

On February 1, 1956, a married woman was admitted to the New European Hospital, Nairobi, in a state of collapse with internal haemorrhage. After the injection of three pints (1.7 litres) of saline and artificial plasma in 10 minutes and six and a half pints (3.7 litres) of blood within an hour and a half she was regarded by the surgeon as "just becoming an operation risk," and it was decided that immediate operation was essential to stop the haemorrhage which was killing her. Although she was taken to the theatre it was considered too dangerous to remove her from bed to the operating table. But although the operation was one of grave emergency the surgeon had the assistance of a full theatre staff.

On making a mid-line incision the surgeon found the abdominal cavity full of blood. Placing his hand deep into the pelvis he felt that the left corner of the uterus had burst. He seized this, which was the bleeding point, and held it firm between his finger and thumb to control further bleeding. Bleeding in fact stopped within 30 seconds, and during the rest of the operation the patient's general condition began slightly to improve. Some four pints (2.3 litres) of blood were sucked out of the abdominal cavity into auto-transfusion bottles, and two to three pints more (1.1-1.7 litres) were removed with mopping packs, which had no tapes attached and of which the surgeon and his assistant never released hold. Some 17 of these were used.

In order to keep the field of work clear while sewing up the ruptured part the surgeon used two or three packs, with tapes and Spencer Wells forceps attached, to pack back the intestines.

When he had finished, the surgeon said that, having checked that the pelvic cavity was clear, he removed the packing swabs and checked carefully the area involved, removing considerable quantities of blood that were oozing down from the upper parts of the abdomen. When he was sure he had done all he could do in the way of routine checking for packs and had been told by the theatre sister that the swab count was correct he sewed up.

In October, 1956, after a history of vomiting and abdominal pain starting from at least as early as April 23, 1956, the patient was operated upon by another surgeon for intestinal obstruction. This was found to be caused by the presence of what was at once recognized as an abdominal pack.

The patient brought an action against the first surgeon and the Kenya European Hospital Association, as the managing body of the New European Hospital, alleging that the pack then found was left in her abdomen during the previous operation by reason of negligence on the part of the surgeon and the theatre staff, for whom the Association was vicariously responsible.

Judgment

The action was tried by Mr. Justice Miles, who, in his judgment given on February 17, 1958, held that the swab had been left behind during the emergency operation. He further held that, although the operation was an emergency, there was nothing in the circumstances to relieve the theatre staff from responsibility for the failure to carry out an accurate swab count. The surgeon in his description of this operation had himself excluded the existence of all the conditions which might reasonably excuse a surgeon from overlooking a pack, and it seemed to the judge that in fact he was "convicted of negligence out of his own mouth."

The result was that, although the operation, which had been extremely difficult and hazardous and which was executed as a brilliant piece of surgery, was completely successful and saved the patient's life, both the surgeon and the hospital authority were liable for the suffering and damage which had been caused by the fact that the swab was overlooked. As the judge observed, it was unfortunate that an isolated lapse from the high standard of care which it was clear from the evidence normally prevailed at the New European Hospital should have such serious consequences.

Circumstances that Might Excuse a Surgeon

If the patient's condition during the operation had deteriorated so that the surgeon had had to bring it to a conclusion in conditions which remained those of emergency, and he had relied on the swab count, and cut short his own physical check, it may well be that the judge would have held him justified in relying on the count which he was told by the theatre sister was correct. There must be circumstances in which the urgency of sewing up is so great that the surgeon

is entitled to take the risk that the swab count is wrong, even though the fallibility of what ought to be a certain safeguard has been shown over and over again. But the more often swab counts are shown to be fallible the more desperate must be the situation in which it is reasonable for the surgeon to rely on the count rather than on his own search. Ultimately it all comes back to the familiar question, Was the surgeon's conduct reasonable according to the standards of the ordinarily good and careful practitioner having regard to the whole circumstances of the case? And this standard is set not by the courts, which have to rely on the expert evidence that is called, but by the conscience of the profession itself.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Board of the Faculty of Medicine has co-opted Dr. A. H. T. Robb-Smith for a further period of two years from the first day of Trinity Term, 1958.

