

The Ministry of Health Standing Committee on Medical and Nutritional Problems includes the following. *Ministry of Health*.—Sir Wilson Jameson, Dr. W. A. Lethem, Dr. H. E. Magee, Dr. D. M. Taylor. *Ministry of Food*.—Lord Horder. *Ministry of Education*.—Dr. J. Alison Glover. *Medical Research Council*.—Sir Edward Mellanby, Prof. S. J. Cowell, Dr. B. S. Platt. *Department of Health for Scotland*.—Sir Andrew Davidson. *Ministry of Fuel and Power*.—Dr. S. W. Fisher. *Ministry of Labour and National Service*.—Dr. E. R. A. Merewether.

The Pneumoconiosis Research Unit of the Medical Research Council has opened a clinic at the hospital at Llandough for the study of certified cases to determine the possibilities of direct treatment. Similar investigations are being made among tin miners in Cornwall, including the possibilities of treatment by the inhalation of finely powdered aluminium. A clinical study of working miners at selected mines in South Wales, in relation to dust and other environmental conditions, is about to start.

According to returns from the local authorities concerned, 66% of the child population up to age 15 were immunized against diphtheria in Manchester at Dec. 31, 1945, 49% in Ashton-under-Lyne, and 52% in Oldham.

Except where considerations of health or safety make such a course undesirable all paraplegic pensioners will, in future, be eligible for the supply and repair of a motor invalid tricycle at State expense.

The Services

Major-Gen. J. C. A. Dowse, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the King in succession to Col. (Temp. Brig.) H. A. Sandiford, M.C., late R.A.M.C., retired, and Major-Gen. E. A. Sutton, C.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the King in succession to Major-Gen. G. A. Blake, C.B., late R.A.M.C., retired.

Surg. Cmdr. H. L. Cleave, R.N., has been appointed O.B.E. (Military Division) and Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. J. C. Wyatt, R.N., and Surg. Lieut. C. A. Jackson, R.N.V.R., have been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) for outstanding services while prisoners of war in the Far East.

Surg. Cmdr. V. F. Walsh, R.N., and Temp. Surg. Lieut. D. R. Syred, R.N.V.R., have been mentioned in dispatches, and Surg. Lieut.-Cmdr. D. N. Ryalls, R.N.V.R., has been mentioned in dispatches posthumously for good services while prisoners of war in the Far East.

Majors S. M. Banfill, J. N. B. Crawford, and J. A. G. Reid, R.C.A.M.C., have been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division), and Major G. C. Gray, R.C.A.M.C., has been mentioned in dispatches, in recognition of gallant and distinguished services while prisoners of war in the Far East.

Capt. C. T. Robertson, R.C.A.M.C., has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of gallant and distinguished services while a prisoner of war.

Medical News

Arrangements have been made to hold the next congress of the International Surgical Society in London from Sept. 14 to 20, 1947. The president will be Dr. Leopold Mayer of Brussels, and the general secretary of the society is Dr. L. Dejardin of Brussels. An interesting programme is being prepared. Local arrangements will be in the hands of a British committee of which Prof. G. Grey Turner is chairman, and Mr. H. W. S. Wright (9, Weymouth Street, Portland Place, W.1) the honorary secretary.

On the recommendation of the honorary managing committee of the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases, the Secretary of State for the Colonies has confirmed the appointment of Dr. Charles Wilcocks as director of the Bureau with effect from April 1, 1946, and has appointed Dr. H. J. O'D. Burke-Gaffney to be assistant director with effect from July 16, 1946. Dr. J. F. Corson, who, since July, 1943, had given his help as acting assistant director of the Bureau, retired on June 30.

The Fellowships offered by the Commonwealth Fund of New York to British graduates for tenure in American universities have now been resumed after interruption by the war. The committee of award have made the following appointments in medicine for 1946-7: A. H. Cruickshank, M.D., to Johns Hopkins University; A. M. M. Kelvie, M.B., Ch.B., to the Mayo Clinic.

A site is being sought in London by the Save the Children Fund for a memorial to children of all countries who lost their lives during the war.

