

the need to give manufacturers and traders time to dispose of stocks of food produced in accordance with existing regulations. But the Government hoped that all who could do so would take steps immediately to use only colours on the permitted list.

Mass X-ray

Dr. BARNET STROSS (Stoke-on-Trent, Central, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health on June 25 whether he would make a statement on his policy with reference to mass x-ray of the population, and in particular for middle-aged groups and new entrants to industry; whether he had noted its value, not only in the detection of tuberculosis, but in pneumoconiosis among the general population; and whether he would replace the present 30-mm. type of machine by the more modern 100-mm. Mr. R. TURTON stated that the number of mass miniature radiography units had increased from 36 in 1948 to 75, and the number of examinations, which were on a voluntary basis, had increased threefold. Voluntary surveys would be continued, and persons of middle age and new entrants to industry were being encouraged to use these facilities if they had not recently had a chest x-ray. Six 100-mm. cameras were being purchased for installing, on an experimental basis, at six hospital out-patient departments. Dr. STROSS said that in some areas the examination of sections of the community, such as miners, might be more effective if the 100-mm. camera were used. Mr. TURTON said he was anxious to have these experiments with the 100-mm. cameras. There were some already working, but not on a large scale.

Health Visitors Report

Mr. B. JANNER (Leicester, North-west, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health what action he proposed to take following the recommendations of the working party on health visiting. Mr. TURTON said that he would be consulting the organizations principally concerned when they had had time to consider this very full report. Mr. A. BLENKINSOP (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, East, Lab.) urged that there should be greater co-operation between the general practitioner and the health visitor, which at the moment was lacking. Mr. TURTON said he entirely agreed. Many of the recommendations in the report would be valuable from that aspect.

Disposing of Surplus Drugs

Mrs. JEAN MANN (Coatbridge and Airdrie, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health if he would withdraw the recommendation given to the public to burn tablets and pills when the need for taking them was over, as the adoption of this advice had led to an explosion, details of which had been sent to him. Mr. TURTON stated that no general recommendation had been made to the public, but advice about the disposal of surplus drugs had been given to professional and other organizations on request. In view of the information given by Mrs. Mann he was arranging for this advice to be reviewed.

Poliomyelitis Vaccine

Mr. S. AWBERY (Bristol, Central, Lab.) asked the Minister what supplies of anti-polio vaccine he had in stock; whether it was sufficient to vaccinate all the children who desired it; how many children had been vaccinated; how many were on the waiting-list; whether all health authorities were participating in the scheme; and what steps were being taken to increase the supply of vaccine. Mr. TURTON told him that the stock was two litres. Approximately 200,000 children in Great Britain would have been vaccinated by the end of June; a further 1,700,000 children had been registered for vaccination and would be given priority when vaccination was resumed in the autumn. All but two local authorities had participated. He understood that several manufacturers had plans for starting or increasing production of the vaccine.

Medical Care of Epileptics

Mr. J. A. LEAVEY (Heywood and Royton, Con.) asked the Minister for a statement on the recommendation of the

Committee on the Medical Care of Epileptics that the epileptic colonies should become part of the Health Service. Mr. TURTON replied that he did not propose to promote legislation for this purpose. He was, however, commending to regional hospital boards the committee's alternative proposal that they should make contractual arrangements with the colonies for rehabilitation services.

No Direction on Fireguards

Mrs. LENA JEGER (Holborn and St. Pancras South, Lab.) asked the Minister of Fuel and Power if he was aware of the continuing incidence of accidental burns from gas and electric fires purchased before October, 1954; and whether he would issue a general direction to the gas and electricity boards to display and sell guards at their premises. Mr. DAVID RENTON, the Parliamentary Secretary, said the Minister was informed that all gas boards held for sale stocks of guards suitable for most of the unguarded fires in use, and that their showrooms and other staffs were instructed to draw the attention of users to the importance of fixing guards. Electricity boards also held guards for sale and brought these arrangements to the notice of users. He therefore did not consider that a general direction of the kind suggested was necessary.

