

as ludicrously inadequate the 30,000 home helps; and suggested that the industrial life offices might use their money and organization to make it easy for everyone while of working age to pay an insurance entitling them to a place in a home when they came to need it. He also criticized the Government's refusal to spend £1m. for a chiropody service for old people while spending £14m. on cheaper tobacco for them.

Lord WISE, among others, opposed the proposal of the Phillips Committee for raising the age at which pensions should be payable. Lord BURDEN said there were hundreds of elderly people in mental hospitals who were there simply because there was nowhere else for them to go and no relatives to look after them. Lord AMULREE emphasized the necessity of finding out in time when an old person was in need of care and attention. The borough in which he worked had a population of 140,000. In the past six months roughly 200 pensioners aged 60 to 65 had applied for admission to hospital. They were the type who in the old days would have gone into the Poor Law hospital rather than the voluntary hospital. Ninety of the 200 were living by themselves. Fifty of the 90 were living comfortably and well. Forty were living in conditions of dirt, squalor, and neglect that one would not have believed possible in 1955. Many of them were starving, but, having had suitable treatment and rehabilitation, they could again take up some kind of normal life. If the same proportion was applied to the rest of the country there must be an enormous reservoir of human misery.

The Earl of SELKIRK, replying for the Government, said the aim should be to enable the aged to remain at work as long as possible, to keep in their own houses, and to ensure that they never felt that they had no further contribution to make. He agreed that the volume of assistance and domiciliary services was not adequate, but they were expanding, and there were many opportunities for voluntary organizations to take a full part. He had been disturbed by what Lord Amulree and other peers had said, and sought to make it clear that anyone who knew of someone needing assistance, financial or otherwise, should inform the National Assistance Board or the local authority.

Thoracic Surgery.—There are four surgeons in the Manchester region exclusively employed on thoracic surgery, representing 0.91 per million estimated population. The figure is lower than that of neighbouring regions (see table on p. 858) and the national average, and the regional board is arranging to improve it.

Leprosy.—In England and Wales there are 164 notified leprosy patients and two special hospitals for them, one near Redhill (Surrey) and the other near Chelmsford (Essex).

Scottish Doctors' Lists.—The average number of patients on doctors' lists in January, 1955, was 1,976, compared with 2,016 in April, 1953, and 2,152 in January, 1952.

Dental Courses.—The number of courses of dental treatment in Scotland, other than emergency extractions and the supply of dentures, increased from 603,000 in 1951 to 715,000 in 1954.

Ancillary Dental Workers.—No extension of the use of ancillary dental workers in any part of the dental services is possible pending further legislation.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The degree of Ph.D. in the Faculty of Medicine was awarded to A. H. Kitchin, M.B., Ch.B. (St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School), on February 1, and to H. H. Khalil (Guy's Hospital Medical School) on February 15.

UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The Council of the University has approved the following changes in status of members of the staff, to take effect from October 1, 1955: Dr. J. N. Mills, Senior Lecturer in Human Physiology; Dr. J. E. Kench, Senior Lecturer in Biochemistry in the Department of Occupational Health; Dr. N. W. Preston, Lecturer in Bacteriology; Mr. D. C. Racker and Mr. C. E. B. Rickards, part-

time Lecturers in Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Dr. Alexander Nicol and Dr. Tom Wade-Evans, Assistant Lecturers in Pathology; Dr. Kenneth Bloor, Assistant Lecturer in Surgery; Dr. D. J. Rose, special Lecturer (part-time) in Mental Deficiency (instead of Mental Diseases); Dr. R. M. Young, Assistant Lecturer (part-time) in Clinical Psychiatry (instead of Mental Diseases).

Vital Statistics

Week Ending March 19

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 839, whooping-cough 1,924, diphtheria 10, measles 29,018, acute pneumonia 980, acute poliomyelitis 13, dysentery 1,816, paratyphoid fever 7, and typhoid fever 2.

Infectious Diseases

The largest variations in the number of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week ending March 12 were increases of 142 for dysentery, from 1,265 to 1,407, 132 for scarlet fever, from 648 to 780, 43 for whooping-cough, from 1,838 to 1,881, and a decrease of 1,132 for measles, from 26,453 to 25,321.