Dr. J. B. L. Gee has been elected to a Radcliffe Travelling Fellowship.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on April 26 the following degrees were conferred:

M.CHIR.—W. K. Douglas (by proxy), I. W. Broomhead.
M.B., B.CHIR.—A. D. H. Pooler (by proxy).
M.B.—J. N. Stenhouse.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

THIRD M.B., B.S.—¹Carys M. Bannister, ²K. A. Barlow, ¹¹M. S. Everest, ¹²L. J. Farrow, ¹²E. Friar, ¹²J. F. Hamblin, ¹²A. S. Hartt, ¹²Margaret E. Hughes, ¹²Sheila M. V. Jeffery, ¹²C. F. W. Palmer, ¹²³A. W. Peck (University medal), ¹²Mavis G. S. Read, ¹²J. Rippey, ¹²J. G. Walker, ¹²J. E. C. Wright, Shirley A. P. Abell, J. F. R. Adams, H. S. O. Ahimie, A. R. M. Al-Adwani, J. R. Allan, D. J. Annal, M. V. Appa Rao, J. Armstrong, J. R. Ashwood, D. H. Bailey, W. N. W. Baker, R. Barker, R. J. Barnard, R. D. S. Barnes, Elizabeth S. Bates, J. T. Bavington, J. T. Bench, R. M. Best, Elaine M. Binns, Natalie Bogdan, Mary-Ann M. Bolt, M. C. Bott, R. D. Boyd, Edit J. Bradley, J. H. Bradshaw-Smith, E. S. Brawn, J. C. Briggs, P. Brooke, T. R. Bull, A. C. Bundy, D. J. Burgess, J. M. Burgess, Shirley F. C. Burrell, Jean A. Cam, J. F. Cam, Molra M. Cameron, R. S. Chapple, C. A. C. Charlton, J. H. Chilman, A. R. O. Chinery, R. S. Churchill, M. L. Clarke, Daphne C. K. Clarke, Marion Coates, G. F. Cockings, R. J. Cole, A. J. Coleman, Janet E. Collinson, V. F. Collinson, D. L. Common, Winifred Conn, D. Cowap, Susanna Cowell, D. M. A. Cowie, A. Cox, Sheila M. Creggan, Patricia E. Crome, M. J. Crow, Margaret Crump, C. H. Dale, P. G. Darby, A. H. Davies, Ann V. Daws, Anne W. Deeks, M. H. de Groot, N. A. de Heer, A. M. Denman, Nicola A. Dickinson, B. J. Doughty, Jean G. Doughty, Una M. Dugan, M. K. Dunstan, H. D. H. Eastwood, Janet Y. Eccles, J. Edmonds-Seal, H. J. Edwards, D. B. Ellis, A. J. H. Ellison, L. A. Emmanuel, G. Evans, J. M. Evans, J. M. Faccini, Patricia Farrer, Margaret G. Ferguson, Judith A. G. Fletcher, R. A. Fogarty, C. J. Ford, Constance E. Fozzard, Ruth, Frank I. R. A. Fullagar, P. M. Fullman, R. Gaertner, H. A. Garfinkel, J. Gekonyo-Mbogo, D. W. R. George, Vahine Gibbins, N. Gibbons, Janet I. Gibson, P. J. Gladders, D. H. Glaister, P. Goldberg, I. S. Governor, D. H. Gudgeon, Janet