Radiation in Luminizing Industry

Dr. DONALD JOHNSON (Carlisle, Con.) asked the Minister of Labour on June 21 whether, in view of the comments contained in paragraph 278 of the Medical Research Council's report on the hazards to man of nuclear and allied radiations, he would see that the risk from radiation to workers in the luminizing industry was reduced to a minimum. Mr. ROBERT CARR, Parliamentary Secretary, replied that these workers were protected by the Factories (Luminizing) Special Regulations, 1947, which included requirements for periodic medical examinations and periodic film tests of exposure to radiations. The precautions taken in the 35 factories concerned were kept under close supervision by the Factory Inspectorate, and clinical and haematological examinations of all luminizing workers were carried out every year by a medical inspector. These showed that the health of the workers was satisfactory.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Dr. Geoffrey Rushworth has been elected to the Schorstein Research Fellowship in Medical Science for 1956.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on May 12 the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—R. G. Orr, C. M. B. Pare, M. Wilkinson, B. A. J. Chodak Gregory.

M.Chir.—P. F. Jones.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Mr. D. K. Mulvany and Dr. N. A. Thorne have been re-elected representatives of medicine on the Standing Committee of Convocation for three years from January, 1956.

The degree of M.S. was awarded by the Senate on March 21 to C. Naunton Morgan and R. J. H. Smith.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the College held on May 1, with the President, Sir Stanley Davidson, in the chair, the following were elected Members of the College:

K. Cowan, A. Girdwood Fergusson, W. M. Jamieson, J. Marshall, E. D. Caldwell, S. Vaishnava, M. V. Phadke, N. L. Sharma, M. E. Barry, J. L. Bhatia, J. K. Baird, G. A. Tait, H. S. Moore, E. L. Blair, D. H. A. Boyd, G. F. Harris, D. T. Crichton, S. Omer, E. W. Poole, R. D. Montgomery, S. A. Stephen, W. C. Walker, C. N. Best, P. C. Bajpai, H. Weiskopf, M. J. Craft, S. A. Yeoh, R. P. Benson, N. Islam, B. P. Winn, G. L. Asherson.

ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

At the annual meeting of the College held at Wellington, New Zealand, in March the following office-bearers took office for 1956-8: *President*, Dr. E. G. Sayers (New Zealand); *Vice-*

Presidents, Dr. Bruce Hunt (Western Australia), Dr. Clive H. Fitts (Victoria), Dr. C. R. Burns (New Zealand); *Censor-in-Chief*, Dr. T. M. Greenaway (New South Wales); *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. W. P. MacCallum (New South Wales); *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. H. Maynard Rennie (New South Wales); *Past President*, Dr. C. G. McDonald (New South Wales).

At the same meeting, with Dr. E. G. Sayers, President, in the chair, the following were elected to Fellowship: A. J. Barnett, J. J. Billings, H. W. Garlick, D. R. Gauld, E. A. North, and R. F. A. Strang, of Victoria; S. P. Bellmaine, A. E. McGuinness, and R. B. Perkins, of New South Wales; O. Hirschfeld, of Queensland; E. G. Saint, of Western Australia; E. G. Sims and R. T. Binns, of South Australia.

The following, having satisfied the Board of Censors in New Zealand, were admitted to Membership by the President: J. Aphorpe (Hutt Valley), D. W. Beaven (Christchurch), M. I. Bostock (Hastings), D. S. P. Dickson, G. L. Glasgow, and J. D. Sinclair (Auckland), P. Fleischi and J. V. Hodge (Dunedin), M. J. A. McDonald (Rotorua), A. R. Stone (Wanganui), V. I. E. Whitehead and A. C. H. Wilkinson (Lower Hutt). R. H. Black and H. M. Whyte (New South Wales) were admitted to Membership under the special provisions of Article 37.

