

dealing with the illicit drug traffic were adequate. The maximum penalty on conviction on indictment was a fine not exceeding £1,000, or imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both. The Home Secretary had no reason to think that heavier penalties were required. He would keep a watchful eye on illicit drug traffic.

#### Publication of Names

Mrs. EIRENE WHITE (East Flint, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health on February 20 if he would give the names of the two Flintshire doctors who were recently censured for having drawn more than £3,000 each excess travelling expenses. Miss PAT HORNSBY-SMITH, Parliamentary Secretary, said, "No." It had been agreed with the representatives of the professions that the names of people concerned in cases investigated by service committees of executive councils would not be published except in the extreme case of the removal of a practitioner from the executive council's list.

Mrs. WHITE said that in a case of such magnitude the public were entitled to know the doctors' names. Why should they shelter behind "Dr. A" and "Dr. B" in the report? In fairness to other doctors who might be suspected the names should be published. Miss HORNSBY-SMITH said she realized the public sympathy for these views, but there was a difficulty in that executive councils were not privileged like courts of law, and complaints might be made that would be open ultimately to actions for libel.

Mrs. WHITE said that in this case an official had been dismissed from his job and his career affected for life. There was grave disparity when an official's career was ruined and the doctors escaped liability. Mr. A. BLENKINSOP (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, East, Lab.) asked if the Minister, while not publishing the evidence, would consider publishing the names and the decisions reached in such cases, in view of the importance of public opinion making itself felt. Miss HORNSBY-SMITH said that all these procedures had been agreed with the professions at the inception of the Health Service, and any radical departure from them would have to be discussed with the professions concerned. Mr. HERBERT MORRISON (Lewisham, South, Lab.) asked why, because the procedure had been agreed, it should be said that nothing could be done. Would the Parliamentary Secretary undertake to reopen the matter with the professions? When members of local authorities received excess payments severe notice was rightly taken of it. Why should they be treated in one way and well-to-do doctors be treated in another? Miss HORNSBY-SMITH said that the Minister would consider the opinions that had been expressed. Mrs. WHITE gave notice that she would raise the matter again.

**Forces Medical Services.**—The report of the Waverley Committee on the Forces medical and dental services will be published soon.

**Hospital Administrative Staffs.**—The composition of the Management Sides of all the Whitley Councils will be reviewed in the light of a recommendation of the Guillebaud Committee, but the Minister of Health does not intend to reach any conclusions on this matter until he has consulted with the interests concerned, such as the hospital authorities and the Whitley Councils themselves.

## The Services

Surgeon Rear-Admiral R. L. G. Proctor, R.N., has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen, in succession to Surgeon Rear-Admiral S. G. Rainsford, C.B., R.N.

Major-General W. R. D. Hamilton, C.B., O.B.E., Q.H.P., late R.A.M.C., has relinquished his appointment as Director of Medicine and Consulting Physician to the Army.

Colonel M. F. Nicholls, C.B.E., Army Emergency Reserve of Officers, R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Colonel of an Army Emergency Reserve Unit.

Major A. C. F. Green, R.A.M.C., has been awarded the Army Emergency Reserve Decoration.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending February 4 (No. 5) and corresponding week 1955.

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	1956					1955				
	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	11	3	2	0	8	16	1	8	0	
Dysentery ..	1,325	125	147	11	4	979	61	287	8	6
Encephalitis, acute ..	5	0		0		2	0	1	0	
Enteric fever: Typhoid ..	4	0	0	0	2	8	0	3	0	1
Paratyphoid ..	1	0	2	0		7	0	6	0	1
Food-poisoning ..	164	21		55		137	19		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..				17	7				11	14
Measles* ..	2,425	26	56	23	41	12,729	1295	399	608	136
Meningococcal infection ..	25	1	16	2	2	43	5	17	2	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	18	0	8	0		39	0	7	0	
Pneumonia† ..	941	65	334	10	4	1,157	108	380	58	2
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic ..	25	3				9	0			
Non-paralytic ..	12	0		1		4	0		1	0
Puerperal fever‡ ..	261	41	6	1		240	41	14	2	
Scarlet fever ..	949	33	103	25	11	791	59	111	62	20
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	679	90	113	17		751	82	137	21	
Non-respiratory ..	67	6	14	4		109	13	11	3	
Whooping-cough ..	1,621	77	96	82	221	2,213	162	214	79	33