Sir Comyns Berkeley, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., who died on Jan. 27, left £123,659, the residue of which goes to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, for the provision of medical fellowships.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Westminster Hospital Medical School

Lord Woolton will deliver the Inaugural Address at the opening of the new academic session in the Sir Edward Meyerstein Lecture Theatre of the School on Monday, Oct. 7, at 3 p.m.

An entrance scholarship examination in anatomy and physiology will be held on Sept. 11 and 12. Applications for further particulars must reach the secretary, Westminster Hospital Medical School, 17, Horseferry Road, S.W.1, by Aug. 16.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOLOGY.—P. H. Beamish, F. G. Callus, M. C. Connell, M. A. Egan, M. A. FitzGerald, E. H. Hanson, I. L. McKelvie, M. Mandelstam, Gwenllian B. Morgan, B. Navid, J. F. Nicholl, E. J. Richardson, W. V. Taylor, B. C. H. Ward. *Part I*: L. Charney, M. G. E. Shakankiri, K. N. Tankariwala.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

The following appointments to full-time Clinical Chairs of Medicine, Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and Paediatrics and Child Health are announced:

Chair of Medicine: W. M. Arnott, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed. *Chair of Surgery*: F. A. R. Stammers, C.B.E., F.R.C.S. *Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*: Hilda N. Lloyd, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. *Chair of Paediatrics and Child Health*: J. M. Smellie, M.D., F.R.C.P.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

At a Graduation Ceremonial held on July 24 the following medical degrees and diplomas were conferred:

M.D.—1A. El Shahed, 2J. Innes, 3R. J. G. Rattrie, 13J. S. Robson, D. C. Ross, 13I. D. Willatt.

CH.M.—1. S. Smillie (gold medal), R. Strang.
M.B., Ch.B.—Grace Barker, Patricia M. Barraclough, Elizabeth L. Batchelor, Margaret R. Bate, F. A. Beale, Fiona M. Bennett, H. L. Binnie, W. L. Blackett, W. J. O. Box, 4Mary M. M. Boyd, E. R. Brooks, J. R. Brotherton, J. Brown, Pamela J. Brown (née Rickword), S. P. Bruce, Mary C. Buchanan, Katharine A. Burn-Murdoch, J. Burton, A. Cameron, W. W. Campbell, I. W. Clark, 4Barbara E. Clayton, D. C. Cockburn, Iole L'E. K. de Lingen, A. C. Douglas, D. Duncan, J. A. Ewing, R. M. Foster, A. D. B. Fotheringham, R. Frater, E. N. S. Fry, K. G. Gadd, W. R. Galloway, Constance A. Gibbs (née Mitchell), R. A. F. Gilbert, J. M. Gill, R. Gillott, Philippa A. Glyn, A. Goldberg, R. H. Gosling, Jessie E. J. Grainger, E. R. Gunn, Sheila I. Haldane, K. C. R. Halliday, T. L. Henderson, J. S. Holden, R. Houston, Moira B. Hughes, Elizabeth S. Humble, R. C. Humphreys, Morag L. Inley (née Henderson), A. S. Ireland, G. Irvine, A. B. Jamieson, D. A. Ll. Jones, J. D. Kerr, Alison B. King, Isabella Kingan, Charlotte M. M. Kirkcaldie, I. C. S. Knight, R. R. Lam, S. G. E. Lavery, Rosemary W. Lawrence, Isabel J. K. Ledger, Mary K. Lethem, I. C. Lewis, K. A. Lim, P. D. Livingstone, Helenor F. Lochhead, 4J. A. Loraine, Ethel M. J. Loudon, A. C. M'Dougall, Margaret M. MacDougall, W. R. S. Clair, MacDougall, P. C. MacGillivray, R. C. MacGillivray, D. M. MacKay, I. G. MacKenzie, D. L. MacKinnon, J. MacLean, A. M'Nab, R. C. Macnair, Betty Mallace, Dilys Manners, T. S. Martin, K. W. Matheson, Katherine-Alice Mercer, J. D. C. Millar, F. R. D. Minett, R. R. W. Mirrey, Irene M. J. Monaghan, Isobel S. Mowat, Elspeth M. Orr, O. E. Owen, J. R. Page, H. M. Park, F. L. Rawson, A. Reid, D. Reid, Myrtle V. Richards, B. Ruebner, 4W. R. S. Clair, Kathleen I. Scott, Anne K. I. Sellers, W. L. Sewell, Helen M. Shearer (née Lenman), C. G. Sim, D. A. Sime, D. C. Simpson, K. Sinclair, G. M. M. Smbert, L. S. Smith, I. F. Sommerville, A. R. Somner, J. O. Taubman, Emily D. J. Todd, C. H. M. Walker, C. H. Wheatley, 4Rachel B. White, J. W. Whittick, A. J. Williams, C. E. Williams, A. T. Wilson, J. T. Wright, D. Yuille, Monica M. Zealley.

