

but he spent the rest of his life there, rarely leaving the island. As he says, he fell in love with the place and never wished to leave it, in spite of temptations to do so. It certainly was not the salary which tempted him—£55 a year for Yell and £15 for Fetlar—with what he could pick up in the way of private practice among a mostly poor and hard-working population.

He had to tackle everything, generally single-handed, for his nearest medical neighbour was on another island and communications were often very difficult. But Taylor was essentially a handy man, and very bravely and ingeniously he dealt with many cases which in town life would have been sent to hospital. He had a flair for mechanics, which was sometimes exercised on the engines of ships coming to the island. He and his wife built a reflecting telescope from which they derived much pleasure.

Anyone who is inclined to patronize the "mere country doctor" would get a surprise if he read this book. There is not an atom of self-pity in it, but the long walks (at first all was done on foot or by means of a boat) in desperate weather over rough country must have been trying, and there was never any question of sending the case to another doctor. For 35 years Taylor was the doctor and friend of everybody on the two islands, and it is good to learn from a foreword by the publishers that he was appreciated and loved by everybody.

The doctors in the Highlands and Islands have always had a strenuous job—one which could appeal only to men who are country-lovers and "doctors by the grace of God." Taylor tells how much the coming of the Highland and Islands Medical Service meant to him and his colleagues in the improvement of their conditions.

There are many racy stories about the people and their customs, some of which disappeared during Dr. Taylor's time. I have no doubt the book will be treasured by many Shetlanders both resident and exiled. I sincerely hope it will have a wide circulation among people who have never seen Shetland but would like to know something about it and its people. They will be well rewarded by the tale of the life of a fine character. As for myself, the story left me with a regret that I never met Dr. Taylor. He was a credit to our profession.

The book is finely illustrated by pen-and-ink sketches and some colour plates, all the work of the author, who was evidently no mean artist.

ALFRED COX.

## ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

*Abnormal Psychology.* By James D. Page. (Pp. 441; 15 figures. \$4.00 or £1.) New York and London: McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc. 1947.

Here at last is a book properly proportioned to the needs of the doctor who sees patients outside a mental hospital, whether in general practice or in the wards and out-patient department of a general hospital. The psychoses are clearly and adequately described, but they do not dominate the book. More attention might have been paid to psychosomatic conditions and the visceral neuroses if this appeal to the profession outside the ranks of the specialist psychiatrist were to be fully met, but little complaint can be directed to either the matter or the manner of the book. It is clear, concise, and well balanced.

The author gives the impression of basing his statements throughout on a close and reasoned study of facts and figures, yet he has entirely avoided a dry statistical style. It is interesting to note how doctrines which twenty years ago seemed speculative and theoretical have stood the test of practical investigation and, at least in this book, appear as well-authenticated propositions in established psychopathology.

The opening chapters give a clear picture of the differences between normal and abnormal, of motivation and adjustment, mental mechanisms and symptoms, and the general causes of abnormal behaviour. In the rest of the book the sections on the psychoneuroses, alcohol, epilepsy, and crime are specially to be commended. The profession as a whole should do their best to read this excellent book—even surgeons would benefit by its perusal.

R. G. GORDON.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

[Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received]

*Present Concepts of Rehabilitation in Tuberculosis.* By N. C. Kiefer, M.D., M.P.H. (Pp. 398. \$3.50.) New York: National Tuberculosis Association. 1948.

*Schafer's Essentials of Histology.* Edited by H. M. Carleton, M.A., B.Sc., D.Ph., and E. H. Leach, M.A., B.Sc. 15th ed. (Pp. 655. 25s.) London: Longmans, Green. 1949.

*A Textbook of Midwifery.* By W. Shaw, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. 3rd ed. (Pp. 649. 22s. 6d.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1949.

*Fundamentals of Body Mechanics and Conditioning.* By M. Lee, B.S., LL.D., and M. M. Wagner, B.A., M.A. (Pp. 377. 22s. 6d.) London: W. B. Saunders. 1949.

*Das EKG ABC: Eine Systematik zur Auswertung von Elektrokardiogrammen.* By M. Waldhecker. (Pp. 114. M. 6.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1948.

*Schattenseiten der Ulkuschirurgie.* By P. Huber. (Pp. 91. Sch. 36.) Vienna: Wilhelm Maudrich. 1949.