The fall in the incidence of measles was largely confined to the northern and southern sections of the country, while in the midlands substantial increases were recorded. The largest rises in the number of notifications of measles were 346 in Warwickshire, from 1,774 to 2,120, 239 in Middlesex, from 808 to 1,047, 212 in Staffordshire, from 666 to 878, 167 in Essex, from 1,738 to 1,905, 149 in Lincolnshire, from 328 to 477, and 100 in Hertfordshire, from 195 to 295, and the largest falls were 801 in Lancashire, from 2,924 to 2,123, 786 in London, from 3,412 to 2,626, 444 in Kent, from 1,432 to 988, 343 in Derbyshire, from 1,222 to 879, 149 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 3,886 to 3,737, 118 in Northumberland, from 827 to 709, and 117 in Durham, from 925 to 808. No large fluctuations were recorded in the trends of scarlet fever. The largest fluctuation in the trends of whooping-cough was a fall of 44 in Lancashire, from 211 to 167. 9 cases of diphtheria were notified, being 8 fewer than in the preceding week. The only areas with multiple cases were Plymouth C.B. and Hull C.B. with 2 cases each.

11 cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified, and these were 2 fewer for paralytic and 1 fewer for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. Yorkshire West Riding with 3 notifications was the only area with more than 1 case.

The largest rises in the incidence of dysentery were Durham 52, London 49, Leicestershire 40, and Norfolk 30. The chief centres of infection during the week were Lancashire 494 (Blackpool C.B. 108, Oldham C.B. 99, Blackburn C.B. 79, Manchester C.B. 53, Liverpool C.B. 36, Lytham St. Anne's M.B. 18, Royton U.D. 15, Chadderton U.D. 13), Durham 114 (Felling U.D. 28, Easington R.D. 22, Sedgefield R.D. 18), London 113 (Hackney 58, Southwark 11), Northumberland 95 (Morpeth M.B. 23, Newcastle-upon-Tyne C.B. 21, Whitley Bay M.B. 15, Ashington U.D. 13), Norfolk 80 (Norwich C.B. 47, St. Faith's and Aylsham R.D. 13), Leicestershire 76 (Leicester C.B. 58, Wigston U.D. 10), Cheshire 55 (Stockport C.B. 38), Northamptonshire 46 (Northampton C.B. 25, Kettering M.B. 17), Glamorganshire 46 (Cardiff C.B. 24, Swansea C.B. 14), Yorkshire West Riding 45 (Leeds C.B. 23), Lincolnshire 35 (Scunthorpe M.B. 26), Nottinghamshire 23 (East Retford M.B. 10), Staffordshire 22 (Stoke-on-Trent C.B. 10), and Surrey 22.

Graphs of Infectious Diseases

The graphs below show the uncorrected numbers of cases (deaths for influenza) of certain diseases notified weekly in England and Wales (great towns for influenza). Highest and lowest figures reported in each week during the nine years 1946-54 (influenza, 1952-4) are shown thus -----, the

from the honorary secretary, Dr. W. H. McMENEMEY, Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, W.9.

South-West Metropolitan Chest Diseases Group.—Inaugural meeting at 2.30 p.m. on April 23 at St. James' Hospital, Balham (see *Journal*, March 12, p. 677). Sir CLEMENT PRICE THOMAS will speak on "Carcinoma of the Lung."

Concert in Aid of R.M.B.F.—Mr. STEPHEN WEARING will give a pianoforte recital at Oatlands Park Hotel, Weybridge, at 8.30 p.m. on May 6 in aid of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund. Tickets (£1 1s. and 10s. 6d.) from Dr. ROLLO BALLANTYNE, 20, Hersham Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

Congress of French-speaking Endocrinologists.—The third congress will be held in Brussels from June 18 to 20. Details from Professor J. LEDERER, 233, Avenue de Tervueren, Brussels.

International Society of Surgery.—The sixteenth congress will be held in Copenhagen, July 24-31, under the presidency of Professor EVARTS A. GRAHAM (U.S.A.). Two subjects to be discussed will be "The Risks of Surgical Operations" and "Hepatectomy." The congress is open only to members of the society. Surgeons wishing to join should apply to Mr. H. W. S. WRIGHT, F.R.C.S., 9, Weymouth Street, London, W.1, from whom full details may be obtained.

Health Education.—Summer school on "Opportunities and Methods in Health Education," at Reichel Hall, University of North Wales, Bangor, August 16 to 26. Details from Central Council for Health Education, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

International Society for the Study of Biological Rhythm.—Fifth conference at the Karolinska Institute, Stockholm, September 15-17. Main items : "Rhythmic Phenomena in the Nervous System," "Cybernetics," and "Rhythm and Industrial Medicine."