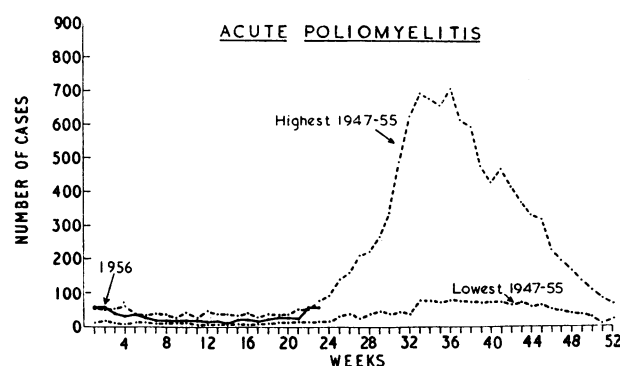
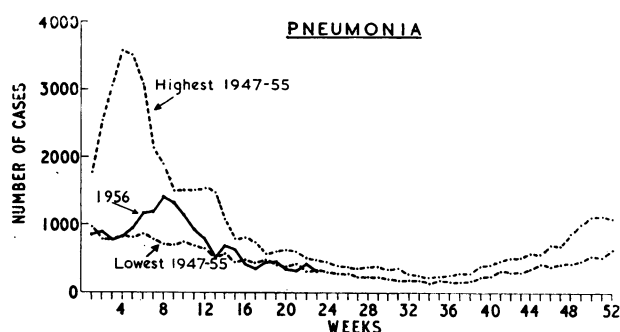
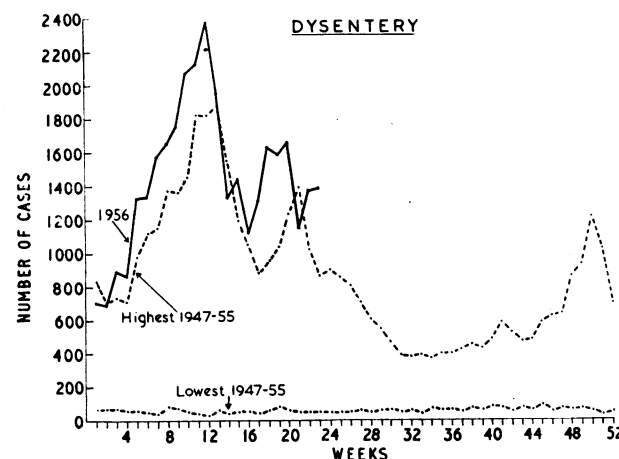
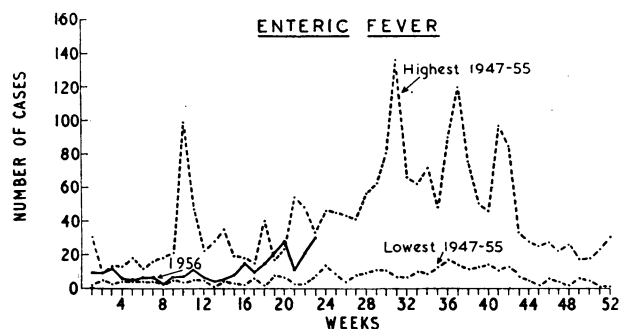
Vital Statistics

Week Ending June 16

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 639, whooping-cough 2,159, diphtheria 3, measles 3,387, acute pneumonia 273, acute poliomyelitis 43, dysentery 1,246, paratyphoid fever 17, and typhoid fever 2.

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 1947-55 are shown thus ----, the figures for 1956 thus ———. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1956, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



Infectious Diseases

The largest fluctuations in the number of notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week ending June 9 were increases of 138 for food-poisoning, from 275 to 413, 117 for whooping-cough, from 1,812 to 1,929, 83 for scarlet fever, from 492 to 575, and decreases of 655 for measles, from 3,839 to 3,184, and 113 for acute pneumonia, from 442 to 329.