M. Guénault, J. N. Guthrie, A. P. Hall, J. Hall, Mary R. Hamilton, Sally G. Hanson, J. T. Harries, D. Harris, A. R. Haste, J. S. G. Hayes, S. W. Heap, J. R. Hearnshaw, Elizabeth M. Hedges, P. F. Heffron, J. Hellewell, Jane V. Henderson, Anne V. Hickey, D. I. R. Highton, D. Hiley, Nitzfa F. Hill, Judith Hornung, R. G. Howard, D. J. Hunt, Anne E. H. Jackson, A. G. Jacobs, H. T. I. James, P. W. James, Gillian A. Jefferies, R. D. T. Jenkin, G. J. John, Gwylfa I. John, B. F. Johnson, D. Johnson, P. A. Johnson, E. W. Jones, G. V. Jones, J. E. Keithley, D. H. W. Kelly, J. H. C. Kent, H. Kerridge-Judd, M. A. R. Kibbler, J. O. Kirby, K. G. Korsah, J. R. Lane, F. J. Le Coullard, P. Lefley, Enid S. Le Grange, Hilary R. G. Lennox, M. Lindsey, N. Lis, J. P. Lissenden, J. B. Lloyd, O. W. Lloyd, R. W. Lloyd-Davies, Loh Tee Fun, Doreen M. Lovern, M. Lowy, M. J. Loxton, A. J. Lupin, C. H. McCleery, D. R. McCoy, R. F. McGann, I. A. McGlashan, C. G. McKerron, A. D. W. Maclean, Jean L. McNair, S. A. F. O. McNamara, P. D. Maddocks, Alich Majid, A. P. Marks, J. Martin, A. G. F. Marus, Josephine Maybanks, M. A. Melsom, Lilianna Melzak, J. C. Merrington, P. V. Meswani, J. W. Mills, M. Mir-Fakhrai, A. R. Molyneux, Gillian R. Montague, D. T. Morris, J. E. Morris, P. M. Morris, F. G. M. G. Myer, M. Myers, C. R. Newman, A. D. Noble, P. L. Norris, B. I. Nwakanma, O. A. Okubadejo, R. L. Owen, J. Parton, G. R. Peachey, A. J. Pechal, N. Peters, B. M. Phillips, P. L. Phillips, Alina T. Piesowicz, A. J. Pim, Elizabeth J. Porter, P. H. Powley, J. D. Price, B. N. C. Pritchard, Betty L. Priestley, Pamela F. Prior, B. J. Prout, J. S. Pryor, D. J. Puddifant, Barbara J. Rashbass, Hilary D. R. Rendle, J. Restall, C. D. P. Rhodes, Margaret Richardson, Oenone H. Roberts, P. A. Robson, B. A. Ross, D. F. Rowlands, Naomi J. Sage, A. J. Salter, H. F. G. Searwards, Diana R. Shaw, R. F. Sheppard, N. L. Short, J. O. Sibthorpe, K. M. Simpson, S. H. Singh, R. O. Skinner, D. S. Smith, E. O. Sofowora, B. R. Sparke, J. D. Spencer, P. D. Sprackling, Caryle A. Steen, C. G. Stephenson, Pamela M. Stracey, Gillian Strube, J. R. Sumpton, R. C. Swan, M. H. Sykes, A. S. Tabor, J. S. T. Tallack, D. J. E. Taylor, E. J. L. Taylor, R. G. Taylor, G. D. Teeluck-singh, B. M. Thomas, E. J. Thomas, J. Li. E. W. Thomas, Jill M.

