

Industrial Health Survey

Mr. A. BLENKINSOP (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, East, Lab.) asked the Minister of Labour on December 21 whether he was satisfied that the Advisory Committee on Industrial Health would have all the powers and resources necessary to enable them to carry out an effective survey, so as to make clear the main deficiencies of the existing health provisions in industry. Mr. HAROLD WATKINSON, the Parliamentary Secretary, stated that the committee would be an advisory body. The scheme for the development of industrial health services, including any necessary surveys, would be carried out through the Factory Inspectorate, which possessed wide powers under the Factories Acts. Mr. BLENKINSOP asked if the Minister was satisfied that they had powers to inspect conditions in some of the smaller factories, where there was most need. Mr. WATKINSON pointed out that the committee was only working at the moment on premises which came under the Factories Acts.

Mr. BLENKINSOP asked if the Minister had completed his discussions with interested bodies on the composition of the advisory committee and whether he had agreed to the inclusion of persons with experience of local government work. Mr. WATKINSON said "No." Further requests for membership of the committee had been received, and the whole subject was still under consideration. Mr. BLENKINSOP pressed the Minister to give public health authorities some place on this committee in view of their heavy responsibilities. It was fantastic, he said, not to include representation from this important section. Mr. WATKINSON replied that local authorities had only limited responsibility in industrial health. That did not prejudice the Minister's decision, which had yet to be taken.

Clinical Experiments

Mr. S. SWINGLER (Newcastle-under-Lyme, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health to what extent clinical experiments were being carried out in hospitals under the regional hospital boards; what regulations governed the conditions of such experiments; and on whose authority, and under what circumstances, clinical experiments on infants in hospital, such as that to which his attention had been drawn, were permitted to be carried out. Miss PAT HORNSBY-SMITH, the Parliamentary Secretary, replying on December 20, stated that hospital authorities were given power to conduct research by Section 16 of the National Health Service Act, 1946. Individual clinical investigations were undertaken on the authority of the clinician in charge of the case, and the Minister had not complete knowledge of the extent of all the work in progress at hospitals. Such investigations involved medical and ethical problems which were not susceptible of control by regulations.

Universities and Colleges**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

The Raymond Horton-Smith Prize for 1953-4 has been awarded to Dr. P. A. G. Monro.

In Congregation on November 13 the following degrees were awarded:

M.A.—W. E. Hick, M.D., Reader in Experimental Psychology; Bernard Towers, M.B., Ch.B., University Demonstrator in Anatomy; Christopher Parish, F.R.C.S., Associate Lecturer in Thoracic Surgery; L. M. Rouillard, F.R.C.S.Ed., Associate Lecturer in Plastic Surgery.

M.B., B.Chir.—P. Gortval.

M.B.—*E. Burkinshaw.

Dr. A. P. Waterson has been elected into a Research Fellowship at Emmanuel College.

*By proxy.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

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

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY.—Section D: Patricia, M. Bannister, H. R. Beech, Marian Black, Genevieve L. Castrodale, Esther R. Gotsstein, D. Hall, J. H. G. Hewlett, V. F. W. Newham.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending **December 11** (No. 49) and corresponding week 1953.

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	1954					1953				
	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria	15	0	8	0		28	1	3	0	1
Dysentery	357	67	165	7		362	61	177	3	1
Encephalitis, acute	1	0		0		6	1	0	1	
Enteric fever: Typhoid	2	2	4	0		2	0	0	0	
Paratyphoid ..	7	1	0	0		9	0	0	0	
Food-poisoning ..	134	11		0		132	23		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years				11	16				16	19
Measles*	6,298	473	493	312	61	793	15	38	16	99
Meningococcal infection	21	0	6	0	3	36	2	9	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum	30	6	3	0		25	2	5	0	
Pneumonia† ..	768	49	212	4	3	583	41	183	8	4
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic	30	2				54	3			
Non-paralytic ..	13	2		11	1	34	4		17	2
Puerperal fever‡ ..	214	33	6	1		223	38	13	3	2
Scarlet fever ..	709	39	151	66	37	1,613	85	268	46	74
Tuberculosis: Respiratory	723	85	134	51				123	23	
Non-respiratory ..	85	13	22	11				22	3	
Whooping-cough ..	2,047	123	165	25	56	2,510	106	318	68	81