The largest falls in the notifications of measles were 95 in Cumberland, from 132 to 37, 91 in Middlesex, from 275 to 184, 72 in Suffolk, from 90 to 18, and 56 in Kent, from 123 to 67; the largest rises were 50 in Durham, from 84 to 134, and 40 in Norfolk, from 143 to 183. Only small variations were recorded in the trends of scarlet fever. The largest increases in whooping-cough were 55 in Lancashire, from 295 to 350, and 38 in Cheshire, from 82 to 120. 4 cases of diphtheria were notified, being 2 fewer than in the preceding week. 3 cases were notified in Lancashire (Liverpool C.B. 2).

55 cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified, and these were the same number for paralytic and 4 fewer for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The largest returns were Lancashire 13 (Manchester C.B. 10), Warwickshire 6 (Birmingham C.B. 6), Cumberland 5 (Whitehaven M.B. 5), Middlesex 5 (Tottenham M.B. 3), Surrey 4 (Guildford M.B. 3).

The notifications of dysentery numbered 1,381, being 11 more than in the preceding week. The largest fluctuations were an increase of 132 in Derbyshire and falls of 50 in Yorkshire West Riding and 33 in London. The largest centres of infection were Lancashire 186 (Rawtenstall M.B. 31, Blackpool C.B. 25, Liverpool C.B. 23, Bolton C.B. 21, Preston C.B. 11, Salford C.B. 11, Manchester C.B. 10), London 169 (Lewisham 34, Southwark 25, Camberwell 21, Battersea 17), Derbyshire 150 (Derby C.B. 148), Yorkshire West Riding 107 (Leeds C.B. 28, Hemsworth R.D. 20), Warwickshire 103 (Coventry C.B. 51, Rugby M.B. 22, Birmingham C.B. 19), Essex 79 (Thurrock U.D. 19, Basildon U.D. 14, Colchester M.B. 10), Leicestershire 76 (Leeds C.B. 55, Market Bosworth R.D. 10), Isle of Ely 61 (Wisbech M.B. 61), Middlesex 44, Northumberland 41 (Ashington U.D. 20), Kent 38, Nottinghamshire 31 (Nottingham C.B. 10), Staffordshire 31, Durham 27, Cheshire 25 (Longdendale U.D. 14), Norfolk 24 (Norwich C.B. 13), and Surrey 22.

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COMING EVENTS

Faculty of Radiologists.—Annual meeting in Cambridge, June 29 and 30. There will be meetings of both the Diagnosis and the Therapy Sections. Details from the Faculty, 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

National Council for Civil Liberties.—Conference on Mental Deficiency (Laws and Administration) on June 30 at 2.30 p.m. at the Beaver Hall, Garlick Hill, London, E.C.4 (near Mansion House station). A report will be given of the council's six years' work in examining the mental deficiency laws and their administration.

Institute of Child Health.—Dr. WILLIAM T. MUSTARD will deliver the Alex Simpson Smith lecture on July 17 at 5 p.m. at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1. His subject will be "The Surgical Correction of Total Anomalous Pulmonary Venous Drainage." Admission by ticket available from the Dean of the Institute.

Institute of Medical Laboratory Technology.—Annual meeting in Manchester on July 21 at 2.30 p.m. Details from the Institute, 9, Harley Street, London, W.1.

Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences.—Symposium on arteriosclerosis at Basle, August 8-10. Details from Professor A. GIGON, Petersplatz 13, Basle.

NEW ISSUES

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EXPERIMENTAL AND CLINICAL INVESTIGATIONS INTO THE RESISTANCE TO OUTFLOW OF AQUEOUS HUMOUR IN NORMAL SUBJECTS. R. Weekers, M. Watillon, and M. de Rudder.

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TRAUMATIC IMPLANTATION CYST IN ANTERIOR CHAMBER AFTER CATARACT EXTRACTION. J. R. Wheeler.

