit, R. Lynch, A. P. McBain, A. M. McConachie, I. C. McLean, D. Macleod, J. Main, Helen M. Maitland, W. E. Mickleburgh, Jessie C. Millar, C. G. Mitchell, M. J. Mitchell, P. E. G. Mitchell, Dorothy N. Mortimer, D. A. E. Mowat, J. H. Palmer, J. A. Pattillo, G. T. Pollock (with distinction in surgery), I. F. Ralph, R. D. Richmond, Gladys M. Riddell, G. M. McL. Robb, J. D. Robson, Lydia J. Rose, J. M. Ross, A. M. Semmence, A. W. Simpson, A. J. Smith, R. W. G. Stewart, R. W. Strachan, G. H. Swapp, P. G. Todd, A. H. Wade, G. W. Webster, J. H. Williamson, Jane M. Wiseman, J. R. Wood, M. B. Yorston.

\*With commendation.

### UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—*Part II*: K. J. R. Ford, O. J. Slowik. *Part I*: H. L. English, W. E. Robinson, D. P. A. L. Scott, B. F. Whitehead.

### UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—S. M. Akhtar, J. Bheonick, S. Bovornkitti, L. F. Cooper, Z. N. Dhabalia, J. F. Dick, D. W. Emuchay, T. Harinasuta, J. M. C. Henderson, A. S. Ismail, C. H. Lalgee, J. Mani, S. S. Moldi, G. S. Nelson (recommended for the award of the Milne Medal in Tropical Medicine), A. Palwala, J. E. Parry, F. A. Pearson, T. Rajcoomar, C. Runciman (recommended for the award of the Warrington Yorke Medal in Tropical Hygiene), T. Sukhanenya.

### ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

D.P.M.—*Part I*: R. E. Brandon, N. C. Connell, F. H. Corbitt, W. Johnston, R. E. Lovelace, J. Mukerjee, Elizabeth Schoenberg, D. C. V. Stewart. *Part II*: Ruth Hoffman, N. B. Jetmalani.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending May 30 (No. 21) and corresponding week 1952.

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	1953					1952				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria .. ..	21	2	10	1	1	25	3	7	0	
Dysentery .. ..	505	65	115	11		269	38	69	10	2
Encephalitis, acute..	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid .. ..	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	
Paratyphoid ..	8	0	0	1		53	0.6(B)		1	(B)
Food-poisoning ..	147	17		2		127	20		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..				16	21				5	32
Measles* .. ..	9,012	269	455	283	301	6,242	330	413	247	478
Meningococcal infection .. ..	41	5	21	2	1	42	5	21	1	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum .. ..	41	5	8	0		44	7	8	0	
Pneumonia† .. ..	446	22	168	9	2	429	22	193	6	
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic .. ..	30	5	2	2		18	1		2	1
Non-paralytic ..	22	2				19	3			
Puerperal fever§ ..	283	48	10	1		254	39	14	0	
Scarlet fever .. ..	1,084	72	175	33	56	970	70	174	14	50
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory .. ..			157	16				174	34	
Non-respiratory..			22	1				42	11	
Whooping-cough ..	2,476	228	451	54	124	2,781	165	280	76	106

DEATHS in Great Towns	1953					1952				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria .. ..	0	0	0		0	0	0			0
Dysentery .. ..	0	0				0	0			
Encephalitis, acute..		0			0		0			0
Enteric fever .. ..	0	0				0	0			
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..	11		1	4	0	11		5		0
Influenza .. ..	8	0	2	0	1	6	1	4		0
Measles .. ..		0	1		0		0			1
Meningococcal infection .. ..		1	0				0			
Pneumonia .. ..	178	26	15	8	3	175	30			3
Poliomyelitis, acute	3	0			0	1	0			0
Scarlet fever .. ..		0	0		0		0			0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory .. ..	81	4	10	0	6	90	10	15		9
Non-respiratory..		2	1	0	2		2	0		6
Whooping-cough ..	1	0	1	1	0	3	0			1
Deaths 0-1 year ..	211	18	26	11	11	212	25	31		18
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,353	644	487	109	154	4,660	688	531		136
LIVE BIRTHS ..	7,380	1088	945	237	464	7,926	1191	881		505
STILLBIRTHS ..	194	35	14			189	26	28		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

## Vital Statistics

### Infectious Diseases

Infectious diseases were less prevalent in England and Wales during the week ending May 30. Falls in the number of notifications included 1,265 for measles, from 10,277 to 9,012; 627 for whooping-cough, from 3,103 to 2,476; 249 for dysentery, from 754 to 505; and 222 for scarlet fever, from 1,306 to 1,084.

