



Infectious Diseases

The largest rises in the notifications in England and Wales during the week ending April 27 were 5,173 for measles, from 21,787 to 26,960, 347 for whooping-cough, from 1,890 to 2,237, and 43 for acute pneumonia, from 382 to 425; the largest falls were 304 for dysentery, from 874 to 570, 73 for food-poisoning, from 207 to 134, and 25 for scarlet fever, from 567 to 542.

63 cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified, and these were 18 more for paralytic and 3 more for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The largest returns were Essex 16 (Colchester M.B. 6, Brightlingsea U.D. 5), Sussex 9 (Brighton C.B. 9), London 7 (Wandsworth 2), and Yorkshire West Riding 5.

Rises of 100 or more in the number of notifications of measles were reported from 16 counties. The towns with large increases included 334 in Birmingham C.B., from 905 to 1,239, 245 in Nottingham C.B., from 115 to 360, 212 in Sunderland C.B., from 227 to 439, 212 in Coventry C.B., from 333 to 545, 115 in Bristol C.B., from 213 to 328, 113 in Ealing M.B., from 98 to 211, 110 in Swindon M.B., from 96 to 206, and the largest decreases were 112 in Liverpool C.B., from 356 to 244, and 91 in Dewsbury C.B., from 180 to 89. The largest rises in the incidence of whooping-cough were 46 in Durham, from 72 to 118, and 44 in Kent, from 143 to 187. The largest declines in the number of notifications of scarlet fever were 25 in London, from 55 to 30, and 24 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 67 to 43. 7 cases of diphtheria were notified, the same number as in the preceding week; 2 of the cases were notified in Plymouth C.B.

No further cases of dysentery were notified from Surrey, Chertsey U.D., where 108 cases were recorded in the preceding week. The other large fall in the number of notifications of dysentery was 106 in Yorkshire West Riding. The largest returns of dysentery were Lancashire 132 (Manchester C.B. 45, Liverpool C.B. 18, Ashton under Lyne M.B. 13, Blackpool C.B. 12), Yorkshire West Riding 107 (Bradford C.B. 31, Leeds C.B. 12, Rotherham C.B. 12), Northumberland 50 (Newcastle upon Tyne C.B. 16, Newburn U.D. 16, Longbenton U.D. 15), Cheshire 49 (Hyde M.B. 25, Stalybridge M.B. 13), Durham 27 (South Shields C.B. 12, Sunderland C.B. 12), London 26, Yorkshire East Riding 24 (Kingston upon Hull C.B. 20), and Essex 20 (West Ham C.B. 11).

In Scotland the number of notifications of dysentery increased by 88, from 235 to 323. The largest returns were Glasgow 154, Lanark county 47, Edinburgh 31, Midlothian county 25, and Aberdeen burgh 17.

Medical News

Scottish House of the Association.—During the past few years the Scottish House of the Association at 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, has been undergoing a lengthy process of renovation. The extensive alterations have now been completed, and the President of the Association, Dr. ALEXANDER HALL, officially reopened the House last Tuesday afternoon. About 150 guests were present at the ceremony by invitation of the chairman, Dr. W. M. KNOX, and members of the Scottish Committee.

Bath Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases.—The British Rheumatic Association held a press conference on May 13 to draw attention to the dilapidated condition of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath. Mr. TOM WILLIAMS, M.P., chairman of the B.R.A., presided at the conference, which was held at the Royal College of Surgeons. The hospital was opened in 1742 and enlarged in the nineteenth century. In 1938 money for new buildings was collected, but rebuilding was prevented by the outbreak of war, states the B.R.A. During the war a wing was destroyed by bombing. When the hospitals were nationalized in 1948 £130,000 of the hospital's endowment funds, including £89,000 subscribed specifically for its rebuilding, was appropriated by the Ministry of Health for the central hospitals endowment fund, and this money is now said to have "lost its identity." In spite of this, and of approaches to both the Ministry of Health and the South-western Regional Hospital Board, no decision has yet been taken about financing the hospital's rebuilding. "It is obvious to all connected with the hospital," states the B.R.A., "that it cannot continue to serve the community in its dilapidated state. If the hospital is to continue its unique specialist functions in the future, either one of two actions is of the utmost urgency: (a) the regional board to give it top priority for immediate rebuilding as a regional operation, or (b) the Minister of Health to direct—as he is empowered to do—that the hospital shall be rebuilt, as a first priority, from central finances."

