

He did not think, as Mr. Gaitskell also suggested, there was really a great conflict of opinion—between, for example, Lord Cherwell and other scientists—but he would consider whether a supplementary report should be produced, either now or at some near date.

Edinburgh Hospitals' Consultant

Three Scottish M.P.s questioned the Secretary of State again on May 21 about the appointment of a consultant physician to the Bruntisfield Hospital for Women and Children and the Elsie Inglis Memorial Maternity Hospital, Edinburgh. Mr. J. S. MACLAY told them that the regional hospital board had recently received a deputation from the organizers of a public meeting about this case, and the whole matter was under consideration.

Mr. J. H. HOY (Leith, Lab.) said that at a conservative estimate more than 90% of the people of Scotland were against the decision of the hospital board. He asked the Secretary of State to use his authority to maintain the hospital as it was planned and paid for by the women of Scotland. Lady TWEEDSMUIR (Aberdeen, South, Con.) said that everyone would be glad that a decision had not yet been taken to appoint a male consultant. She asked if there was any truth in the rumour that a woman consultant had been interviewed and was shortly to be appointed. Sir IAN CLARK HUTCHISON (Edinburgh, West, Con.) said the opinion of a great many people was that the appointment of a male consultant would contravene the spirit, and probably the terms, of the trusts on which these hospitals were founded. Mr. A. WOODBURN (Clackmannan and East Stirling, Lab.) asked the Secretary of State to keep in mind that these two hospitals were formed in memory of the entry of women into the medical profession. It was felt that part of the trouble lay in the resistance of the male members of the medical profession to the entrance of female consultants. It was important that some place should be left for women in the field of medicine which they could have as a prerogative for themselves. Mr. MACLAY repeated that the whole matter was under consideration. He could make no comment on rumours. He was well aware of the views that were held, but he thought Mr. Woodburn was drawing some conclusions that were not necessarily valid.

Preventive Medicine in Hospitals

Mr. H. E. RANDALL (Gateshead, West, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health if he would make a statement on the steps being taken to develop departments in hospitals for the practice of preventive medicine; and what progress had been made in this regard since the inception of the Health Service. Mr. J. K. VAUGHAN-MORGAN, Parliamentary Secretary, stated on May 20 that certain aspects of preventive medicine might require, and would obtain, the collaboration of any department of a hospital, but he did not think the establishment of special departments would be appropriate.

Shortage of Radiographers

Mr. D. VOSPER was faced with a dozen questions, from Dr. BARNET STROSS (Stoke-on-Trent, Central, Lab.) and Mr. SOMERVILLE HASTINGS (Barking, Lab.) among others, on May 27 about the shortage of radiographers in the Health Service. He stated that the number of radiographers in the hospital service in England and Wales at the end of 1952 was 2,652 whole-time and 199 part-time. The provisional figures at the end of 1956 were 3,087 and 289 respectively. There had therefore been a marked increase, but there was evidence to suggest that it had not been enough to meet the increased demand for x-ray services. A sample inquiry in four hospital regions a year ago indicated that there was a shortage of 16% on establishment, and that not more than half the annual loss was due to reasons other than retirement, marriage, or domestic reasons. Since then, in November last, the salaries were substantially increased and the staffing structure improved following an award of the Industrial Court. The salary of the basic grade was now

£420-£485 per annum and of the highest grade of superintendent radiographer £675-£850. In his view it was too early to assess the effect of these increases. Meanwhile he had asked hospital boards for information about the staffing of radiography departments and the intake of students in order to obtain a full up-to-date picture of the position. The last return had just been received. When he had been able to study the results of this inquiry he would consider what steps might be necessary to meet the situation it revealed. He added in further replies that the result of the inquiry would be known in a few weeks' time. He hoped that one of the results would make it possible to tell more closely the reasons for the wastage. Mr. HERBERT MORRISON (Lewisham, South, Lab.) said that doctors in Lewisham had been informed of a shortage of radiographic facilities and warned that patients could not be taken or must be restricted, and this was worrying the doctors. Mr. VOSPER replied that the inquiry would reveal the relative shortage in various parts of the country. His information was that London was generally better off than elsewhere.

Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases

Mr. I. PITMAN (Bath, Con.) asked the Minister of Health if he is aware that the premises of the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases at Bath were in a state of decrepitude and danger by risk of fire; and, in view of the national service and importance of this hospital as a centre for the treatment of rheumatic diseases, what steps he intended to take to expedite the necessary work of reconstruction. Mr. VOSPER said he was aware that this hospital fell short of modern standards, and he was examining the proposal of the South-western Regional Hospital Board that the project to restore it should be included in the programme of major building projects which were financed centrally.

Days Lost Through Rheumatism.—In 1954-5, the last year for which complete figures are available, the number of weekdays in respect of which incapacity for work was certified as due to rheumatic fever, rheumatism, or arthritis totalled about 22 million.