DEATHS in Great Towns	1954					1953				
	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	1	0		0		0	0	1	0	
Encephalitis, acute ..		0			0		1			0
Enteric fever	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	5	0	0	1	1	6	1	3	1	0
Influenza	56	5	1	0	0	11	1	1	0	1
Measles		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Meningococcal infection		0	0				1	2		
Pneumonia	301	43	19	8	12	237	31	28	9	5
Poliomyelitis, acute	2	1			0	3	0			0
Scarlet fever		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory	112	18	18	1	3	87	10	16	1	6
Non-respiratory ..		0	20	0	1		0	1	2	1
Whooping-cough ..	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	226	32	23	6	12	215	28	29	9	25
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	5,703	762	589	110	189	5,165	728	561	88	187
LIVE BIRTHS ..	6,646	999	798	200	311	6,918	1036	814	210	321
STILLBIRTHS ..	186	25	24			182	21	18		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

coming into force on January 1. The provisions relating to insulin under the Therapeutic Substances Regulations, 1952, have also been amended.

At the Swedish National Medical Congress in Stockholm last month a new Swedish vaccine against poliomyelitis was announced. It is reported to be less likely to give rise to allergic reactions than the corresponding American product.

The inaugural meeting of the Polarographic Society was held in London recently. The society is open to all interested in polarography. The secretary is Mrs. B. LAMB, 25, Grittleton Avenue, Wembley.

COMING EVENTS

Institute of Diseases of the Chest.—Open clinical demonstrations on various aspects of chest disease are given on Fridays at 5 p.m. in the lecture room of the Institute (in the grounds of the Brompton Hospital, Fulham Road, London, S.W.3). These demonstrations are intended for candidates for higher qualifications. They are open without fee to medical practitioners on signing the attendance book. The next series will begin on January 7 and end on April 1.

London County Medical Society.—Annual dinner on January 18 at the Talbot Restaurant, 64, London Wall, London, E.C.2, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Dr. ROBERT FORBES, secretary of the Medical Defence Union, will speak on "Recent Developments in Medical Litigation." Tickets 11s. 6d., from Dr. A. M. RAMSAY, Royal Free Hospital, Lawn Road, London, N.W.3.

Israeli Scientific Publications.—The exhibition at the Consulate of Israel, 18, Manchester Square, London, W.1, will remain open until January 7.

Goulstonian Lectures.—Dr. G. M. BULL will lecture at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East, at 5 p.m. on January 18 and 20 on "The Uraemias."

Pan American Congress of Ophthalmology.—Fifth congress in Santiago, Chile, January 15–22, 1956. Details from Dr. RENE CONTARDO, Huerfanos 930—Of. 74, Santiago, Chile.

Association of Industrial Medical Officers.—The association will be celebrating the 21st anniversary of its foundation by holding a special anniversary meeting in London from September 25 to 29, 1956.

NEW ISSUES

Archives of Disease in Childhood.—The next issue (Vol. 29, No. 148) is now available. The contents include:

- IDIOPATHIC HYPERCALCAEMIA IN AN INFANT. I. M. P. Dawson, W. S. Craig, and J. J. C. Perera.
THE INVESTIGATION OF A LARGE FAMILY AFFECTED WITH VON WILLEBRAND'S DISEASE. J. C. W. MacFarlane and M. J. Simpkins.
NORMAL RENAL FUNCTION IN THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF LIFE. R. A. McCance and E. M. Widdowson.
THE INFLUENCE OF EVENTS DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS IN UTERO ON TISSUE DESTRUCTION AND RENAL FUNCTION IN THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF INDEPENDENT LIFE. R. A. McCance and E. M. Widdowson.
PROGNOSIS IN IDIOPATHIC THROMBOCYTOPENIC PURPURA OF CHILDHOOD. G. M. Komfower and G. H. Watson.
CHRONIC GENERALIZED OEDEMA AND HYPOPROTEINAEMIA OF OBSCURE ORIGIN. R. S. Illingworth and E. Finch.
TEMPORARY GENERALIZED OEDEMA OF OBSCURE ORIGIN. R. S. Illingworth and E. Finch.
COLLOIDION SKIN OF THE NEWBORN. O. D. Fisher and Kathleen G. McKee.
CONTROL OF THE BLOOD SUGAR LEVEL IN THE NEONATAL PERIOD. James W. Farquhar.
FIVE CASES OF ACUTE INFECTIVE POLYNEURITIS (GUILLAIN-BARRÉ SYNDROME) IN CHILDREN. Pamela Aylett.
THE TREATMENT OF TICS IN CHILDHOOD. David M. Zausmer.
THE RETINOPATHY OF PREMATURITY. J. D. Keir and G. I. Scott.
A CONTROLLED INVESTIGATION ON THE EFFECT OF DIET ON ACUTE NEPHRITIS. R. S. Illingworth, M. G. Philpott, and John Rendle-Short.
TRICHOBEZOAR. F. C. Friedlander and P. Kushlick.
RADIOIODINE (I^{131}) IN JUVENILE MYXOEDEMA DUE TO ECTOPIC THYROID TISSUE. E. M. McGirr and James H. Hutchison.
NEONATAL ASCITES ASSOCIATED WITH URETHRAL OBSTRUCTION. N. E. France and E. H. Back.
CHRONIC MYELOGENOUS LEUKAEMIA IN INFANCY. Edward G. Fox and Janet L. P. Hunter.
NON-ENDEMIC GOITROUS CRETINISM. A. D. M. Jackson.
THE TREATMENT OF HYPOPLASTIC ANAEMIA AFTER CHLORAMPHENICOL. R. McLaren Todd.

