

busy practice and took infinite pains with all her patients. Her bright and happy disposition never failed to bring comfort to all who came under her care. Miss Nesbitt was a skilled pianist, but her chief recreation was golf, a game she took up after the war, and to she devoted the same keenness and enthusiasm which characterized her work. She won the trophy of the City of Edinburgh Branch of the British Medical Association on two occasions and the Notts Ladies' Challenge Cup at the Annual Meetings of the B.M.A. in 1949 and 1950. Her husband, Mr. C. R. Duncan Leeds, won the Treasurer's Cup in the latter year, and this was possibly a unique event in the history of these competitions. To Mr. Duncan Leeds, who is an ophthalmic surgeon in Edinburgh, we offer our sincere sympathy in his loss.

Medico-Legal

DIABETIC MOTORIST ACQUITTED

Salford's stipendiary magistrate, Mr. Leslie Walsh, gave his reserved judgment on January 8 in the case of Robert Geoffrey Healey, 28, of Heywood, Lancs, who had pleaded not guilty to driving his car under the influence of a drug and dangerous driving.

The alleged offences occurred, said the Stipendiary, when Healey's car was involved in an accident in Bury New Road, Salford, on November 7, 1953. Police said that Healey's car ran backwards into a bus and then shot forward and collided with a van. The magistrate said that Healey suffered from diabetes and was treated with insulin. On the day of the accident he attended a diabetic clinic in Manchester and was seen by a doctor. He left the clinic and was later involved in the accident in circumstances which prima facie showed dangerous driving. Medical evidence was given, which was not contradicted, that his condition—hypoglycaemia—could occur without the defendant knowing about it.

"It is clear from the medical evidence," he continued, "that hypoglycaemia could arise without premonitory symptoms, and I am satisfied that Healey had no warning of the attack. In these circumstances the issue on dangerous driving is covered by a High Court ruling on motorists suddenly attacked by an illness which incapacitates them. I find that he was not guilty of dangerous driving. As for the charge of driving under the influence of a drug, I think that this section of the Act was never intended to cover such cases. The condition of hypoglycaemia could be caused in a diabetic by other factors than insulin, such as extra exertion, worry, or exasperation. As I am satisfied that Healey took only his normal dose of insulin on the day in question, and had never previously suffered ill effects as the result of that dose, I am not satisfied that he was under the influence of insulin at the time of this accident. Before the accident he was seen by a doctor, when his condition was normal. The charge will therefore be dismissed."

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Theodore Williams Scholarship in Pathology for 1953 has been awarded to Antony Babington Herring.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Dr. W. E. Hick has been appointed Reader in Experimental Psychology from October 1, 1953.

The following degrees were conferred on November 28, 1953:
M.D.—M. G. Thorne, J. K. Wagstaff.
Sc.D.—Kenneth Bailey, Ph.D., F.R.S.

The Raymond Horton-Smith Prize for 1952-3 has been awarded to Dr. John Perrin and Dr. Ernest Keith Westlake (equal).

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The degrees of M.B., B.S. were awarded to D. D. J. Rees on October 21, 1953, the date to be inscribed on the diploma to be June 25, 1952.

The following candidates at the Institute of Psychiatry have been approved at the examinations indicated:

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—G. F. Vaughan, Lorna Wheelan. Part I: R. H. Gosling, W. A. Kennedy, J. Pisani, N. H. Rathod.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