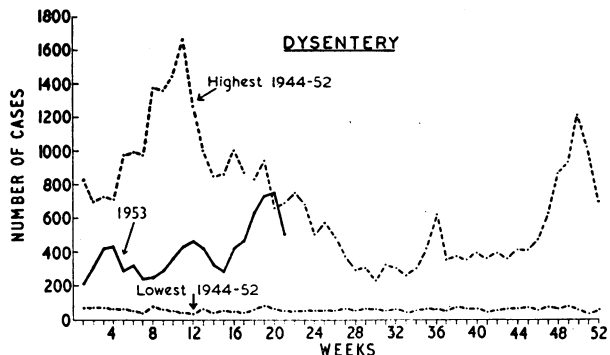
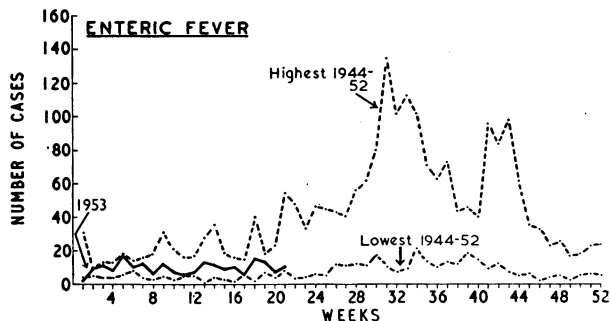
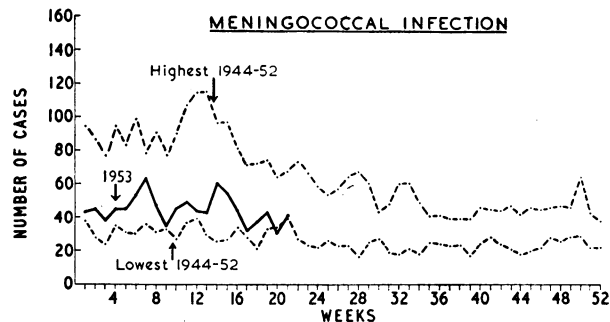
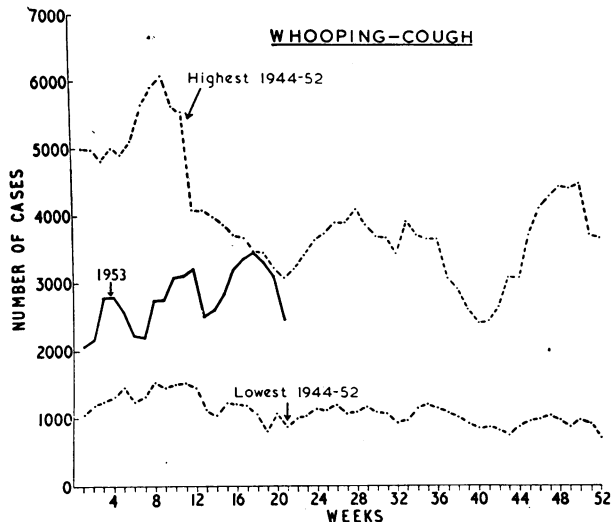
The largest declines in the incidence of measles were 135 in Lancashire, from 1,627 to 1,492, and 106 in Essex, from 311 to 205. The largest exception to the general fall in incidence was an increase of 70 in the number of notifications of measles in Cornwall, from 235 to 305. The largest falls in the number of notifications of whooping-cough were 131 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 283 to 152, 111 in Lancashire, from 388 to 277, and 61 in Warwickshire, from 189 to 128. Small falls in the incidence of scarlet fever were recorded in most areas; the largest fall was 42 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 136 to 94. 21 cases of diphtheria were notified, 2 more than in the preceding week. No changes of any size occurred in the local returns of diphtheria.