Thwaites, R. E. Tonge, Elisabeth A. Tooth, B. Townsley, Rita C. Travers, D. S. Tucker, C. W. Venables, C. D. Venning, P. J. Waight, J. W. Walker, Sheila J. Wallace, G. P. Walsh-Waring, Pamela Walton, Margaret V. Ward, M. T. Ward, A. J. Wellsted, R. G. White, Shiona J. White, P. J. Whitfield, Glenwynne Williams, R. P. Williams, H. D. Winnicott, G. B. Winter, Julia M. Winter, P. J. Wise, R. J. Young, Clara Youngday.

¹With honours. ²Distinguished in pathology. ³Distinguished in medicine. ⁴Distinguished in applied pharmacology and therapeutics. ⁵Distinguished in surgery. ⁶Distinguished in obstetrics and gynaecology.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Mr. A. L. d'Abreu, Dean-designate, has been appointed to the newly established office of Deputy Dean for the period November 29, 1957, to September 30, 1959.

The Board of Governors of the United Birmingham Hospitals has granted honorary status to the following: Dr. P. C. Harris, Lecturer in Medicine, as Honorary Senior Medical Registrar; Dr. R. Lannigan, Senior Lecturer in Pathology, and Dr. J. Hardwicke, Senior Lecturer in Experimental Pathology, as Honorary Consultant Pathologists; and Dr. A. Nestadt, Honorary Research Associate in Paediatrics.

The title of University Research Fellow in the Department of Experimental Pathology has been given to Dr. D. D. Felix-Davies during the tenure of his present post of senior medical registrar at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and in the Department of Surgery to Mr. L. D. Abrams, senior surgical registrar in the Surgical Professorial Unit.

Dr. R. L. Holmes has been appointed Senior Lecturer in Anatomy from April 1, 1958.

Dr. J. G. Jackson resigned from the appointment of Lecturer in Pathology on January 31, 1958, and Dr. H. T. Roper-Hall is to resign from the appointment of part-time Lecturer in Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence on September 30, 1958.

The title of Honorary Research Fellow has been given to Dr. W. Meyerstein, formerly Lecturer in Physiology, while he continues his research work in the Department of Physiology.

The title of University Clinical Lecturer in the subjects indicated in parentheses has been given to the following: Dr. J. D. Blainey (Medicine); Mr. M. J. Roper-Hall (Ophthalmology); Dr. D. K. M. Toye (Radiology); Dr. B. H. Smith (Anaesthetics); and Dr. R. G. Mitchell and Dr. E. C. N. Strong (Dental Surgery).

The title of University Clinical Tutor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the Royal Hospital, Wolverhampton, has been given to Mr. H. J. Fisher.

Dr. D. A. Heath, formerly temporary Lecturer, has been appointed Lecturer in Pathology from October 1, 1958, and Dr. H. G. Clarke temporary Lecturer in Physiology from January 1, 1958.

Mr. A. L. d'Abreu, Professor W. Melville Arnott, Professor A. P. Thomson, and Dr. A. G. W. Whitfield have been appointed representatives of the University on the Standing Joint Committee of the University, the United Birmingham Hospitals, and the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board for the period April 1, 1958, to March 31, 1959.

Dr. Phyllis E. Pease, Assistant Lecturer in Bacteriology, has been promoted to a Lectureship from October 1, 1958.

The title of Honorary Lecturer in Bacteriology has been given to Dr. T. H. Flewett during the tenure of his post in the Virus Disease Laboratory, Little Bromwich Hospital.

In Congregation on December 20, 1957, the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—W. T. Smith.
Ch.M.—G. S. M. Botha (with honours), J. H. Peacock.
M.B., Ch.B.—P. I. Akinboboye, G. A. L. Bolt, G. Evans, Chan Yong Lim, E. S. Parry, B. C. B. Pickles, P. R. C. Randall, R. W. M. Rees, Stella C. Slade.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on May 8, with Sir James Paterson Ross, President, in the chair, the Jacksonian Prize was presented to Mr. B. B. Milstein; a Hunterian Professorship was awarded to Mr. J. Bryant Curtis, of Australia; and the Begley Prize was awarded to Mr. Robert D. Cohen, of the London Hospital Medical College.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to D. L. Common, M. Lindsey, and A. R. Molyneux, and to the other successful candidates whose names were printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London held on April 24 (*Journal*, May 31, p. 1309).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Obstetrics:

Elizabeth K. Adam, Jean M. Adams, Isobel A. C. Alexander, N. K. Allahbadia, Hilary Allin, I. M. Allison, Helen M. Amsbury, J. T.