DEATHS in Great Towns	1956					1955				
	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery ..	0	0		0		0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute ..		0			0		0			0
Enteric fever ..	0	0	0	0		1	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	8	0	1	0	0	13	0	3	0	0
Influenza ..	45	3	4	0	2	106	14	6	3	0
Measles ..		0	0	0	0		0	1	0	0
Meningococcal infection ..		0	2				1	1		
Pneumonia ..	402	69	42	14	12	449	81	43	22	11
Poliomyelitis, acute ..	1	0	1		0	3	1			0
Scarlet fever ..		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	104	15	18	2	9	108	20	11	4	7
Non-respiratory ..										
Whooping-cough ..	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	220	30	35	4	9	273	28	32	11	14
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	6,735	988	825	111	214	7,127	1,105	724	166	204
LIVE BIRTHS ..	6,945	1,044	915	205	339	7,807	1,122	990	221	414
STILLBIRTHS ..	205	17	28			198	26	31		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

remain responsible for "Health." In the last Labour Government Dr. Summerskill was Minister of National Insurance and Mr. Blenkinsop parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of Health.

**£25,000 for Cancer Research.**—The Civil Service Sanatorium Society has given a cheque for £25,000 to the British Empire Cancer Campaign. Sir EDWARD BRIDGES, head of the Civil Service, made the presentation to Sir STANFORD CADE, for the Campaign, at a luncheon at the House of Commons on February 14.

**Welsh National School of Medicine.**—Dr. R. M. HARDISTY has been appointed senior lecturer in clinical pathology. He is at present holding a similar lectureship at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London.

**Mr. H. P. Winsbury-White, F.R.C.S.**, senior surgeon at St. Peter's and St. Paul's Hospitals for Urological Diseases, has been invested by the Italian ambassador as a commander of the Italian Order of Merit in recognition of his work as urological surgeon to the Italian Hospital in London.

**Dr. E. O. Field** has been elected to a lectureship in medical studies at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

**Professor Charles Singer**, the medical historian, has been awarded the Oxford University Osler memorial medal for 1955.

**Mr. C. Naunton Morgan, F.R.C.S.**, surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital and St. Mark's Hospital for Diseases of the Colon and Rectum, flew to Malta on February 19 for a fortnight's lecture tour on behalf of the British Council.

### COMING EVENTS

**British Council Courses.**—The following medical courses for 1956 are announced; they are intended primarily for post-graduate students from American, European, and Commonwealth universities: *Anaesthesia*, London, March 11–24, £38; *Orthopaedic Surgery*, London, June 17–30, £41; *Radioisotopes in Medicine*, London (date not yet announced), £41. Details from British Council offices overseas or in London (65, Davies Street, London, W.1).

**Conference on Rehabilitation in Northern Ireland.**—Three-day residential conference on "The Development of Rehabilitation Services in Northern Ireland" will be held at Queen's University, Belfast, March 21–23. The conference is sponsored jointly by the British Council for Rehabilitation and Queen's University. Details from the British Council for Rehabilitation, Tavistock House (South), Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

**"Tuberculosis and the Family Doctor."**—Week-end course for general practitioners, arranged by the Tuberculosis Educational Institute, March 24 and 25, at Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford. Details from the Institute, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

**Harveian Society.**—Professor JOHN McMICAL will deliver the Harveian Lecture to the Harveian Society of London on March 28 at 8.15 p.m. at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1. His subject will be "A Prospect in Cardiology." The lecture is open to all those interested.

**Child and Family Psychiatry.**—Refresher course at department of child psychiatry, Ipswich Group Hospitals, April 9–13 inclusive. No fee. Details from the department, 11, Fore Street, Ipswich.

### 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, February 27

**MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—(1) At Dental Hospital, 5 p.m., Section of Odontology. Dr. Helen M. Russell and Mr. K. Harrison: Salivary Adenomas in the Region of the Buccal Cavity. (2) At Large Anatomy Theatre, 9 p.m., Section of General Practice. Mr. G. F. Rowbotham: Early Diagnosis of Neurological Conditions Amenable to Surgical Cure. **PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.**—7.30 p.m., Dr. Glenn Sonnedecker, M.Sc., Ph.D. (Wisconsin): Structure and Stresses of American Pharmacy.

#### Tuesday, February 28

**BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.**—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. M. Barnes: Elucidation of Toxicity. **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. A. W. Frankland: Insect Bites and Allergy. **KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—4.45 p.m., Fourth Dorothy Platt Memorial Lecture by Sir Stanford Cade: Malignant Melanoma. **MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Large Anatomy Theatre, 4.30 p.m., University Lecture on the History of Medicine by Dr. D. V. Hubble: Addiction and Literary Genius. **OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 8.15 p.m., Sir John Charles: Our Lords and Masters. **ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.**—5 p.m., Dr. H. V. Dicks: Anatomy of Totalitarianism. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—3.45 p.m., Arnott Demonstration by Dr. R. McP. Livingston: Comparative Anatomy of the Tongue. **ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY: MEDICAL SECTION.**—At Westminster Medical School, 5.30 p.m., Mr. F. le Gros Clark: Ageing in Industry. **ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Wright-Fleming Institute, 5 p.m., Mr. M. R. Fell: Accidental Haemorrhage and Afibrinogenemia. **WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL GUTHRIE SOCIETY.**—At Meyerstein Theatre, 8 p.m., Sir Ernest Rock Carling: Extra-mural Occupations in Retirement.