The seasonal rise in the incidence of acute poliomyelitis appears to have begun. 52 cases were notified during the week; these were 8 more for paralytic and 15 more for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The increased incidence was confined to the southern section of the country. In the combined area of London, the south-east, south-west, and south midland counties 38 cases were recorded as compared with 14 in the previous week. The largest returns were London 7 (Hampstead 2, Lewisham 2), Kent 7 (Beckenham M.B. 2, Chislehurst and Sidcup U.D. 2), Wiltshire 7 (Pewsey R.D. 4, Warminster and Westbury R.D. 2), and Surrey 6 (Croydon C.B. 2, Richmond M.B. 2).

The largest centres of dysentery were Middlesex 84 (Edmonton M.B. 22, Tottenham M.B. 15, Southgate M.B. 11), London 65 (Chelsea 13, Westminster 10), Lancashire 57 (Liverpool C.B. 22), Bedfordshire 38 (Luton M.B. 20), Yorkshire West Riding 37 (Leeds C.B. 18), Durham 35 (Stanley U.D. 31), Essex 29, and Norfolk 26 (Great Yarmouth C.B. 14).

### Graphs of Infectious Diseases

The graphs below show the uncorrected numbers of cases of certain diseases notified weekly in England and Wales. Highest and lowest figures reported in each week during the nine years 1944-52 are shown thus -----, the figures for 1953 thus ————. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1953, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



### Week Ending June 6

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included scarlet fever 758, whooping-cough 2,371, diphtheria 10, measles 8,726, acute poliomyelitis 51, dysentery 397, paratyphoid fever 6, and typhoid fever 0.

## The Services

The following appointment and mentions in dispatches are included in the Coronation Honours List in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Korea, during the period July 1, 1952, to February 28, 1953:

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Major (temporary) D. K. Tucker, R.A.M.C.

*Mentioned in Dispatches.*—Captain P. G. J. Duncan and Lieutenant (now Captain) M. J. Scott, R.A.M.C.

The Coronation Honours List includes the name of Acting Wing Commander K. Bazarnik, M.B., Ch.B., R.A.F., who has been awarded the Air Force Cross.

The following appointments and mentions in dispatches have been announced in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Malaya during the period July 1 to December 31, 1952:

*C.B.E. (Military Division).*—Brigadier C. W. Greenway and Colonel W. D. Hughes, late R.A.M.C.

*M.B.E. (Military Division).*—Major (Temporary) T. M. Robinson, R.A.M.C.

*Mentioned in Dispatches.*—Lieutenant-Colonels (temporary) W. M. Stewart and R. M. Vanreenan, Major (temporary) B. J. Mahoney, and Captains F. J. Brunton, W. A. Duncan, and L. Yearham, R.A.M.C.

Nigeria, was omitted from the medical Coronation Honours published in the *Journal* of June 13 (p. 1328). Dr. Bruce-Chwatt was appointed O.B.E. (Civil Division).

**Dr. Max Behr**, formerly in practice in Kiel and London as an E.N.T. surgeon, has had his degree of Doctor of Medicine renewed by Bonn University, Western Germany, on the 50th anniversary of his graduation. This is a rare honour. Dr. Behr is now 75 years old.

### COMING EVENTS

**Concert to Aid Poliomyelitis Research.**—A concert in aid of the National Fund for Poliomyelitis Research is to be given by the London Baroque Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall on June 28 at 3 p.m. The conductor will be Karl Haas, and the soloists are Irene Kohler (pianoforte) and Sylvia Fisher (soprano). Tickets (prices from 21s. to 3s. 6d.) may be obtained from the Royal Festival Hall Box Office. Tel. Waterloo 3191.

**Oxford Graduates Medical Club.**—The Summer Dinner will be held in Queen's College, Oxford, on July 10 at 7 p.m. Dr. C. G. Douglas, F.R.S., will be in the chair. Tickets (price 2 guineas) may be obtained before July 4 from Mr. Selwyn Taylor, 3, Roedean Crescent, Roehampton, S.W.15.