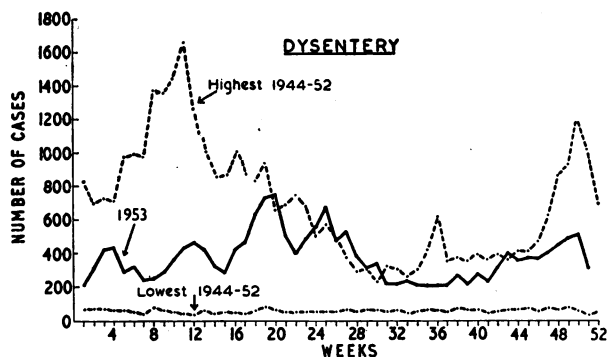
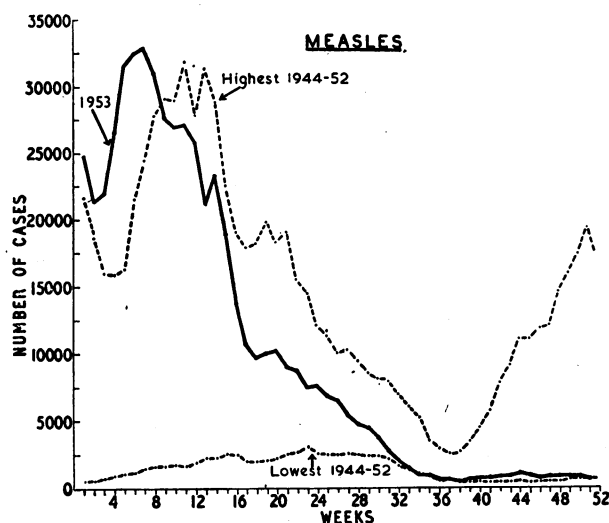
The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

FINAL M.B., CH.B.—Sheila Berry, J. K. Bleasdale, C. Booth, Margaret A. Broughton, J. W. Chamberlain, G. H. H. Dwyer, Pauline R. Dyckhoff, G. Gold, L. Goldie, A. Greenbaum, Mabel L. Haigh, Daphne J. Hall, F. Heyworth, J. Johnson, J. B. Jones, L. K. Levens, J. S. Lord, F. G. Lucas, Jean McCracken, C. Mawdsley, V. B. Maxwell, F. W. Murphy, W. C. Newport, J. Parkin, L. Reece, Eve M. Roper, J. G. B. Russell, Ruth M. Sellers, Joan E. Singleton, J. N. Standring, A. O. F. Stuart, A. T. Thompson, S. T. Whitehead.

Vital Statistics

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.



108, Whitfield Street, London, W.1, on Thursday, February 4, at 2.30 p.m. Admission free, but tickets must be obtained in advance.

Fifth International Congress on Mental Health.—The congress will be held in Toronto from August 14 to 21, and the theme will be "Mental Health in Public Affairs." Further information may be obtained from 111, St. George Street, The Congress Office, Toronto, Canada.

NEW ISSUES

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases.—The next issue (Vol. 12, No. 4, December, 1953) will be available in a week's time. The contents include:

ARTHRIMYODYSPLASIA CONGENITA. Philip Elman and F. Parkes Weber. .
PULMONARY LESIONS OF DISSEMINATED LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS. S. I. Rapoport, L. Meister, F. M. Steele, and S. R. Caniglia.
PRODUCTION OF AKHRITIS IN THYROPARATHYROIDECTOMIZED RAT BY INJECTIONS OF DEOXYCORTONE ACETATE. R. G. Harrison and T. J. Barnett.
FINGER CONTRACTURES DUE TO TENDON LESIONS AS A MODE OF PRESENTATION OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. B. M. Ansell and E. G. L. Bywaters.
RESTORATION OF KNEE JOINT FUNCTION IN CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. Robert L. Preston.
EFFECT OF ACTH AND SODIUM SALICYLATE ON THE URINARY URIC ACID: CREATININE RATIO, AND CIRCULATORY EOSINOPHILS IN MAN. F. G. W. Marson.
COLLAGEN DISEASE COMPLICATING MALIGNANCY. John Lansbury.
RHEUMATIC DISEASES IN DENMARK. K. Kalbak.
EPIDEMIOLOGY OF RHEUMATIC FEVER IN A RURAL DISTRICT IN ITALY. A. Poppi, G. Labo, G. Lenzi, and L. Rosa.
INCIDENCE OF REFLEX SYMPATHETIC DYSTROPHY OF THE UPPER EXTREMITY. Veikko A. I. Laine.

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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, January 18

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At the Mansion House, 8.30 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Dr. George Crile (Cleveland, Ohio): Under Southern Seas.
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Care and Treatment of the Squinting Child.