B.Sc. (Department of Pure Science)—Mary C. Buchanan, M.B., Ch.B.
DIPLOMA IN PSYCHIATRY.—1J. B. Methven.
DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—W. Bain, 1J. A. P. Bouton, 1G. Buchanan, C. W. F. MacKay, J. P. Mehrotra, K. D. Moynagh, 1W. O. Petrie, J. M. Smith.

POLISH SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT EDINBURGH

M.D.—K. Durkacz, L. Kulczycki, Magdalena K. Munk, R. Rejthar, O. Rymaszewski, T. J. Szczesniak, H. Wójcicki.
M.B., Ch.B.—A. Bobak, W. Galecki, K. Getta, Z. Giedrys, E. Grubsztejn, W. Kaczmarek, A. Kurowski, 1T. Labecki, Z. Liskowicz, Z. Milewski, Liwia Mitis, 1K. Sztabert, L. Wachala, A. Wlodezowski.

The following scholarships, bursaries, prizes, etc., were awarded in the Faculty of Medicine: *Cameron Prize in Practical Therapeutics*: A. Szent-Györgyi, M.D., Ph.D., professor of medical and organic chemistry in the University of Szeged, Hungary, in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the knowledge of vitamin C. *Little Scholarships and Leslie Medal and Scottish Association for Medical Education of Women Prize*: Rachel B. White. *Chiene Medal in Surgery*: I. S. Smillie. *Mouat Scholarship in the Practice of Physics, Royal Victoria Hospital Tuberculosis Trust Medal, and Thomson Memorial Medal in Child Life and Health*: J. A. Loraine. *Stark Scholarship in Clinical Medicine*: R. F. Robertson. *Buchanan Scholarship in Midwifery and Gynaecology*: Mary M. M. Boyd. *James Scott Scholarship in Midwifery and Gynaecology*: R. C. MacGillivray. *Vans Dunlop Scholarship in Materia Medica and Medicine*: J. A. Loraine.—*Prox. acc.*: R. F. Robertson. *Vans Dunlop Scholarship in Pathology and Surgery*: H. A. F. Dudley. *Dorothy Gilfillan Memorial Prize, Annandale Medal in Clinical Surgery, and Lawson Gifford Prize in Obstetrics and Gynaecology*: Barbara E. Clayton. *Beane Prize in Anatomy and Surgery*: W. R. S. Clair.—*Prox. acc.*: Barbara E. Clayton. *Keith Memorial Prize in Systemic Surgery and Pattison Prize in Clinical Surgery*: I. F. Sommerville. *Murdoch Brown Medal in Clinical Medicine*: A. C. M'Dougall. *Wightman Prize in Clinical Medicine*: A. C. Douglas. *MacLagan Prize in Forensic Medicine*: Eileen V. McWilliam. *Stirton Bursary*: Margaret Stirling. *Colonel Thomas Biggam Memorial Medal and Prize in Pathology*: Rosemary H. M. Davie. *Lewis Cameron Undergraduate Prize in Bacteriology*: D. S. M'Laren. *Cunningham Memorial Medal and Prize in Anatomy and Senior John Aitken Carlyle Bursary in Anatomy and Physiology*: W. F. Coulson. *Junior John Aitken Carlyle Bursary*

in *Anatomy and Chemistry*: M. R. King. *Mackenzie Bursaries in Anatomy*: Jean M. Arkieson, M. R. King, G. F. M. Russell, A. W. M'I. Smith. *Ian Oswald Prizes in Anatomy*: Margaret Kennedy, R. Kilpatrick. *Whiteside Bruce Bursary*: Anne T. Lambie and G. F. M. Russell (equal). *Vans Dunlop Prizes in (a) Botany and Zoology and (b) Physics and Chemistry*: Anne T. Lambie.