**Postgraduate Symposium at Cambridge.**—A symposium on diseases of the ear, nose, and throat and diseases of the eye, organized by the Cambridge University Medical School, will be held at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, on June 27 at 10.30 a.m. Those wishing to attend the symposium are asked to notify the secretary of the Medical School, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, as soon as possible.

**Faculty of Radiologists.**—The annual meeting will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons on July 3 and 4. During the meeting Dr. S. Cochrane Shanks will deliver the Skinner Lecture, taking as his subject "Radiology in Relation to Medicine." Further details may be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Faculty, 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

**Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital.**—The general meeting of the subscribers to the Princess Tsahai Memorial Hospital Fund will be held at Tuke Hall, Bedford College, Regent's Park, on July 7 at 3 p.m. After the meeting a garden party will be held in the grounds of "The Holme," which adjoins Tuke Hall, by kind permission of the Governors of the College. A film of the opening of the hospital will also be shown.

**Genetics.**—The ninth International Congress of Genetics will be held at Bellagio, Italy, from August 24 to 31.

**The 1954 Health Congress** of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held at Scarborough from April 27 to 30.

### NEW ISSUES

**Thorax.**—The next issue (Vol. 8, No. 2) will be available in a week's time. The contents include:

- THE OESOPHAGUS LINED WITH GASTRIC MUCOUS MEMBRANE. P. R. Allison and A. S. Johnstone.
- ATRESIA OF THE OESOPHAGUS WITH AN ABNORMAL TRACHEAL FOLD. R. H. Franklin and A. J. P. Graham.
- THE PROGNOSIS FOR THE CONTRALATERAL LUNG AFTER RESECTION FOR PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS. M. R. Geake and F. H. Young.
- THORACOPLASTY AND CONTRALATERAL PNEUMOTHORAX. R. Abbey Smith.
- A LONG-TERM FOLLOW-UP OF THORACOPLASTY CASES. F. Ronald Edwards, G. Leggat, and H. Morrison Davies.
- A NEW APPROACH TO PULMONARY EMPHYSEMA. Osler A. Abbott, William A. Hopkins, William E. Van Fleit, and Joe S. Robinson.
- A CASE OF UNILATERAL PULMONARY EMPHYSEMA. Paul R. Swyer and G. C. W. James.
- DEATHS FROM ASTHMA IN ENGLAND AND WALES. D. A. Williams.
- CYSTIC ENLARGEMENT OF THE MUCOUS GLANDS OF THE BRONCHUS ASSOCIATED WITH CHRONIC BRONCHITIS. A. Duprez and R. Mampuy.
- LOCALIZED BILHARZIAL GRANULOMA OF THE LUNG SIMULATING A TUMOUR. S. H. El Mallah and M. Hashem.
- THE BLOOD SUPPLY OF MALIGNANT PULMONARY NEOPLASMS. L. Cudkowiec and J. B. Armstrong.
- CHORIOCARCINOMA ARISING IN THE MALE MEDIASTINUM. M. J. G. Lynch and G. L. Blewett.
- A CASE OF RETROSTERNAL DIAPHRAGMATIC HERNIA. R. Warwick-Brown.
- HAEMOPTYSIS AS AN INDICATION FOR BRONCHOSCOPY. S. J. Mac Hale.

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### SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

#### Monday, June 22

- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. W. Ritchie Russell: Poliomyelitis.
- ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Professor T. Nicol: Applied Anatomy of the Orbit.

#### Tuesday, June 23

- ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5 p.m., Miss Iris Kane: White Pupil and its Differential Diagnosis.
- SOCIETY FOR ENDOCRINOLOGY.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. Charles Huggins (Chicago): Prostatic Glands as Targets for Steroids.

#### Wednesday, June 24

- BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., Dr. W. Mayer-Gross: Problem of the Symptomatic Psychoses.
- BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SPORT AND MEDICINE.—At Westminster Medical School, 5 p.m., discussion to be opened by Sir Adolphe Abrahams and Dr. A. P. McEldowney: Doping of Athletes.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Parapsoriasis, Poikiloderma, and Mycosis Fungoides.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. E. F. Gale: Mode of Action of Antibacterial Agents.