*Plastic Surgery of the Nose.* By A. P. Seltzer, M.D., M.Sc., Sc.D., F.I.C.S., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 305. 72s.) London: J. B. Lippincott. 1949.

*Surgery of the Hand.* By S. Bunnell, M.D. 2nd ed. (Pp. 930. 100s.) London: J. B. Lippincott. 1948.

*Campbell's Operative Orthopedics.* Edited by J. S. Speed, M.D. Vols. 1 and 2. 2nd ed. (Pp. 1,643. 150s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1949.

*Die Ermittlung des Erregungsablaufs in Ungeschädigten und Geschädigten Herzen durch Analyse des Elektrokardiogramms und des Vektordiagramms.* By L. Wendt. (Pp. 84. M. 12.50.) Berlin: Akademie. 1949.

*Die Diät- und Insulinbehandlung der Zuckerkrankheit.* By F. Depisch. 4th ed. (Pp. 176. No price.) Vienna: Springer. 1949.

*Die Gonorrhoe des Mannes.* By A. Wiedmann. (Pp. 163. Sch. 36.) Vienna: Wilhelm Maudrich. 1949.

*Die Ästhetik der Nase.* By A. Berndorfer. (Pp. 87. Sch. 21.) Vienna: Wilhelm Maudrich. 1949.

*Das Zwischenhirn.* By W. R. Hess. (Pp. 187. 15 francs.) Basle: Benno Schwabe. 1949.

*Studies in Physical Anthropology: Early Man in the Far East.* Edited by W. W. Howells. (Pp. 157. \$2.00.) Detroit: American Association of Physical Anthropologists. 1949.

*Studi e Ricerche sulla Manna e Mannite Naturale.* By D. Gigante. (Pp. 144. No price.) Rome: Istituto Poligrafico dello Stato Libreria. 1948.

*Fortschritte der Tuberkulose-Forschung und -Behandlung.* By H. Birkhauser. Vols. 1 and 2. (Pp. 446. 90.80 Swiss francs.) Basle: S. Karger. 1948.

*Lehrbuch der Embryologie.* By W. Brandt, M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 648. 56 Swiss francs.) Basle: S. Karger. 1949.

*Traitement Moderne des Brûlures.* By J. Virenque and J. Sécal. (Pp. 62. No price.) Paris: Vigot. 1949.

*Les Maladies Endocriniennes.* By H. Curschmann. (Pp. 164. No price.) Paris: Vigot. 1949.

*Topographische Anatomie.* By O. Oertel. Revised by P. Glees. (Pp. 351. 28 Swiss francs.) Basle: S. Karger. 1949.

*Your Child and You.* By C. Hay-Shaw. (Pp. 157. 6s.) London: John Murray. 1949.

*The Sulphonamides in General Practice.* By E. D. Hoare, M.D. (Pp. 90. 5s.) London: Staples Press. 1949.

*Hamlet and Oedipus.* By E. Jones, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 160. 12s. 6d.) London: Victor Gollancz. 1949.

qualified to hold the office. Sir Hartley went on to refer to a case of a different character in which another member was concerned and for which the Bill also proposed indemnification.

Mr. R. A. BUTLER said that, in view of the fact that under the rules of the General Medical Council fees and reasonable travelling expenses could be paid, there was no doubt that the case of the two members ought to be covered by a Bill such as that before the House. It was intolerable that members should be in a position where they might at any time unwittingly contravene the law.

The Bill was then read a second time without a division, passed through Committee without amendment, reported, and read a third time.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Sir Maurice Alan Cassidy, Physician-in-Ordinary to the King, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of Clare College.

David Robertson Smith, M.B., B.Chir., has been elected to an Elmore Medical Research Studentship, from May 1.

In Congregation on June 21 the degree of M.D. was conferred on T. S. Hindle.

In Congregation on June 22 the degree of M.B. was conferred, by proxy, on J. Ff. Edwards.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

The following medical degrees were conferred on July 9:

M.D.—A. Allison, W. Chambers, W. W. Douglas, W. S. Linton, T. M. Paterson.

Ch.M.—J. Cuthbert, A. W. Kay.