¹ In absentia. ² Highly commended for thesis. ³ Commended for thesis. ⁴ With honours.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

The King has approved the appointment of Robert Aim Lennie, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., F.R.C.O.G., senior obstetric surgeon in the Glasgow Royal Maternity and Women's Hospital and gynaecologist at the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, to the Regius Chair of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the College, held on July 16, the President, Dr. D. M. Lyon, intimated that the following had accepted the Honorary Fellowship of the College:

Major-Gen. Sir Alexander Gordon Biggam, K.B.E., C.B., M.D.Ed., F.R.C.P.Lond., Sir Henry Hallett Dale, O.M., G.B.E., M.D.Camb., F.R.S., F.R.C.P.Lond., Neil Hamilton Fairley, C.B.E., M.D.Melb., F.R.S., F.R.C.P.Lond., Sir Alexander Fleming, M.B.Lond., F.R.S., F.R.C.P.Lond., Sir John Fraser, Bt., K.C.V.O., M.C., M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., The Rt. Hon. Lord Moran, M.C., M.D.Lond., P.R.C.P.Lond., Major-Gen. Sir Percy Stanley Tomlinson, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., F.R.C.P.Lond.

Dr. Ronald Haxton Girdwood (Edinburgh), Dr. Angus Henry Campbell (Redhill), and Dr. Stanley Galbraith Graham (Glasgow) were introduced and took their seats as Fellows of the College.

Major William Happer, I.M.S., Drs. Robert James Kellar, M.B.E. (Edinburgh), Gordon Douglas Malcolm (Bridge of Earn), and Sir Andrew Davidson (Edinburgh) were elected Fellows of the College.

SCOTTISH CONJOINT BOARD

The following candidates, having passed the final Examinations, have been granted the diploma of L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.&S.Glasg.:

E. A. Barrett, W. R. Brown, W. S. Brown, Mary G. Buchanan, J. Duncan, A. S. Dunn, Margaret W. Gerrard, R. F. Gray, I. Lamond, G. A. Lawrenson, Julia I. Leitch, G. C. Mackie, Catherine H. Mair, H. M. Mann, Jeannette B. Morrison, N. A. Oppenheim, A. C. Pole, J. L. Quartey-VanderPuije, J. N. Rankin, B. W. T. Richardson, H. K. Rose, Agnes W. M. Scott, Kirsty F. Semple, W. P. Thomson, J. Watson, A. I. Williams.

EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NOTES

Discussion of Table

In *England and Wales* there was a general fall in the incidence of infectious diseases, and notably of measles 543, scarlet fever 152, acute pneumonia 62, and dysentery 26. The only disease with an increased incidence was whooping-cough 23.

The fall in measles was most marked in Essex 168, London 167, Surrey 87, Middlesex 86, and Kent 82. A small general decline in scarlet fever occurred throughout the country. The largest local variations in whooping-cough were a fall of 67 in Yorkshire West Riding and a rise of 49 in Lancashire. Notifications of diphtheria were 13 fewer than in the preceding week; the largest changes were a decrease of 14 in Cheshire and a rise of 11 in Essex. Only 61 cases of dysentery were notified—the smallest weekly total for almost four years; Surrey had 11 and London 10 cases.

A further case of acute poliomyelitis, making 6 in all, has been reported from the Potters Bar area of Middlesex. At Woolacombe, North Devon, 16 cases of paratyphoid have been notified in the past few weeks.