Andrews, C. Angeli, Maureen C. Archer, L. Ashworth, D. Barry, M. K. Basu Mallik, D. H. Bayton, P. J. Bekenn, J. D. L. Bell, Caroline M. Benazon, Brenda L. Bodenham, Anne Bowles, N. M. Brown, K. W. Browne, V. R. Bruce, G. O. D. Busby, Catherine G. Butcher, Anne L. Campbell, W. J. Carter, Georgina M. Chadwin, S. K. Chaudhuri, J. G. Chitnis, Jean E. Clarke, B. S. Clarke, Evelyn Coates, J. Colville, R. Condie, J. Connolly, P. L. Cook, F. B. Cookson, M. N. Cox, J. Crook, D. R. Das, I. A. Davies, J. J. De Jode, B. G. Dudley, Ma Tin E, M. O'N. East, S. K. El Deiry, D. H. Elliott, C. D'A. Ellis, P. M. Elwin, I. M. Evans, Mary D. Evans, Elizabeth M. Everard, G. Fearnley, M. Galton, E. F. D. Gawne, Marie P. Gilbert, Margaret G. Gillan, Mary R. Glyn John, H. E. Godfrey, Audrey W. Gostling, J. H. Graham-Marr, J. D. Granger, B. H. Grant, L. Grant, A. J. Gray, C. P. Gray, A. H. Gretton, N. D. Gripper, Mary E. Haggood, R. A. Harlow, S. Haroon, D. M. Harris, D. T. Harrison, B. H. P. Heber, J. Henderson, J. R. Hobbs, C. J. Hopkins, T. W. Hoskins, W. D. Jeans, Elizabeth M. Jewell, G. K. Jivani, E. R. Johns, E. T. Johns, R. H. Johnson, G. W. Johnstone, J. D. Jones, J. R. Jones, W. R. B. Jones, Niva Josh, S. K. Kataria, D. H. Kay, T. J. King, R. N. Kolah, Pamela F. Kordik, M. R. Landeg, J. S. Lawson, R. C. Lawson, A. F. Lee, J. D. Le Souef, Jean Y. MacDougall, J. C. H. McDonald, Janie M. McIntyre, J. W. McLellan, Anne M. Macgillivray, J. Main, G. S. Mandal, C. L. Mansfield, G. N. Marsh, I. B. Martin, A. T. Mathew, R. H. Mathews, P. Maton Terry, A. G. May, A. MacG. Michael, D. Milner, R. R. W. Mirre, S. Mitra, S. C. Moles, H. S. C. Moore, J. A. Morgan, Myfanwy C. R. Morris, C. I. Moss, S. D. Mulye, J. K. Murphy, Mary A. B. Murray, F. J. Nash, J. E. Newcombe, E. H. Noble, Ma Khin Nu, Liam J. O'Brien, A. H. Padsha, Joyce M. Pallert, I. W. Palmer, M. S. K. Palmer, J. C. Parkes, P. N. Paterson-Brown, A. J. Pearce, T. N. Pearson, W. F. Percera, Valerie J. Perkins, I. S. T. Phillpotts, G. E. Pickup, G. G. Pollock, D. R. Pratt, O. H. Proctor, Sheila G. Quain, J. Quantrell, J. C. Ramsay, D. A. Richardson, E. H. Ritchie, Elizabeth R. J. Ritchie, G. C. Rivett, O. W. Samuel, C. R. Salisbury, B. E. Savers, B. Scaife, P. H. Scott, S. K. Seal, Monica Shackleton, D. Y. Sharples, C. D. G. L. Shimmmin, V. Sikand, A. W. Simpson, Catherine J. Soutter, M. G. Spark, J. M. Spence, W. L. P. Spicer, Averil M. Stedeford, S. J. Steele, M. D. B. Stephens, G. Stout, D. S. Strachan, M. K. Strelling, C. E. Strode, Margaret J. D. Sturges, B. Taylor, M. Thillainayagam, A. A. L. Thomas, V. Tonge, K. H. Trigg, Wanda Trowsdale, Jean M. Turpin, M. S. Tyrell, C. E. Upton, P. C. Vivian, Marguerita A. M. Von Bergen, G. B. Walker, Audrey P. Ward, H. Watson, Patricia J. Whelan, M. T. White, D. A. Whiting, W. Whittingham, B. R. Wilkinson, C. W. L. Williams, D. T. A. Williams, D. G. Williams, M. G. Williams, M. J. Williams, R. D. Williams, D. J. Willis, A. S. Wilson, J. H. Winder, B. J. Wright, J. A. Wright, J. D. Wrighton, Joyce O. Yates, R. C. Young.