European Haematological Society.—Fifth Congress in Freiburg-im-Breisgau, Germany, September 20-25. Details from Dr. A. PINEY, 152, Harley Street, London, W.1.

Medical Association of South Africa.—The 40th Medical Congress will be held at Pretoria on October 17-22. Details from the Joint Organizing Secretaries, Room 28, Administrative Building, General Hospital, Pretoria.

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, April 4

AUXILIARY ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS FUNDS.—At 11, Chandos Street, W., 5 p.m., annual general meeting.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., lecture-demonstration by Dr. E. Stengel.

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.15 p.m., Mr. H. Osmond-Clarke: Fractures of the Upper End of the Femur; 6.30 p.m., Professor Ian Aird: Management of the Pancreas in Upper Abdominal Surgery.

Tuesday, April 5

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Lister Oration by Mr. V. E. Negus: Comparative Anatomy and Physiology of the Respiratory Tracts in Relation to Clinical Problems.

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—6.15 p.m., Dr. C. E. Dukes: Tumours of the Colon and Rectum.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., neurological demonstration by Dr. C. C. Edwards.

Wednesday, April 6

INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS.—8 p.m., senior clinical conference.

MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, 8.15 p.m., clinical meeting; 9.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.15 p.m., Mr. H. J. B. Atkins: Carcinoma of the Breast; 6.30 p.m., Mr. D. H. Patcy: Mixed Tumours of the Parotid Gland.

ST. MARYLEBONE HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRY AND CHILD GUIDANCE.—5.30 p.m., Dr. F. D. Wrude: Psychoanalysis and General Practice.

SOCIETY FOR VISITING SCIENTISTS, LTD.—7.30 p.m., discussion: Allergy—Current Conceptions. Speakers, Dr. B. N. Halpern, Professor J. R. Marrack, and Dr. J. Pepys.

Thursday, April 7

ALFRED ADLER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11, Chandos Street, W., 8 p.m., Professor Alexander Kennedy: Human Reactions to Danger.

APPOINTMENTS

ANDERSON, NORMAN ERIC WILSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.&H., Group Medical Superintendent, Southern Lanarkshire Hospitals.

BALL, J. D., M.B., M.R.C.P., Physician in Charge of the Miners' Chest Diseases Treatment Centre at Llandough Hospital (United Cardiff Hospitals).

CARROLL, JAMES, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.C.H., District Medical Officer of Health and Assistant County Medical Officer of Health, Burton Latimer, Corby, Desborough and Rothwell Urban Districts and Kettering Rural District.

DREW, CHARLES EDWIN, M.V.O., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Part-time Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, St. George's Hospital, London, S.W.

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—R. H. Gaman, B.M., B.Ch., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist/Medical Superintendent, Risbridge Hospital and Riversfield Home; P. A. H. Clements, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Senior Medical Officer, Board's Headquarters Staff; A. M. Jatoi, M.B., B.S., Surgical Registrar, West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital; L. Essex, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Anaesthetic Registrar, West Norfolk and King's Lynn General Hospital; J. D. Culligan, L.R.C.P.&S.I., Anaesthetic Registrar, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital.

GORDON, RONALD M., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer, Department of Health for Scotland.

HARMAN, JOHN W., M.B., B.Ch., Director of Pathology, St. Kevin's Hospital, Dublin.

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—A. A. Cashmore, M.D., Consultant Child Psychiatrist, Booth Hall Hospital; F. J. Hebbert, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., Consultant Physician in Geriatrics, Blackburn and District Hospitals; B. O'Hare, M.B., B.Ch., D.M.R.D., Assistant Radiologist, Bolton and District Hospitals; H. I. Heffernan, L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.A., Assistant Anaesthetist, Ashton, Hyde, and Glossop Hospitals; D. L. Fox, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist, Lancaster Moor Hospital. All whole-time appointments.

NORTH-WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—P. M. Tow, Ph.D., M.B., B.S., Consultant Psychiatrist, Hill End Hospital; T. H. S. Burns, B.M., B.Ch., F.F.A. R.C.S., Consultant Anaesthetist, Royal Northern Hospital and City of London Maternity Hospital; D. A. Davies, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., Consultant Gynaecologist, St. Mary's Cottage Hospital, Hampton, R. G. Law, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Whittington Hospital, including duties at New End Hospital; W. M. McIntyre, M.D., M.R.C.P.Ed., Consultant Psychiatrist, St. Marylebone Hospital; Dorothea B. I. Halstead, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.C.H., Consultant Anaesthetist, Hounslow Hospital; Betty E. Powe, M.D., D.C.H., Admissions Officer (S.H.M.O.), Central Middlesex Hospital; S. H. Lucas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., Consultant Psychotherapist, Portman Clinic; J. G. Sommerville, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Physician (S.H.M.O.), in Physical Medicine, Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Camden Road, N.W.

