

Miss HORNSBY-SMITH also told Mr. Hastings that information was not available about the number of doctors or partnerships who had employed the same assistant for five or more years; but on July 1 last year 131 assistants were still in posts which they had taken up before July 1, 1949. Mr. HASTINGS described this as a very serious matter. The figures showed that doctors might derive a good deal of benefit from paying assistants to go on year after year. Miss HORNSBY-SMITH replied that the matter must be kept in proportion. There were 1,504 assistants in July, 1954, and of that number 131 had been in their posts since 1949. On the other side 320 assistants were taken into partnership during last year, and there was a steady increase in the trend towards partnerships.

Universities and Colleges.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

The following degrees were conferred in Congregation on March 5:

M.CHIR.—G. R. C. Peatfield.
M.B., B.CHIR.—*G. Yerbury, A. M. Freeman.
M.B.—*Inez R. Aldous, R. J. C. Pearson, J. A. Dryden.

Professor O. L. Zangwill has been elected into a Professorial Fellowship of King's College.

In Congregation on March 19 the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—*J. R. Smythies, G. P. Blanshard, and R. Hodgkinson.
M.CHIR.—*P. F. Borcham.

*By proxy.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The degree of M.S. was awarded to D. J. Robertson on March 23.

The degree of Ph.D. in the Faculty of Medicine was awarded to K. C. Basu Mallik on March 16 and to T. W. A. Glenister, M.B., B.S., and M. C. Lancaster on March 25.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Professor Solly Zuckerman, F.R.S., will represent the University at the sixth International Congress of Anatomy to be held in Paris in July, 1955.

The title of University Research Fellow in Anatomy has been given to Dr. A. B. Kar, of the Central Research Institute, Lucknow, and in Pathology to Dr. J. S. Howell, who is working for the Birmingham branch of the British Empire Cancer Campaign Committee, the title to be held during the tenure of their present posts.

Mr. A. J. H. Rains, Mr. P. G. Bevan, and Mr. G. Slaney have been appointed Lecturers in Surgery.

UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

Mr. C. H. de Boer has been appointed a part-time Assistant Lecturer in Clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—R. Burwell (with distinction).
PH.D. IN MEDICINE.—R. S. Edmundson.
M.B., CH.B.—B. Dawson and M. S. Losowsky (both with second-class honours and distinction in surgery). J. D. Atwell, P. M. Binns, J. M. Challinor, Aileen A. R. Collinson, Patricia J. Corley, R. C. Cotton, A. D. Crew, D. W. Daly, D. De Souza, Jean McG. Exley, R. F. Folkes, Margaret E. Hall, B. McKibbin, Dorothy Mainwaring, D. B. Marshall, G. Mitchell, M. J. Oldroyd, J. F. Poppleton, Ethel A. Richardson, J. B. Richmond, June M. Roberts, Heather Sanderson, D. R. M. Stuart, P. H. Tattersall, C. M. Tonks, P. J. Truesdale, Evelyn Walker, Jean L. Ward, G. Warnes, D. A. Youdale.
DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—R. Barnes, Mrs. Ruth M. Bowker, E. P. Griffiths, Diana J. Haiste, I. H. Lewis, J. P. Neylon, A. R. Robertson.
DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—H. Elliott-Brown, D. McC. MacGregor, A. H. Moyes, N. C. Surya, R. W. Whiteley.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

On April 1 the following candidates were admitted to the Licence of Medicine and Midwifery of the College: C. M. Bahemia, M. J. Doyle, J. B. Fanibunda, M. H. Heller, J. S. P. MacGill, Cecilia M. McMorro, B. M. Rosovske, Muriel M. Tynan.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending April 9 (No. 14) and corresponding week 1954.

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	1955					1954				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria	5	0	0	0	3	12	0	3	0	0
Dysentery	1,454	97	330	17	10	1,554	230	399	3	6
Encephalitis, acute	4	0		0		7	0	0	0	
Enteric fever: Typhoid	4	0	0	0		6	2	0	0	0
Paratyphoid ..	13	0	2	0		10	0	4	0	0
Food-poisoning ..	186	14		1		107	16		1	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years				13	3				13	19
Measles*	26,833	3089	248	389	184	2,293	67	175	61	420
Meningococcal infection	30	5	17	1	2	43	3	12	3	3
Ophthalmia neonatorum	46	3	6	0		36	4	7	1	
Pneumonia†	872	70	170	21	17	516	29	220	4	1
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic	3	1				7	0			
Non-paralytic ..	4	0	2	0		3	0		0	1
Puerperal fever§ ..	213	43	11	0		272	26	10	2	
Scarlet fever	665	29	71	51	12	1,374	76	157	35	43
Tuberculosis: Respiratory	613	80	130	33		787	80	110	39	5
Non-respiratory ..	75	6	16	2		112	10	20		
Whooping-cough ..	1,310	75	96	40	45	2,462	102	432	46	23