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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.

Monday, January 3

- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—Fourth of a series of semi-permanent exhibitions from January 3 to 21, by Dr. J. A. Milne, on Histology of Acute Vascular Disease of the Skin.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5 p.m., Sir Geoffrey Jefferson, F.R.S.: Benign and Malignant Tumours of the Gasserian Ganglion.

Tuesday, January 4

- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. L. Forman: Skin Lesions with Deeper Significance.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—3.45 p.m., Erasmus Wilson: Demonstration by Dr. G. D. Lumb: Some Pathological Aspects of Ulcerative Colitis.

Wednesday, January 5

- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Parapsoriasis, Poikiloderma, and Mycosis Fungoides.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor F. C. Ormerod: Indications for the Use of Antibiotics in Otolaryngology.

Thursday, January 6

- ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Centenary Lecture by Dr. Muriel Robertson, F.R.S.: Sir David Bruce—An Appreciation of the Man and His Work (lantern slides).
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Mr. J. M. Potter: Angiomatous Malformations of the Brain: Their Nature and Prognosis.
ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—4.30 p.m., demonstration and discussion of clinical cases.

Friday, January 7

- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. J. E. M. Wigley: Psoriasis.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. J. Smart: Congenital Abnormalities of the Chest.
●ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.—5 p.m., Dr. I. Anderson: Electrolyte Balance.
WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., clinical meeting. Members of the Stratford Division, B.M.A., are invited.

Saturday, January 8

- MIDLAND TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Birmingham Chest Clinic, 3 p.m., Dr. J. Morrison Smith: Polythene Plombage; Dr. P. A. Thorn: Gastrectomy and Tuberculosis; Dr. R. G. May: Some Observations on Segmental and Lobar Opacities in Primary Tuberculosis in Children.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Blend.—On December 18, 1954, at the London Hospital, London E., to Martha, wife of Dr. David Blend, 22, Compton Terrace, London, N., a son—Jonathan William Eliot.

DEATHS

- Bryce.**—On December 13, 1954, at 2, Kennedy Gardens, St. Andrews, Fife, William Henderson Bryce, M.B., C.M.
Cameron.—On December 12, 1954, at Kingston, Jamaica, John Joseph Cameron, M.D., aged 72.
Eunson.—On December 3, 1954, Leonard Harvey Eunson, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., of Dudley Port House, Tipton, Staffs, aged 58.
Goodwin.—On December 15, 1954, Edward Knox Goodwin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 2, Marten Road, Folkestone, Kent, aged 86.
Iles.—On December 12, 1954, at Starcross, Devon, John Hyde Iles, M.B., B.Ch., aged 76.
Saaler.—On December 9, 1954, at Golders Green, London, N.W., Bruno Carl Saaler, M.D., aged 71.
van Someren.—On December 4, 1954, in hospital at Newcastle, Staffs, Gerald Antony van Someren, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., of Mount St. George, Second Avenue, Porthill, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, aged 43.
Wallace.—On December 13, 1954, at Simpsons, Glenalmond, Perth, Alexander Frank Wallace, M.C., M.D., formerly of Northern Rhodesia.
Watson.—On December 13, 1954, at an infirmary, Glasgow, Henry Currie Watson, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., of 187, Neilston Road, Paisley, Renfrewshire.