More Children Eligible for Polio Vaccination.—The Minister of Health has now sanctioned the vaccination of children born in 1955 and 1956. In a circular to local health authorities, acquainting them of this and of his decision to continue the distribution of the vaccine during the summer polio season (see p. 1178 of this issue), the Minister states that the Central and Scottish Health Services Councils' joint committee on poliomyelitis had advised that these children, and those born in the years 1947-54 and not so far registered, were those to whom vaccination should next be offered. As, however, continues the circular, there is unlikely to be enough vaccine for some time to come to provide for all the children in these categories whose parents desire their vaccination, a two-phased operation is suggested. First, authorities should find out how much vaccine will be needed for the children born in 1955 and 1956, notifying the Ministry by August 1. This amount of vaccine will then be supplied as soon as the inoculation of the originally registered children has been completed. Then would come the turn of the children born between 1947 and 1956 who were not registered during last year's campaign. The precise timing of these children's vaccination will depend on the availability of vaccine and local arrangements.

Perinatal Mortality Survey.—The National Birthday Trust Fund is planning a nation-wide survey designed to throw light on the aetiology and prevention of perinatal deaths. After obtaining the sanction of all concerned with the maternity services—hospital boards and committees, local health authorities, general practitioners, and relevant professional bodies—the Trust will ask midwives and health visitors to collect data on births in England, Wales, and Scotland during a week in November. It is hoped that pathologists will also assist by providing necropsy reports on perinatal deaths during this period. Information will be sought on

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following degrees were awarded by the Senate on March 27:

M.D.—E. A. Boyse, Margaret R. Dix, P. W. G. Tasker.
M.S.—J. J. Atkinson.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

The following degrees were conferred on April 27:

M.D.—A. S. Douglas (with honours).
Ch.M.—J. W. Sutherland (with honours).

COMING EVENTS

Tissue-grafting.—Discussion on research, B.B.C. Third Programme, May 22, 8.25 p.m., repeated May 23, 6 p.m. Professor P. B. MEDAWAR, F.R.S., will be the chairman, and among the panel will be Professor M. F. A. WOODRUFF, F.R.C.S., and Dr. J. F. LOUITT.

Fourth European Congress of Dietetics.—Madrid, September 26–28. Details from the secretary-general, Dr. E. A. VALLEJO, Dirección General de Sanidad, Plaza de España, Madrid. Apply before June 1.

Institute of Dermatology.—June 5 to 29, semi-permanent exhibition on "The Xanthomatoses."

International Society for the Welfare of Cripples.—Seventh world congress, London, July 22–26, followed by annual study tour (July 27–August 3). Details from Mr. D. GUTHRIE, 34, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

NEW ISSUES

British Journal of Venereal Diseases.—The new issue (Vol. 33, No. 1) is now available. The contents include:

EDITORIAL.
OCCURRENCE OF LATE SYPHILIS IN UNTREATED SYPHILITIC PATIENTS. Józef Tówpik.
COMPARATIVE STUDIES ON THE HISTO-PATHOLOGY OF SYPHILIS, YAWS, AND PINTA. C. M. Hasselmann.
CONGENITAL SYPHILIS IN ONE OF TWINS. Sydney M. Laird.
ON THE TREATMENT OF EARLY FORMS OF SYPHILIS. N. S. Smelov.
PRELIMINARY REPORT ON A COMPLEMENT-FIXATION TEST FOR TREPONEMATOSIS (TWR). I. N. Ordwood Price and M. J. Whelan.
FURTHER ASSESSMENT OF CARDIOLIPIN ANTIGEN BY PARALLEL TESTING AGAINST STANDARD ANTIGEN IN ROUTINE WASSERMANN REACTIONS. Sidney Shaw.
COMPARISON OF THE RESULTS GIVEN BY A COMPLEMENT-FIXATION TEST FOR SYPHILIS USING THE REITER TREPONEMA AS ANTIGEN WITH THE TREPONEMAL IMMOBILIZATION TEST. A. E. Wilkinson.
LUMBAR PUNCTURE HEADACHE IN RELATION TO SEX, AGE, AND CEREBROSPINAL FLUID FINDINGS. C. B. S. Schofield.
GONOCOCCAL INFECTION IN TEEN-AGED GIRLS AND MATURE WOMEN. Leopold Z. Goldstein.
BENZATHINE PENICILLIN G IN THE CONTROL OF GONORRHOEA. Carl E. Hookings and L. M. Graves.
TREATMENT OF NON-GONOCOCCAL URETHRITIS. E. E. Prebble.
LYMPHOGRANULOMA INGUINALE IN THE MALE IN LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND, 1947–1954. C. D. Alergant.
TREATMENT OF NON-GONOCOCCAL URETHRITIS WITH NOVIOBICIN. R. R. Wilcox.
EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 1955.
BOOK REVIEWS.
ABSTRACTS.

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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, May 20

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Lecture Theatre, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture in medicine by Professor G. W. Thorn (Harvard): Studies on Aldosterone Secretion in Man.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. W. S. C. Cope-
man: Steroid Treatment in Rheumatoid Arthritis.

Tuesday, May 21

DUBLIN UNIVERSITY: TRINITY COLLEGE.—At Anatomy Theatre, 4.30 p.m., John Mallet Purser Lecture by Professor A. H. Schultz (Zurich): Past and Present Views of Man's Specializations.
LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At King George Hospital, 8.45 p.m., annual general meeting followed by cocktail party.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. D. O'Neill: Emotional Aspects of Skin Diseases (II).
LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Surgery Theatre, Old Medical School, 5.15 p.m., Professor J. B. S. Haldane, F.R.S.: Idiosyncrasy or Genetics and Medicine.
LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Lecture Theatre, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture in medicine by Professor G. W. Thorn (Harvard): Some Effects of Adrenal Cortical Steroids on Intermediary Metabolism.
MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.—At National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, N.W., 5 p.m., Dr. Paul C. Zamecnik (Boston): Recent Studies on Protein Synthesis.
MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—4 p.m., Sanderson-Wells Lecture by Dr. R. F. Milton, Ph.D., F.R.I.C.: Trace Elements in the Biological Relationship of Soil, Plant, and Animal.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W., 8.30 p.m., Bolingbroke Lecture by Professor C. G. Rob: Advances in Cardiovascular Surgery.
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON.—At Chemistry Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., Walter VanDyke Bingham Lecture by Sir Cyril Burt: Inheritance of Mental Ability.
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. L. C. Oliver: Surgical Aspects of Head Injuries.

Wednesday, May 22

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., symposium by Dr. A. M. Spencer, Dr. C. A. H. Watts, and Dr. G. A. Wray: Who Should be Sent to a Mental Hospital?
BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SPORT AND MEDICINE.—At London Hospital Medical College, 5.30 p.m., Sir Adolphe Abrahams: Stitches and Cramps.
EUGENICS SOCIETY.—At Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., 5.30 p.m., Mr. C. M. Stewart, F.I.A., F.S.S.: Population Problems in the British Caribbean.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. A. Magnus: Epidermal Energy Relationships in Health and Disease.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. Smart: Pleural Neoplasms.
KING'S COLLEGE.—5.15 p.m., Halliburton Lecture by Professor A. von Muralt (Berne): Chemical Aspects of Nervous Excitation.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. B. A. D. Stocker: Heritable Transformations of Bacteria.