DEATHS in Great Towns	1955					1954				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0		0		0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute		0			0		0			0
Enteric fever	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	8	0	3	1	0	5	1	1	0	1
Influenza	64	4	5	1	10	12	0	1	3	1
Measles		1	0	0	0			0	0	1
Meningococcal infection		1	0				0	0		
Pneumonia	395	45	38	18	13	203	22	27	9	8
Poliomyelitis, acute	1	0			0	0	0			0
Scarlet fever		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory	75	7	12	0	3	96	12	12	0	8
Non-respiratory ..										
Whooping-cough ..	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	278	33	37	9	11	232	22	29	7	15
Deaths (excluding stillbirths)	6,468	825	701	133	200	5,517	758	669	127	186
LIVE BIRTHS	6,934	1053	879	236	263	7,663	1188	930	219	406
STILLBIRTHS	186	19	30			211	28	23		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

U.K. Delegation to World Health Assembly.—The United Kingdom delegates and advisers to the eighth World Health Assembly, which opens in Mexico City on May 10, will be: Sir JOHN CHARLES, Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health; Sir ERIC PRIDIE, Chief Medical Officer, Colonial Office; Mr. W. H. BOUCHER, Ministry of Health; Mr. J. F. HUNT, Ministry of Health; Dr. M. T. MORGAN, Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation; Mr. A. E. JOLL, General Register Office; Mr. H. T. MORGAN, H.M. Embassy, Mexico City; Dr. A. A. PEAT, Director of Medical Services, Trinidad; and Dr. J. W. P. HARKNESS, Medical Adviser to the Development and Welfare Organization, West Indies.

Central Midwives Board.—On April 1 a new Board took office for the three-year period until March 31, 1958. At the first meeting, on April 14, Mr. ARNOLD WALKER was elected chairman and Professor A. A. MONCRIEFF deputy chairman. The members of the new Board are: Miss G. M. GODDEN, Dr. I. G. INNES, Mr. G. T. MILNE, Dr. J. A. SCOTT, Miss V. R. SHAND, and Mr. ARNOLD WALKER (appointed by the Ministry of Health); Professor A. A. MONCRIEFF (appointed by the Royal College of Physicians); Professor A. M. CLAYE (appointed by the Royal College of Surgeons); Mr. VICTOR LACK (appointed by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists); Dr. JEAN MACKINTOSH (appointed by the Society of Medical Officers of Health); Miss E. K. BALLY, Miss M. I. FARRER, Miss E. J. MERRY, and Miss M. WILLIAMS (appointed by the Royal College of Midwives); Dr. A. ELLIOTT (appointed by the County Councils Association); and Professor F. E. TYLECOTE (appointed by the Association of Municipal Corporations).

Conference on Psychosomatic Research.—The first European Conference on Psychosomatic Research was held at the Maudsley Hospital on April 22 and 23. Workers from Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Germany, and the United Kingdom attended. It was decided to hold a further meeting in 1956 in Amsterdam. Details of the programme will be announced later.

Honorary Degrees at Glasgow.—At the Commemoration Day celebration on June 21 the honorary degree of LL.D. will be conferred on Dr. R. A. LENNIE, formerly Regius Professor of Midwifery at Glasgow University, and on Professor R. T. LEIPER, F.R.S., Professor Emeritus of Helminthology, London University.

Consultant Pathologist to the Army.—Professor R. J. V. PULVERTAFT, professor of clinical pathology at Westminster Hospital Medical School, has succeeded Professor GEOFFREY HADFIELD as honorary consultant in pathology to the Army at Home.

"Family Doctor."—The May issue, which includes an article by Dr. F. H. K. GREEN on the work of the Medical Research Council, is now available. Among the medical subjects discussed are "Anxiety" (Dr. F. R. C. CASSON) and "Caesarean Births" (Professor J. C. MCCLURE BROWNE).

COMING EVENTS

Institute of Dermatology.—Exhibition on "Cutaneous Reactions Associated with Visceral Malignancy," May 5-25.

Royal Society of Medicine.—150th anniversary dinner at the Dorchester Hotel, London, on June 7. Single-ticket 45s. (excluding wines).

Royal Free Hospital Ball.—On June 10 at the Park Lane Hotel, London. Double tickets (including refreshments) £2 15s.

Croonian Lecture.—Professor C. H. BEST, F.R.S., of Toronto University, will deliver this year's Croonian Lecture to the Royal Society, London, on June 16. His subject is "Dietary Factors in the Protection of the Liver, Kidneys, Heart, and Other Organs in Experimental Animals—the Lipotropic Agents."

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.