Prescription Costs.—The average cost per prescription dispensed in England and Wales in February was 5s. 7.87d. Complete figures for March are not yet available, but it is estimated from a sample that the average cost was about 4d. more than in February.

Malaria Eradication.—As provision for malaria eradication is included in the regular budget of the World Health Organization to which the United Kingdom contributes, the Government does not propose to contribute to the special fund established by W.H.O.

Toxic Chemicals.—A scheme for the voluntary notification of proposals to use toxic chemicals in agriculture has been agreed between representatives of the industry and the Advisory Committee on Poisonous Substances used in Agriculture and Food Storage, and has been approved by the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Tuberculosis Among West Indians.—Investigations have failed to show any unusual incidence of tuberculosis among West Indians in this country.

Lung Cancer and Smoking.—The Medical Research Council's review of the connexion between smoking and lung cancer should be available within a few weeks.

Medical Manpower.—The report of the Committee on Medical Manpower is expected during the summer.

Universities and Colleges

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates, having completed the final examination, have been granted the diploma of L.M.S.S.A.:

D. L. Oldfield, J. L. Currah, W. A. Garson, S. H. Thomas, M. L. A. B. Bancillon, M. J. Allan, A. F. Broad, R. E. Owen, A. T. Darko, R. C. Snelling, J. H. Kendall, A. G. Snart, C. Bell, G. A. Robson, R. J. L. Potts, K. C. Kewish, R. Owen.

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Industrial Health:

D. E. Marchant, C. C. Molloy, R. H. Pratt, J. D. Walters.

hygiene" to Dr. C. M. HEINICKE, Ph.D., for his work on the effects of separating 2-year-old children from their parents. This formed part of the research programme of the child development research unit of the Tavistock Clinic and Tavistock Institute of Human Relations.

Scottish Society of Anaesthetists.—The prize for the best paper submitted by a registrar was awarded to Dr. D. B. SCOTT (Edinburgh) at the Society's recent annual meeting at Dunblane Hotel Hydro. Dr. ROBERT LAWRIE (Perth) discussed the reporting of deaths under anaesthesia in his presidential address, and the guest speaker was Dr. ALFRED LEE (London), who spoke on epidural anaesthesia.

Society of Physicians in Wales.—The eighth annual meeting was held at Port Meirion on May 10 and 11, under the chairmanship of Dr. JOHN FORBES. Seven scientific papers were read.

Japanese Delegation Studying N.H.S.—Dr. HIROTOSHI HASHIMOTO, president of St. Luke's International Hospital, Tokyo, has been visiting Britain with three colleagues to study the Health Service. With him were the vice-president of the Japanese Red Cross Society, the chief of the planning section of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, and Dr. NOBUO TSUDA, who has been studying tuberculosis control on a W.H.O. fellowship. The arrangements for this visit were made by the British Council.

Professor R. J. A. Berry, formerly professor of anatomy, University of Melbourne, and for many years member of the B.M.A. Council, celebrated his 90th birthday on May 30 this week.

Dr. T. H. M. Kerfoot, joint managing director of Thomas Kerfoot and Co., has been elected this year's president of the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry. He graduated in medicine at St. Andrews in 1931.

COMING EVENTS

William Harvey: Wellcome Exhibition.—At the Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from June 4, for about a month.

Paddington General Hospital.—The clinical meeting for general practitioners arranged for June 2 has now been deferred until Sunday, June 16, at 11 a.m.

Davidson Clinic.—Summer school on "Human Conflict and its Solution: An Analytic Viewpoint," July 24–30. Details from the secretary, 58, Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, 9.

Eleventh International Congress of Dermatology.—Stockholm, July 31 to August 6. Details from Dr. MALCOLM TOTTIE, Hudliniken, Stockholm, 60, Sweden.

World Federation for Mental Health.—Annual meeting, Copenhagen, August 11–17. The main theme will be: "Growing Up in a Changing World." Details from the secretary-general, 19, Manchester Street, London, W.1.

Second International Congress for Group Psychotherapy.—Zurich, August 29–31. Details from Dr. A. GUGGENBUHL-CRAIG, 28, Lengstrasse, Zurich, 8.

British Veterinary Association.—Annual Congress in Cambridge, August 25–31. Details from the general secretary, 7, Mansfield Street, Portland Place, London, W.1.

NEW ISSUES

British Journal of Ophthalmology.—The new issue (Vol. 41, No. 5) is now available. The contents include:

INFLUENCE OF THE FIFTH CRANIAL NERVE ON THE INTRA-OCULAR PRESSURE OF THE RABBIT EYE. E. S. Perkins.
CORNEO-SCLERAL TOMOGRAPHY. T. H. Hodgson and R. K. MacDonald.
EXPERIMENTAL DEGENERATION OF THE RETINA. I. THIOL REACTORS AS INDUCING AGENTS. Arnold Sorsby, J. P. Newhouse, and D. R. Lucas.
EXPERIMENTAL DEGENERATION OF THE RETINA. II. THE LESION PRODUCED BY BROMOACETATE: OPHTHALMOSCOPIC AND HISTOLOGICAL FEATURES. D. R. Lucas, J. P. Newhouse, and J. B. Davey.
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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, June 3

MARLBOROUGH DAY HOSPITAL.—8.15 p.m., Dr. D. J. West: Hypnosis.