Thursday, May 23

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Professor J. C. Goligher: Surgery of Ulcerative Colitis.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. D. O'Neill: Emotional Aspects of Skin Diseases (II).
LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m., Mr. M. A. Falconer: Advances in Surgical Treatment of Temporal Lobe Epilepsy.
NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.—At Winfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Mr. W. Waugh: Pathology of the Tarsal Navicular: A Clinical and Laboratory Study.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute, 5 p.m., Dr. S. Udenfriend (U.S.A.): Biogenesis and Metabolism of 5-Hydroxytryptophan.

Friday, May 24

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Biochemistry, Physiology Institute, Newport Road, Cardiff, 2 p.m., 362nd meeting.
● INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. S. Pegum: clinical demonstration.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. F. H. Young: clinical demonstration.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., Mr. G. H. Howells: Sinusitis.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Mr. E. G. Muir: Pathology, Treatment, and Results in Malignant Disease of the Large Bowel.
● ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS.—5 p.m., William Blair-Bell Memorial Lecture by Mr. C. W. Taylor: Mesodermal Mixed Tumours of the Female Genital Tract.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. S. Bender: Obstetric Problems in General Practice.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Herbertson.—On April 27, 1957, at Cambridge, to Margaret and Basil Herbertson, a son—Michael Jonathan.
MacTaggart.—On May 4, 1957, at Torbay Hospital, Torquay, to June, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., and Douglas MacTaggart, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., of Broadwater, Preston, Paignton, Devon, a son.
Quamina.—On April 13, 1957, at the Colonial Hospital, San Fernando, Trinidad, B.W.I., to Dr. Elizabeth (formerly Smith), and Dr. David Quamina, a daughter—Jacqueline.
Rainford.—On May 5, 1957, at Aughton, Lancs, to Janet, wife of Dr. F. A. Rainford a daughter—Alison Jean.
Smith.—On May 10, 1957, at West Hill Hospital, Dartford, Kent, to Pat (formerly Frisby), M.B., B.S., wife of the Reverend R. Allington Smith, M.A., a son—Jeremy Richard.

DEATHS

Auden.—On May 3, 1957, at Repton, Derbys, George Augustus Auden, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., aged 84.
Condon.—On April 30, 1957, in London, Gerald Fitzgerald Aloysius Condon, L.R.C.P.&S.I. & L.M., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S. (retired), late of Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.
Cory.—On May 5, 1957, at Bournemouth, Hants, Evan James Trevor Cory, O.B.E., T.D., M.D., Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C. (retired), formerly of 38, Hyde Park Gate, London, S.W., aged 95.
Coupland.—On May 1, 1957, at Winchester, Hants, James Alan Coupland, M.B., F.R.C.S.
Fry.—On May 1, 1957, the result of an air accident, Richard Oswald James Fry, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Major, R.A.M.C., aged 35.
Harris.—On April 26, 1957, Louis Harris, M.B., B.Ch., of 141, Castelnau, London, S.W.
Hughes.—On April 16, 1957, Clement Alston Hughes, M.D., of Bolton-le-Sands, Lancs, formerly of Liverpool.
Murray.—On April 28, 1957, Percy Hope Murray, M.B., C.M., of Oakhurst, Hambledon, Hants, aged 88.
Panton.—On April 26, 1957, at The Court Nursing Home, Malvern, Worcs, Henry Forbes Panton, D.S.O., M.C., M.B., Ch.B., Colonel, late R.A.M.C., retired, of Ham Court, Upton-on-Severn, Worcs, aged 71.
Pratt.—On April 24, 1957, at 35, Chartfield Avenue, Putney, London, S.W., Eldon Pratt, M.D., aged 87.
Randolph.—On May 1, 1957, William Henry Randolph, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Wiveliscombe, Somerset.
Wilson.—On April 27, 1957, in hospital, William Wilson, M.D., of Cald, Marine View Crescent, Rhos-on-Sea, Denbighshire, formerly of Manchester.