Vital Statistics

Week Ending May 31

The largest falls in the notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week ending May 31 were 299 for dysentery, from 1,080 to 781, 90 for scarlet fever, from 743 to 653, 53 for whooping-cough, from 611 to 558, 39 for food-poisoning, from 177 to 138, and the only large rise was 279 for measles, from 5,248 to 5,527.

The largest increases in the incidence of measles were 104 in Sussex, from 78 to 182 (Littlehampton U.D. 70), 59 in Anglesey, from 14 to 73 (Amlwch U.D. 62), 54 in Essex, from 192 to 246 (Thurrock U.D. 61), 51 in Dorset, from 65 to 116 (Shaftesbury R.D. 56), 50 in Devonshire, from 199 to 249 (Exeter C.B. 132). The largest fall in the number of notifications of scarlet fever was 37 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 110 to 73. Only small fluctuations were recorded in the local returns of whooping-cough. The notification of diphtheria numbered 3 and were 1 fewer than in the preceding week.

3 of the 5 cases of typhoid fever were notified in Northumberland (Longbenton U.D.).

The notifications of acute poliomyelitis numbered 27, and these were 1 more for paralytic and 2 fewer for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The largest returns were Yorkshire West Riding 8 (Halifax C.B. 4, Leeds C.B. 3), London 6 (Camberwell 2, Islington 2), Warwickshire 3 (Birmingham C.B. 2), and Essex 3.

The largest falls in the notifications of dysentery were 62 in Yorkshire West Riding and 45 in Lancashire. The chief centres of infection were Lancashire 149 (Manchester C.B. 34, Liverpool C.B. 31, Oldham C.B. 17, Worsley R.D. 14), Yorkshire West Riding 144 (Barnsley C.B. 22, York C.B. 17, Rotherham C.B. 14, Sheffield C.B. 13, Queensbury and Shelf U.D. 12, Rotherham R.D. 12, Thorne R.D. 10), Essex 127 (Chigwell U.D. 113), London 69 (Islington 14, Wandsworth 13), Surrey 49 (Banstead U.D. 28, Dorking and Horley R.D. 14), Gloucestershire 30 (Bristol C.B. 20), Warwickshire 23, Cheshire 23, Durham 20, and Middlesex 20.

COMING EVENTS

Sea and Air Port Authorities.—Annual meeting of the Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities of the British Isles, June 19 and 20 in Edinburgh. Details from Dr. H. C. MAURICE WILLIAMS, Health Department, Civic Centre, Southampton.

Royal College of Nursing.—Annual meeting, in London June 25–28. Sir JOHN WOLFENDEN will deliver the Founders' lecture on "Moral Values in a Changing Society" (admission by ticket, 7s. 6d.). Details from the College, 1a, Henrietta Place, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

Diamond Jubilee of R.A.M.C.—Sir GORDON GORDON-TAYLOR will deliver a commemorative oration, "In Arduis Fidelis," on June 25 at 5 p.m. at B.M.A. House. The band of the R.A.M.C. will be in attendance.

British Diabetic Association.—Exhibition of diabetic foods, products, and equipment, June 25–28, at Central Hall, Westminster, 11 a.m.–9 p.m. daily.

Society for Endocrinology.—Professor O. MÜHLBOCK will deliver the annual lecture, on "The Hormonal Genesis of Mammary Cancer," on June 27, at 5.30 p.m. at 26, Portland Place, London, W.1.

Hospitals' Symphony Orchestra.—Concert, including works by Wagner, Handel, Borodin, and Tchaikovsky, at B.M.A. House, July 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets 3s. 6d., 5s., and 7s. 6d. are obtainable from Miss M. A. WHIPP, South Western Hospital, Landor Road, London, S.W.9.