Tuesday, January 19

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Professor G. R. Cameron, F.R.S.: Tissue Repair.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. W. N. Goldsmith: Vegetating Dermatoses.
LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Meverstein Theatre, Westminster Medical School, 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in medicine by Dr. George Crile (Cleveland, Ohio): Medical Treatment of Hyperthyroidism and Thyroiditis.
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Dr. B. S. Cardell: Pathology of the Ocular Melanomas.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Professor W. I. C. Morris: Complete Perineal Tear.
SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.—At 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m., Dr. J. H. Gould: Biochemical Detoxication in the Treatment of Alcoholism; Lady Frankau: Vitamins Plus Subconvulsive Therapy in the Treatment of Long-standing Alcoholism.
SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, 8.30 p.m., Dr. W. D. W. Brooks: Aetiology and Treatment of Bronchitis (illustrated by lantern slides).

Wednesday, January 20

EUGENICS SOCIETY.—At Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. Spencer, Ph.D.: Delinquent Behaviour: Some Unanswered Questions.
HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8.15 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. Tom Hare: The Tudor Ancestors of Dr. William Harvey.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Clefts, Vesicles, and Bullae.
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. R. Ogier Ward: Stone in the Ureter.
● LONDON UNIVERSITY: DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES AND ATOMIC SCIENTISTS' ASSOCIATION.—At Beveridge Hall, Senate House, 7 p.m., Sir John D. Cockcroft, F.R.S.: Atomic Research at Harwell.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Edgeware General Hospital, 3 p.m., clinical meeting, Dr. G. S. C. Sowry: The Inheritance of Essential Hypertension; coloured film by Dr. G. Riddell Royston: A Case of Scurvy.
MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 8.15 p.m., joint meeting with Junior Legal Club, Birmingham Law Society.
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS ASSOCIATION, LTD.—At Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, W.C., 7 p.m., Mr. R. Rowden Foote: Varicose Veins (with coloured film).
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Mervinhan Lecture by Dr. George Crile (Cleveland, Ohio): Treatment of Diseases of the Thyroid Gland.
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Mr. L. H. Savin: Ophthalmic Operations and Their Indications (4).
SOCIETY FOR ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY.—At Institution of Electrical Engineers, 6 p.m., joint meeting with Royal Institute of Chemistry. Subject: Determination of Alcohol in Blood and Urine. Paper by Dr. D. W. Kent-Jones, Ph.D., F.R.I.C., and Mr. G. Taylor, F.R.I.C.
SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS.—At Institution of Electrical Engineers, 6 p.m., joint meeting with Royal Institute of Chemistry. Subject: Determination of Alcohol in Blood and Urine. Paper by Dr. D. W. Kent-Jones, Ph.D., F.R.I.C., and Mr. G. Taylor, F.R.I.C.

Thursday, January 21

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. D. D. Reid: Design of Clinical Experiments.
EDINBURGH CLINICAL CLUB.—At 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, 8 p.m., Dr. E. H. Cameron: Ophthalmology in General Practice.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Glasgow University Union, 7.30 p.m., Honorary Presidential Address by Professor R. A. Lennie.
● INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Miss B. C. Marshall: Handling of the Family in Mental Deficiency.
LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8 p.m., demonstration of cases of pathological interest.
LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m., films: (1) Early Diagnosis of Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis; (2) Industrial Dermatitis; (3) Venomous Snakes—Medical Aspects.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Ophthalmology Lecture by Professor Arnold Sorsby: Abiotrophy.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—7.30 p.m., Lieutenant-Colonel A. K. Brown, R.A.M.C., and Dr. A. Knudsen: Acute Haemorrhagic Fever—Clinical and Pathological Aspects. A discussion will follow.
ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department, Dundee, 5 p.m., Dr. Macdonald Critchley: Parietal Symptomatology.
ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., psychiatry demonstration by Dr. M. Partridge.