Saturday, April 30

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS (SOUTHERN REGION).—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, 2 p.m., meeting. Scientific papers.

Monday, May 2

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY.—At West Lecture Theatre, University New Buildings, 5 p.m., Dr. D. J. Guthrie: Magic, Witchcraft, and Medicine.

Tuesday, May 3

INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5 p.m., Dr. Bronson Crothers (Boston, Mass.): Methods of Neurological Appraisal in Childhood.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. F. R. Bettley: Eczema-Asthma Syndrome.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, 8.15 p.m., Dr. J. Tarsh: The Negligent Doctor.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Sir Horace Evans: Significance of Certain Symptoms and Signs in Disease of the Kidneys.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY.—At Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5.15 p.m., Cushny Memorial Lecture by Dr. M. Grace Eggleton: Tubular Reabsorption and Secretion.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. I. R. McCaul: Intracranial Aneurysm.

WRIGHT-FLEMING INSTITUTE OF MICROBIOLOGY.—5 p.m., Almroth Wright Lecture by Sir Zachary Cope: Some Peculiarities of the Clinical Pathology of Actinomycetes.

Wednesday, May 4

EUGENICS SOCIETY.—At 26, Portland Place, W., 5 p.m., Galton Lecture by Sir Cyril Burt, D.Sc.: Meaning and Assessment of Intelligence.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. O. Oliver: Disinfection and Sterilization.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Litchfield Lecture by Professor B. G. Maegraith: On the Importance of Having a Circulation.

ST. MARYLEBONE HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRY AND CHILD GUIDANCE.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Colman Kenton: Management of the Psychiatric Emergency.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Theatre, 5 p.m., lecture-demonstration in psychiatry by Dr. J. A. Hobson.

Thursday, May 5

●FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—At the Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, 3 p.m., Hahnemann's 200th Birthday Celebration. Oration by Dr. F. H. Bodman: Hahnemann and His Patients; Dr. T. D. Ross: Homoeopathy's Heritage and Outlook To-day.

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Mr. E. L. Farquharson: Early Ambulation and its Contribution to Surgery.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5 p.m., Dr. Bronson Crothers (U.S.A.): Adaptation of the Patient and the Family in Cases with Severe Extrapyramidal Disturbance in Cerebral Palsy.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Sir Horace Evans: Significance of Certain Symptoms and Signs in Disease of the Kidneys.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.30 p.m., Otolaryngology Lecture by Sir Clement Price Thomas: Some Aspects of Suppurative Disease of the Lungs.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., Dr. A. H. T. Robb-Smith: Extracellular Tissue in Health and Disease.

Friday, May 6

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. R. T. Brain: Skin Diseases in Children.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. J. G. Scadding.

NEWCASTLE REGIONAL CHEST SURGERY CENTRE.—At New Lecture Theatre, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 5.30 p.m., 15th Rutherford Morison Lecture by Professor C. Crafoord (Stockholm): Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment of Inter-Atrial Septal Defects. (Illustrated by a film.)

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. Reginald Lightwood: Care of the Premature Baby.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY.—At Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5.15 p.m., Cushny Memorial Lecture by Professor F. R. Winton: Physical Factors Affecting Renal Function.

Saturday, May 7

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—12 noon, special lecture by Professor Fritz Zöllner: Diagnosis and Treatment of Tympano-sclerosis.

WEST MIDLANDS PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION.—At Warneford General Hospital, Leamington Spa, 11 a.m., spring meeting.

Sunday, May 8

SIGERIST SOCIETY.—At 45, Russell Square, W.C., 3 p.m., debate between Dr. Stephen Taylor and Dr. Hugh Faulkner: Health Centres and the Future of General Practice.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Crawford.—On April 8, 1955, to Jeanne, wife of Dr. I. B. Crawford, a brother for Belinda Jane—Steven Andrew.

Dunn.—On April 18, 1955, at Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Sylvia (formerly Matheson), M.B., B.S., wife of Andrew Dunn, L.D.S., Flight Lieutenant, R.A.F., a daughter—Ailsa Margaret.

Hetherington.—On April 17, 1955, at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to Pamela Marjorie (formerly Baird) and Dr. Harold Dudley Grindley Hetherington, a son—Hugh Vincent Grindley.

McEwen.—On April 18, 1955, at Redlands Hospital, Glasgow, to Dr. Jean (formerly Mann), wife of Dr. Malcolm McEwen, twin sisters for Alasdair—Fiona and Morna.

Tasker.—On April 14, 1955, at Northampton, to Anita, wife of Dr. J. R. Tasker, a daughter.

DEATHS

Moore.—On April 8, 1955, at Pigeons Green, Platt, Borough Green, Kent, Reginald Devereux Moore, M.C., L.S.A., L.M.S.S.A., formerly of Churchdown, Cheltenham, Glos, aged 88.