#### Thursday, June 25

- HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—3 p.m., Mr. A. J. Gardham: Difficulty in Swallowing; 4.15 p.m., Dr. Phyllis Wade: Radiotherapy in the Management of Thyroid Diseases.
- INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5 p.m., Dr. W. C. Davison (North Carolina): Childhood Cancer.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Subcutaneous Mycotic Infections.
- INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor B. Gusic (University of Zagreb): Pathological Changes in the Blood Vessels and Nerves of the Oesophagus due to Corrosion.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Colonel W. R. M. Drew, R.A.M.C.: Recent Advances in Malarial Problems.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Ophthalmology Lecture by Professor Arnold Sorsby: The New Antibiotics.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY.—At Physiology Theatre, 4.45 p.m., Professor J. H. Quastel (Montreal): Action of Drugs on Enzyme Systems.
- WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Apothecaries Hall, Annual Banquet.

#### Friday, June 26

- INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., discussion for general practitioners by Mr. A. Radcliffe: Chronic Rhinitis.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. C. E. Dent: Diagnosis of Hyper-parathyroidism.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Professor L. J. Wits: Splenomegaly and Splenectomy.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

- Budden.**—On April 6, 1953, at Woking Maternity Hospital, Surrey, to Dorothy (formerly Thompson), wife of Dr. Frank Budden, a brother for Margaret—Andrew Frank.
- Falconer.**—On May 15, 1953, at the Royal Infirmary, Perth, to Mary, wife of Dr. T. C. Falconer, of Skegness, Lincs, late of Alloa, a son.
- Hume.**—At St. David's Hospital, Cardiff, to Rosamond (formerly Hyslop), wife of Dr. Michael Hume, a son—Charles Robert.
- Johnson.**—On June 8, 1953, at Romsey Hospital, to Katherine (formerly Broadfoot), wife of Dr. Peter Johnson, of Linden House Cottage, Romsey, Hants, a son.
- Laing.**—On June 4, 1953, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, W., to Betty Patricia, wife of Dr. Basil S. Laing, a son—Simon Cluny.
- Schofield.**—On May 22, 1953, to Anne (formerly Davies), M.B., Ch.B., wife of Graham Schofield, M.B., F.R.C.S., 30, St. Alban's Road, Edinburgh, a daughter—Janet Gillespie.

#### MARRIAGES

- Nicholas—Blackburn.**—On June 13, 1953, at St. James's Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, Arthur Stuart Nicholas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Manchester, Lancs, to Barbara Blackburn, of Chorley, Lancs.

#### DEATHS

- Baker.**—On May 16, 1953, Frederick Charles Joseph Baker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Neston, Radden Stile Lane, Exmouth, Devon.
- Carse.**—On May 15, 1953, at "Foxbury," Dorking, Surrey, Garfield Carse, M.B., B.S., of 7, Devonshire Street, London, W.
- Currie.**—On May 12, 1953, James Scott Currie, M.B., Ch.B., of Salford, Somerset.
- Henderson.**—On May 11, 1953, at "Brynmore," Southbourne Road, Bournemouth, Hants, Robert George Henderson, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., aged 81.
- Rose.**—On April 28, 1953, Leonard Mortimer Rose, B.M., M.R.C.P., of Woodside, Green Lane, Baidon, Yorks, aged 32.
- Rowcroft.**—On April 26, 1953, at Coonoor, South India, George Francis Rowcroft, D.S.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Colonel, Indian Army, retired, aged 91.
- Shaw.**—On May 2, 1953, at 4, Palace Gardens Mansions, London, W., Evan Alan Sivel Shaw, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.
- Smith.**—On May 1, 1953, Armstrong Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
- Thompson.**—On May 3, 1953, at Mill Lawn House, Burley, Ringwood, Hants, Charles Gurney Thompson, M.B., C.M., aged 86.
- Wade.**—On May 5, 1953, at The Driftway, Copthorne, Sussex, Albert Holland Wade, L.M.S.S.A., aged 91.
- Wight.**—On May 4, 1953, at Bank Place House, Leslie, Fife, Adam Ramsay Wight, M.B., C.M., J.P.
- Williams.**—On April 27, 1953, at Ferring, Sussex, Arthur Harold Williams, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Worcester, aged 84.