In *Scotland* the notifications of infectious diseases decreased. There were falls in measles 77, scarlet fever 39, acute primary pneumonia 28, dysentery 25, diphtheria 22, and cerebrospinal fever 13. The fall in measles was in the western area, while in Edinburgh the cases increased from 133 to 165.

In *Eire* little change occurred in the incidence of notifiable diseases. Enteritis and diarrhoea rose by 8 to a total of 64, of which 58 were notified in Dublin C.B.

In *Northern Ireland* ice-cream caused an outbreak of 9 cases of diphtheria, of a virulent type, in Derry.

Week Ending July 20

The notifications of infectious diseases during the week in *England and Wales* included: scarlet fever 936, whooping-cough 2,474, diphtheria 247, measles 3,783, acute pneumonia 380, cerebrospinal fever 49, dysentery 60, acute poliomyelitis 10, paratyphoid 20, typhoid 6.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

We print below a summary of Infectious Diseases and Vital Statistics in the British Isles during the week ended July 13.

Figures of Principal Notifiable Diseases for the week and those for the corresponding week last year, for: (a) *England and Wales* (London included). (b) *London* (administrative county). (c) *Scotland*. (d) *Eire*. (e) *Northern Ireland*.

Figures of Births and Deaths, and of Deaths recorded under each infectious disease, are for: (a) The 126 great towns in *England and Wales* (including London). (b) *London* (administrative county). (c) The 16 principal towns in *Scotland*. (d) The 13 principal towns in *Eire*. (e) The 10 principal towns in *Northern Ireland*.

A dash — denotes no cases; a blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available.

Disease	1946					1945 (Corresponding Week)				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Cerebrospinal fever ..	33	4	17	—	1	52	4	20	—	5
Deaths	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
Diphtheria	277	30	71	34	15	422	24	86	71	5
Deaths	2	—	1	—	—	7	—	1	—	—
Dysentery	61	10	23	—	—	206	47	47	1	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis lethargica, acute	5	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	30	3	1	—	—	30	4	3
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	39	4	9	64	12	34	3	4	68	14
Deaths	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1
Measles*	3,981	630	267	54	5	4,075	207	46	33	—
Deaths	2	—	—	—	—	3	—	2	—	—
Ophthalmia neonatorum	69	2	11	—	—	51	4	8	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fever ..	17	—	1(B)	1(B)	—	9	—	2(B)	—	—
Deaths	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia, influenzal ..	416	29	4	1	1	387	23	9	5	3
Deaths (from influenza)† ..	5	1	1	1	—	8	2	—	—	—
Pneumonia, primary ..	—	—	127	12	9	—	17	131	14	10
Deaths	—	26	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	5
Polio-encephalitis, acute ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis, acute ..	12	—	—	4	—	12	4	1	2	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal fever	—	—	15	—	—	—	4	8	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia‡ ..	149	9	6	—	1	123	4	13	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Relapsing fever	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet fever	845	72	112	21	23	1,303	74	153	21	37
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid fever	6	—	5	6	—	10	2	2	5	1
Deaths	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Typhus fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping-cough* ..	2,270	148	28	36	14	1,098	69	14	51	8
Deaths	12	2	2	—	—	4	—	—	—	—
Deaths (0-1 year) ..	334	52	56	35	10	286	23	28	29	11
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,003	604	514	181	103	3,815	561	482	197	92
Annual death rate (per 1,000 persons living) ..	—	—	11.3	11.6	—	—	—	10.9	12.7	—
Live births	8,546	1,316	987	338	228	6,892	792	822	426	205
Annual rate per 1,000 persons living ..	—	—	19.9	21.7	—	—	—	16.4	27.5	—
Stillbirths	215	18	37	—	—	203	21	15	—	—
Rate per 1,000 total births (including stillborn) ..	—	—	36	—	—	—	—	18	—	—

* Measles and whooping-cough are not notifiable in *Scotland*, and the returns are therefore an approximation only.

† Includes primary form for *England and Wales*, *London* (administrative county), and *Northern Ireland*.

‡ Includes puerperal fever for *England and Wales* and *Eire*.