Oxford Graduates' Medical Club.—Summer dinner at Merton College, July 4, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets (37s. 6d., inclusive of wine) are obtainable from Mr. R. G. MACBETH, F.R.C.S., Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, before June 27.

Buckston Browne Dinner.—On July 9 at the Royal College of Surgeons. Normally admission to the dinner is by invitation, but this year it will be possible to admit, on payment, up to 100 fellows and members of the College. Those wishing to attend should write immediately to Mr. W. F. DAVIS, Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, enclosing a cheque for £2 10s.

NEW ISSUES

SPECIALIST JOURNALS AND ABSTRACTS

The Journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry.—Issued quarterly (£3 annually). The new issue, Vol. 21, No. 2, includes:

- THE NEUROPATHY OF MULTIPLE MYELOMA. Maurice Victor, Betty Q. Banker, and Raymond D. Adams.
THE RELAPSING COURSE OF CERTAIN MENINGIOMAS IN RELATION TO PREGNANCY AND MENSTRUATION. Edwin R. Bickerstaff, J. M. Small, and I. A. Guest.
A CASE OF INTRAMEDULLARY NEURINOMA. B. Ramamurthi, V. C. Anguli, and C. G. S. Iyer.
RECURRENT MULTIPLE CRANIAL NERVE PALSIES. Sir Charles Symonds.
FINGER TREMOR IN TABETIC PATIENTS AND ITS BEARING ON THE MECHANISM PRODUCING THE RHYTHM OF PHYSIOLOGICAL TREMOR. A. M. Halliday and J. W. T. Redfearn.
SENSORY NERVE ACTION POTENTIALS IN PATIENTS WITH PERIPHERAL NERVE LESIONS. R. W. Gilliatt and T. A. Sears.
THE PSYCHO-GALVANIC REFLEX: A COMPARISON OF A.C. SKIN RESISTANCE AND SKIN POTENTIAL CHANGES. J. D. Montagu.
CLINICAL ASPECTS OF SUSCEPTIBILITY TO METHYLPENTYNOL. Edward Marley and Allen A. Bartholomew.
AN INVESTIGATION OF THE ROSENOW ANTIBODY ANTIGEN SKIN REACTION IN SCHIZOPHRENIA. W. P. Gurassa and H. H. Fleischhacker.
MULTILOCULAR CYSTIC ENCEPHALOPATHY OF INFANTS. L. Crome.

British Journal of Ophthalmology.—Issued monthly (£6 annually). The new issue, Vol. 42, No. 6, includes:

- A RECORDING TONOMETER. D. M. Maurice.
EYE DISEASES IN AFRICAN CHILDREN. F. C. Rodger.
SWELLING OF THE RAT RETINA INDUCED BY METABOLIC INHIBITION. Clive Graymore.
COLOUR VISION SURVEY. S. J. Belcher, K. W. Greenshields, and W. D. Wright.
INCIDENCE AND TREATMENT OF TRACHOMA IN PAKISTAN. M. Alimuddin.
ENDOTHELIOMA OF THE OPTIC NERVE. Kazimierz Rubinstein.
BILATERAL CONGENITAL BUPTHALMOS IN TWO SISTERS. M. V. Graham and R. Pitts Crick.
LAURENCE-MOON-BIEDL SYNDROME. D. Ram and J. N. Rohatgi.

Ophthalmic Literature.—The new issue, Vol. 11, No. 4, is now available. It contains a comprehensive selection of abstracts of

the literature on ophthalmology and related subjects. Issued quarterly (£4 4s. annually, or in combination with the *British Journal of Ophthalmology* and Index £9).

Abstracts of World Medicine.—Issued in the first week of each month, this journal contains abstracts of important papers selected from the current medical literature of the world. Annual subscription £4 4s.

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 16

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. B. Ackner: Attempted Suicide.

Tuesday, June 17

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. A. D. Porter: Light Sensitivity.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor Arthur J. Helfet: The Mechanism of the Derangements of the Medial Meniscus of the Knee—Mechanism, Diagnosis, and Consequences.