Friday, January 22

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. W. N. Goldsmith: Vegetating Dermatoses.
LEEDS AND WEST RIDING MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—7.30 p.m., pathological meeting.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Professor Henry Barcroft, F.R.S.: Sympathetic Control of Human Blood Vessels.
ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, Edinburgh.—8 p.m., Professor J. W. Crofton: Tuberculosis: Scotland's Problem.
ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.—At Town Hall, Slough, 10 a.m., Symposium on Industrial Health. Miss E. Schofield: Factory Law and Health; Dr. A. A. Eaggar: Slough Industrial Health Service and Area Services; Dr. M. E. M. Herford: The Appointed Factory Doctor—Possible Developments; Dr. E. Hughes: The View of a Medical Officer of Health.

Saturday, January 23

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF ALLERGISTS.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 11 a.m., Professor G. Payling Wright: Fate of Injected Soluble Antigens; 11.40 a.m., Dr. J. H. Humphrey: Participation of Formed Elements of the Blood in Experimental Allergic Reactions; 2.30 p.m., Dr. J. G. Cunningham: The Actions to Ethylenediamine Tartrate in Industry; 3 p.m., Dr. H. Wyres: Some Unusual Industrial Sensitivities; 3.30 p.m., Dr. P. B. S. Fowler: Printers' Asthma.

APPOINTMENTS

CURRAN, A. P., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health and Deputy School Medical Officer, County Borough of West Ham.
GRAY, DAVID KEMPSON, M.B., B.S., Resident Aural Registrar, The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.
LIVERPOOL REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—R. D. Holston, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Part-time Consultant Physician to Hospitals in North Wirral Area; P. M. O'Flanagan, L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.P.M., Whole-time Consultant Psychiatrist to Winwick Hospital; A. H. Bruce, F.R.F.P.S., M.M.S.A., D.A., Part-time Consultant Anaesthetist to Central Wirral and Chester Areas.
STARK, VIDA J. McF., M.D., D.P.H., Senior Medical Officer (Maternity and Child Welfare), Liverpool Public Health Department.
YOUNG, WILLIAM C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.P.A., Medical Officer of Health, Burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Crane.—On January 3, 1954, to Dr. Nest Crane (formerly Llewelin), wife of Dr. J. E. Crane, Carmarthen, a son—David Llewelin.
Fox.—On October 14, 1952, to Rosemary (formerly Wilson), M.B., B.S., D.P.H., wife of Percy Francis Fox, of Melsetter, Southern Rhodesia, twin daughters—Annabelle and Philippa, and on December 27, 1953, a son—Timothy.
Smith.—On December 1, 1953, at Leeds, Yorks, to Kathleen (formerly Turner), M.B., B.S., wife of Irvine Smith, F.R.C.S., a daughter—Dorothy Battinson.

DEATHS

Butler.—On December 16, 1953, at 2, Whybourne Crescent, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, George Guy Butler, M.B.E., M.D.
Dargan.—On December 14, 1953, at his home, Inglenook, Upper Clarendon Road, St. Helier, Jersey, Patrick Arthur Dargan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., retired, aged 69.
Dew.—On December 15, 1953, at Cotlands, Wimbleshurst Road, Horsham, Sussex, John Wescott Dew, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., aged 66.
Fothergill.—On December 17, 1953, at 65, Bromley Road, Beckenham, Kent, Arthur Fothergill, M.D.
Heller.—On December 6, 1953, at 1, Ivywell Road, Bristol, Joseph Heller, M.D., aged 79.
Higgins.—On December 11, 1953, at his home, Nazareth Cottage, Monkstown, Co. Cork, Eire, John Higgins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Colonel, late R.A.M.C., retired.
Jones.—On December 11, 1953, at Willesborough Hospital, Ashford, Kent, Murray Parry Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired, of Wye, Kent, aged 81.
Kelly.—On December 20, 1953, at Harman's Cross, Swanage, Dorset, Harry Beatty Kelly, D.S.O., M.B., B.Ch., Colonel, late R.A.M.C., retired.
Stephen.—On December 12, 1953, Karin Stephen, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 1, Upper Harley Street, London, N.W., aged 64.
Welch.—On December 12, 1953, at Dalesford, Hartley, Longfield, Kent, Frederick Day Welch, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 75.