#### Wednesday, February 29

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Practical Methods in the Diagnosis of Mycotic Diseases. **INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Mr. O. S. Tubbs: Surgery of the Pericardium. **INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.**—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. F. J. P. Barrington: Indications for Treatment in Enlarged Prostate. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.**—3.30 p.m., Mr. H. J. B. Atkins: Cancer of the Breast. **ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.**—5 p.m., Watson Prize Lecture by Dr. G. C. Arneil: Hormone Studies in Treatment and Investigation of Renal Disease. **ST. MARYLEBONE HOSPITAL FOR PSYCHIATRY AND CHILD GUIDANCE.**—5 p.m., Dr. Jeanne L. C. Palmer: Influence of Adult Environment on the Development of the Child.

#### Thursday, March 1

**CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP.**—At Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, W.C., 8.15 p.m., Dr. H. J. Orr-Ewing, supported by Mr. D. MacG. Jackson and Mr. H. M. Williams: Christian Responsibility in Incurable Disease. **ROYAL EVE HOSPITAL.**—5.15 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Aspects of Refraction Work—Binocular Vision. Convergence Deficiency. **ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—5 p.m., Sir Paul Mallinson: postgraduate demonstration in psychiatry.

#### Friday, March 2

**ACTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE: DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY.** High Street, Acton, W.—7.30 p.m., Professor Margaret Murray, D.Sc.: Fluorosis. **BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.**—8 p.m., meeting of medical members. **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. P. D. Samman. **INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Dr. J. N. Pattinson: Radiological demonstration. **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. J. F. Goodwin: Pulmonary Hypertension. **ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, EDINBURGH.**—8 p.m., dissertation by Mr. J. F. Killick. **ROYAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW.**—At Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 8.30 p.m., Mr. John Sherret: Medicine and the Press.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

**Otway.**—On February 16, 1956, at the Postgraduate Medical School of London, Hammersmith Hospital, London, W., to Marilyn, wife of Dr. W. F. Otway (New Zealand), a daughter—Deborah Whitley. **Walters.**—On February 12, 1956, in Lincoln, to Daphne (née Pulein-Thompson), wife of Geoffrey A. Bagot Walters, F.R.C.S.Ed., a sister for Jennifer, Andrew, and Malcolm.

### DEATHS

**Barty-King.**—On February 8, 1956, David Barty-King, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P., of Coomblands, near Billingshurst, Sussex, aged 83. **Cuthbert.**—On February 7, 1956, at a nursing-home, Worthing, Sussex, Theodore Martin Cuthbert, M.B., Ch.B. **Fiumel.**—On November 1, 1955, Maria Karolina Chmura Fiumel (formerly Chmura), M.D. **Fletcher.**—On February 1, 1956, John Howard Fletcher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Tregye, near Truro, Cornwall, formerly of Winstar, Derbys., aged 85. **Hewlett.**—On January 28, 1956, James Edgar Hewlett, M.B., C.M., formerly of 10, Birdhurst Gardens, Croydon, Surrey. **Macdonald.**—On January 25, 1956, at Bristol, Mildred Mary Clare Macdonald, M.B., Ch.B., of Sierra Leone, West Africa. **Morton.**—On February 3, 1956, in a nursing-home, Samuel Ernest Morton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 23, Compton Avenue, Parkstone, Dorset, aged 84. **Muggleton.**—On January 28, 1956, at his daughter's home, 178, East End Road, East Finchley, London, N., Ferdinand Charles Harry Muggleton, M.D., of Southsea, Hants, aged 84. **Saner.**—On January 30, 1956, at 60, The Grove, Edgware, Middx, James Donaldson Saner, M.B., C.M., D.P.H., aged 88. **Shorten.**—On December 20, 1955, in Calcutta, India, James Alfred Shorten, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., retired. **Tchaykovsky.**—On February 5, 1956, at Heathdene Nursing Home, Watford, Herts, Barbara Tchaykovsky, M.D., D.P.H. **Truman.**—On January 30, 1956, at Northwood, Dudley Beckit Truman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Boxford, Suffolk. **Zerolo.**—On January 27, at his home, Santa Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, Thomas Fernando Zerolo, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.