Tuesday, June 4

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. D. I. Williams: Ectodermal Defects.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in pathology by Dr. M. Ruiz Castañeda (Mexico): Recent Developments in Diagnosis and Treatment of Human Brucellosis.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute, 5 p.m., Almoth Wright Lecture by Dr. R. M. Fry: Spread of Infections in Hospitals and Institutions.

Wednesday, June 5

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Benign Tumours of the Corium.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. Margaret Macpherson: Pulmonary Collapse in Children.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—3 p.m., Dr. G. I. M. Swyer: Intersex.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Professor W. St. C. Symmers: Deep-seated Fungal Infections.

Thursday, June 6

FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—5.30 p.m., discussion: Homoeopathic Treatment of Asthma.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Mr. L. P. Le Quesne: Post-operative Fluid and Electrolyte Balance.

NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Professor M. C. Mensor: Mobility Studies of the Lower Lumbar Spine in Relationship to Low Back Pain.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.—At Town Hall, Gateshead, 10 a.m., Dr. J. B. Tilley: Social Workers and the Health Department; Mr. J. P. Lavender: Some Observations on the Clean Air Act.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Lecture Theatre, Department of Physiology, Queen's College, Dundee, 5 p.m., Professor G. H. Bell: In Search of Pellagra.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—4.30 p.m., clinical meeting and annual general meeting.

Friday, June 7

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. P. F. Borrie: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. F. H. Young: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor G. A. G. Mitchell: Innervation of Blood Vessels.

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Professor J. Chassar Moir: Diagnostic Radiology in Obstetrics.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Mr. H. G. Hanley: Modern Treatment of Renal Tuberculosis.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. L. H. W. Williams: Use and Value of X Rays in Obstetrics.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., Mr. D. M. Jackson: Managing the Burned Patient.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Champ.—On May 15, 1957, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Doris and Charles Champ, a son—Roderick Charles.
King.—On May 20, 1957, to Shirley, wife of Dr. John G. King, a daughter, Manson.—On May 8, 1957, at Morriston Hospital, to Mair, M.C.S.F., and William Manson, M.B., Ch.B., a brother for Helen—Robert Fraser.

DEATHS

Cheal.—On May 15, 1957, at his home, 63, Leigh Road, Eastleigh, Hants, Percival Cheal, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 71.
Coffey.—On May 24, 1957, William Joseph Coffey, M.B., B.Ch., of 14, Slades Hill, Enfield, Middx.
Connan.—On May 16, 1957, at Tigh-na-Mara, Albany Street, Oban, Argyll, Donald Murray Connan, M.D., D.P.H., aged 67.
Dall'wall.—On May 6, 1957, at his home, 27, Alexandra Road, Southport, Lancs, Roy Enyat Singh Dall'wall, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 53.
Drummond.—On May 15, 1957, at Bandarawela, Ceylon, Russell John Drummond, M.D., aged 94.
Gaskell.—On May 12, 1957, Leonard Sadgrove Gaskell, M.B., B.Ch., of Braeside, Budleigh Salterton, Devon, aged 85.
Hardwick.—On May 17, 1957, at Kirton, Boston, Lincs, Philip Vincent Hardwick, M.B., Ch.B.
Jarman.—On May 3, 1957, at Knightswood, Storthes Hall Lane, Kirkburton, near Huddersfield, Yorks, David Ewart Jarman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M., aged 41.
Lawrence.—On May 18, 1957, at Somerleyton, Hartley, Kent, Charles John Montagu Lawrence, L.M.S.S.A., late of Bedford.
Logan.—On May 16, 1957, in a hospital, Lanark, Alexander Logan, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., late of Broadford, Skye.
McQuaid.—On May 12, 1957, in Dublin, Helena Mary Josephine McQuaid, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Putney, London, S.W.
Matthews.—On May 10, 1957, at The Lodge, Entry Hill, Bath, Somerset, Samuel Ryder Russell Matthews, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 84.
Scott.—On May 3, 1957, at Ryde, Isle of Wight, Charles Frederick Trousdale Scott, M.B., Ch.B., late of 122, Brondesbury Park, London, N.W., aged 82.
Trimble.—On May 13, 1957, at Oakland, California, U.S.A., tragically shot, Harold Guyon Trimble, M.D.
Wall.—On May 19, 1957, at Dasherps, Brixham, Devon, James Marsden Wall, L.M.S.S.A., aged 78.
Watson.—On May 18, 1957, John Desmond Watson, M.B., B.Ch., of 25, Kensington Court, London, W.