Wednesday, June 18

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Eosinophilic Granulomata.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. J. R. Belcher: Surgery of Carcinoma of the Bronchus.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University, 4 for 4.30 p.m., meeting of Fellows. Address by Dr. Howard B. Burchell (Mayo Clinic).

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. T. M. Pollock: Control of Tuberculosis by B.C.G. Vaccination.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.—At Town Hall, South Shields, 10 a.m., Professor Martin Roth: Some Problems of Mental Health in Old Age; Dr. T. L. Coxon: Pollution of Tidal Waters, with Special Reference to the River Tyne.

Thursday, June 19

CIBA FOUNDATION.—At Royal Institution, 4.15 for 5 p.m., Second (Annual) Ciba Foundation Lecture by Professor F. Bourlière (Paris): Comparative Study of Age Changes.

HYNOTHERAPY GROUP.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8 p.m., Dr. Louis Rosin and Dr. J. A. Hadfield: Paranormal Healing.

LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Professor Clifford Wilson: Prognosis in Bright's Disease.

ROSS INSTITUTE INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.—Open meeting at Rubber Growers' Association, 19, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C. 2. 2.15 p.m. Discussion on activities of Ross Institute's India Branch and its Services to Industry.

ROYAL SOCIETY.—4.30 p.m., Leeuwenhoek Lecture by D. Keilin, F.R.S.; Problem of Anabiosis or Latent Life History and Current Concepts.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—7.30 p.m., annual general meeting, followed by ordinary meeting. Professor A. W. Woodruff: Medicine in China To-day.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 7.30 for 8 p.m., annual banquet.

Friday, June 20

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—Radiobiology meeting. Speakers: 2 p.m., Dr. H. J. Evans, Dr. H. C. Sutton, Dr. N. Blackett, and Dr. R. Ghys; 4.15 p.m., Dr. T. C. Carter, Dr. W. M. Court Brown, and Dr. R. Doll.

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. S. Pegum: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. A. Margaret Macpherson: clinical demonstration.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—8 p.m., clinical meeting.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Mr. J. Hardman: Surgery of Intracranial Haemorrhage.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Ewart.—On May 21, 1958, to Margaret (formerly King), M.B., D.P.H., wife of Dunlop Ewart, of Kew, Surrey, a second daughter—Alison Margaret.

Howe.—On May 31, 1958, at the Middlesex Hospital, to Heather, wife of Geoffrey L. Howe, a son—Timothy John.

DEATHS

Butler.—On May 28, 1958, at 7, Prideaux Road, Eastbourne, Sussex. Charles Butler, M.D., aged 93.

Coates.—On May 24, 1958, at Bridgwater Hospital, Somerset, John Francis Coates, M.D., M.R.C.P., aged 50.

Crawford.—On May 25, 1958, at his home, Sidcup, Kent, Edward Sydney Atkinson Crawford, M.B., B.Ch.

Donne.—On May 18, 1958, Cecil Lucas Donne, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S., of St. James' Mansions, Hampstead, London, N.W., and Ivy House, Selsey, Sussex.

Halpin.—On May 18, 1958, at his home, Swallowfield Grange, near Reading, Berks, George Halpin, M.D., aged 75.

Niven.—On May 4, 1958, at his home, Harrow, Middlesex, Andrew McKay Niven, M.B., Ch.B., aged 77.

Thompson.—On May 13, 1958, at his home, Meyrick Grange, Swanage, Dorset, Frederic Troughton Thompson, M.B., Ch.B., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S. (retired), aged 81.

Tillyard.—On May 17, 1958, Frederick Edward Tillyard, M.B., Ch.B., of The Dial House, 58, Mill Road, Worthing, Sussex.

Williams.—On May 15, 1958, at Mombasa, Kenya, Arthur Donald John Bedward Williams, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Wood.—On May 17, 1958, at the Westminster Hospital, William Charrington Wood, M.D., F.R.C.S., aged 87.