PARKEN, DOUGLAS STUART, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Swindon Municipal Borough.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

DEATHS

Ajrekar.—On March 10, 1955, at 319, Aldborough Road, Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex, Mukund Shripad Ajrekar, M.B., B.S., of Poona, India.

Banham.—On March 17, 1955, at 16, King's Drive, Eastbourne, Sussex, Cecil Walter Ramsay Banham, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Hurstmonceux, Sussex, aged 85.

Brand.—On March 18, 1955, at 25, Frongol Court, Finchley Road, London, N.W., Hamish Douglas Ferguson Brand, M.B., Ch.B., Colonel, late R.A.M.C., retired.

Collingham.—On March 19, 1955, David Horace Collingham, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 27, Maid Causeway, Cambridge, formerly of Lincoln.

de Boer.—On March 17, 1955, at Shirley, Adeyfield Road, Hemel Hempstead, Herts, Alice de Boer, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., aged 83.

Dunne.—On March 4, 1955, at Winchester, Hants, James Stuart Dunne, D.S.O., F.R.C.S.I., Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., retired, of Whitchurch, Hants, aged 77.

Edwards.—On March 19, 1955, Edward Charles Edwards, M.D., of 33, The Green, Shaldon, Devon, late of Penzance, Cornwall, aged 83.

Fitch.—On March 19, 1955, in New Zealand, Keith Simpson Fitch, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.Ed., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., retired.

Goodchild.—On March 7, 1955, Nathaniel John Goodchild, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 2, Templars Crescent, Finchley, London, N., late of Sidney House, Highgate Road, London, N.W., aged 89.

Hodges.—On March 17, 1955, George Montague Williams Hodges, M.B., B.S., of Dallington, Sussex, formerly of Deddington, Oxon.

Killard-Leavy.—On March 10, 1955, at a nursing-home, Barnstaple, Devon, Timothy Joseph Killard-Leavy, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 84.

Lakin.—On March 13, 1955, in the Private Patients' Home, Robert Lakin, M.D., of 12, Heaton Moor Road, Stockport, Cheshire.

Lucas.—On March 6, 1955, at Eskbank, Midlothian, Frederick Richard Lucas, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., of Eskbank Lodge, Eskbank.

McLaren.—On March 14, 1955, at Edinburgh, Robert McLaren, M.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., of 28, Organgs Road, Edinburgh, aged 83.

McLean.—On March 15, 1955, at St. Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight, Neil McLean, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M., D.T.H.

Manfield.—On March 17, 1955, at the General Hospital, Nottingham, George Herbert Hind Manfield, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 64, Clarendon Street, Nottingham.

Marshall.—On March 10, 1955, at 5, Christchurch Road, Worthing, Sussex, Reginald Prynne Marshall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Metcalfe.—On March 17, 1955, George Metcalfe, M.B., Ch.B., of 56, Higher Reedley Road, Brierley Hill, Lancs, aged 53.

Shearer.—On March 9, 1955, at Myrtle Cottage, Carbis Bay, Cornwall, Donald Francis Shearer, M.B., F.R.C.S., aged 90.

Stein.—On February 21, 1955, at 1, The Orchard, Blackheath, London, S.E., Charles Stein, O.B.E., M.D., late of Shipton-on-Stour, Worcs, aged 93.

Straus.—On February 22, 1955, at Paynes Farm, North Curry, near Taunton, Somerset, Willi Straus, M.D., aged 81.

Tabuteau-Herrick.—On February 27, 1955, at Warlingham, Surrey, Augustus William Tabuteau-Herrick, F.R.C.S.I.

Turner.—On February 28, 1955, at his home, "Hedingham," First Avenue, Middleton-on-Sea, Sussex, Joseph George Turner, F.R.C.S., F.D.S. R.C.S., aged 85.

Vickers.—On March 4, 1955, Thomas Hedley Vickers, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S., Surgeon Commander, R.N., retired, of Jetwells, Goudhurst, Kent, aged 77.