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SOCIAL STUDY OF ILLEGITIMATE MATERNITIES. Barbara Thompson.

STUDY OF SEX, AGE, AND REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN THE ADVANTAGE OF RURAL OVER URBAN MORTALITY. W. J. Martin.

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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.

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POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. T. E. Lowe (Melbourne): Management of Congestive Cardiac Failure.

Wednesday, July 4

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. D. S. M. Barlow: Carcinoma of the Oesophagus.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Middlesex Guildhall, S.W. 5.30 p.m., John Tate Memorial Lecture by Dr. Horace Jules: "Health—From the Health Service."

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: special lecture on mycology.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arbuthnot Lane Memorial Lecture by Mr. E. G. Slesinger: Sir William Arbuthnot Lane—A Tribute.

Thursday, July 5

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5 p.m., Dr. J. D. Spillane: Developmental Abnormalities in the Region of the Foramen Magnum.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At University College Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture in medicine by Professor N. Mahfouz (Cairo): Urinary Fistulae in Women.

MIDLAND CENTRE FOR NEUROSURGERY, Holly Lane, Smethwick.—8.15 p.m., Dr. G. W. F. Edgar (Amsterdam): Scope of Neurochemistry.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Bertram Louis Abrahams Lecture by Dr. Ivan de Burgh Daly, F.R.S.: Some Intrinsic Mechanisms of the Lung.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.30 p.m., Otolaryngology Lecture by Professor W. V. Mayneord: Recent Scientific Development in Radiotherapy.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At West London Hospital, 5.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

MACLACHLAN, JAMES, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health for the Borough and Port and Principal School Medical Officer, County Borough of Sunderland.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Campbell.—On June 15, 1956, at Roseway Hospital, Shelburne, Nova Scotia, to Margaret (formerly Kennedy), M.B., Ch.B., wife of Dr. Ronald Campbell, a sister for Colin and David—Katherine Isabel McGregor.

MARRIAGES

Hopkins—Woolnough.—On June 16, 1956, at St. Luke's Church, Duston, Northampton, Denis Hopkins, M.B., B.S., to Hilda Woolnough, of "Woodlees," Weedon Road, Northampton.

Hudson—Witham.—On June 15, 1956, in Sale, Cheshire, Donald Campbell Hudson, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., to Barbara Mary Witham.

DEATHS

Cowan.—On June 15, 1956, at 122, Furze Croft, Hove, Sussex, Catherine Agnes Cowan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Dignan.—On June 6, 1956, at his home, Garston, near Watford, Herts., John Francis Dignan, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.

Dillon.—On June 11, 1956, at 15, Rochester Way, Blackheath, London, S.E., John Desmond Dillon, M.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 55.

Druitt.—On June 11, 1956, Arthur Edward Druitt, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., of Sway, Hants, late of Nigeria, aged 85.

Gie.—On June 15, 1956, at Sea Point, Cape Town, South Africa, Johan Coenraad Gie, M.B., B.S., aged 64.

Maxwell.—On June 10, 1956, at Edinburgh, James Maxwell, M.D., of Kirkcaldy, Fife.

Smith.—On June 12, 1956, at a nursing home, Aberdeen, Harold Edgar Smith, M.B., Ch.B., of Culterty, Newburgh, Aberdeenshire, aged 75.

Strachan.—On June 13, 1956, Alan Strachan, M.B., Ch.B., of the Grange Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.

Townley.—On June 12, 1956, at Sallys, Kinnerley, Hereford, Joseph Swinburn Townley, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., aged 78.

Waring.—On June 13, 1956, at Torbay Hospital, Torquay, William Samuel Ondeslowe Waring, M.B., C.M., of Tinklers, Eden Road, Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, aged 87.

Wilson.—On June 11, 1956, Archibald Wilson, O.B.E., M.C., M.B., Ch.B., of Moselle House, High Road, Tottenham, London, N., aged 66.

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