M.B., Ch.B.—Kathleen M. Adams, Marion K. Aitken, A. G. Anderson, G. Anderson, I. N. O. Asinobi, H. B. M. Auld, Anne R. Austin, A. G. Baikie, M. McA. Baird, R. Bankier, G. I. Barrow, N. J. B. Bowie, A. H. Boyd, A. Brodie, I. D. Brown, T. Brown, J. Buchanan, Millicent E. Burns, R. K. Burt, A. H. P. Carswell, Mary S. Christian, J. H. Cowie, I. D. Cullen, T. A. Cunningham, D. Davies, F. W. G. Deighton, D. A. T. Dick, J. F. Dick, Grace C. Dunbar, R. Erskine, J. Forsyth, J. Frame, P. G. Gaskell, R. M. Gibson, J. C. Gillespie, J. S. Gillespie, B. Green, R. Greenhill, A. J. Hale, A. M. Halliday, P. Hay, J. C. M. Henderson, G. P. Henry, W. F. Heslin, Elspeth C. Higgins, Margaret I. Hill, D. S. Hogg, D. W. G. Honeyman, R. McD. Hosie, Janet L. P. Hunter, S. W. Hind, Christina M. Jack, J. B. Johnson, D. G. Kay, Mary W. Kellock, A. E. D. Kennedy, A. S. L. Kennedy, J. Knox, A. Kyle, A. S. McC. Lamont, J. G. Leitch, S. G. Leitch, D. W. Leslie, G. H. Lowther, S. G. McAlpine, Sheena E. McCoshim, D. MacDonald, D. G. MacDonald, Sheila C. MacGregor, N. J. McKellar, J. V. McKenzie, Ruth B. McKenzie, D. McKirdy, J. R. Maclean, Ethel E. M. McLellan, Cynthia J. McPherson, W. McQuater, R. K. McRae, G. T. Mair, Maureen A. F. Malcolm, Hazel G. Mansell, Elizabeth L. Millar, T. M. Miller, A. T. Mitchell, J. N. S. Mitchell, J. J. E. D. Mitchell, J. Moodie, J. B. Morris, Sylvia Morris, T. P. O'Hea, H. W. J. Park, L. R. Parker, D. C. Pendrigh, A. J. E. Pollock, W. M. Prentice, J. R. Raeside, A. M. Reid, A. W. Reid, J. M. Reid, B. J. Reilly, A. A. Robertson, A. K. Ross, P. Roughead, J. R. Roy, T. S. Russell, T. C. Rutledge, Jessie L. Sharp, A. Silver, R. G. Sinclair, G. D. Smellie, C. McP. Smith, Joan E. Smith, W. D. Smith, Sheila W. Soote, R. H. Stewart, W. O. Stewart, D. S. Strachan, G. H. Swanson, Vera Taylor, Elizabeth D. M. J. Thomas, A. S. Watson, Sheila M. Whiteside, J. R. M. Wilson, R. B. Wilson, W. Wilson, G. B. Wylie, G. L. Wylie, Mary W. Young.

### UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

#### SCHOOL OF PHYSIC, TRINITY COLLEGE

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—R. A. J. Holmes-Ievers, P. J. Mullaney.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—D. W. Beckett, W. G. T. Bell, F. G. O. Burrows, Dorothy J. Cartmill, C. G. H. Charlton, R. P. A. Coffey, R. S. Crone, W. P. C. Deely, E. W. Eppel, B. B. Fazackerley, T. G. Feeney, <sup>1</sup> Audrey M. Franklin, <sup>1</sup> R. J. M. Fry, <sup>2</sup> Agnes C. Good, C. Harris, Wilhelmina Hutchinson, H. P. Isaacson, <sup>1</sup> Beatrice P. Karmel, S. M. Laird, <sup>1</sup> Thelma H. W. Marks, Sybil E. K. Oulton, <sup>1</sup> Eleanor B. Outon, W. Pappenheim, L. R. Robinson, Kathleen C. Rogers, Eva Roith, C. F. Ross, <sup>1</sup> Stephanie Saville, <sup>1</sup> S. B. Sloan,

M. D. M. Staunton, B. S. Telford, <sup>2</sup> W. D. H. Troughton, E. R. D. Williamson, Oonagh D. Wray, R. S. Young.

M.B.—Reva Berstock, S. C. Blake, Evelyn Browne, Joan I. Buchanan, L. J. Clein, K. C. Finkel, R. C. Gray, O. H. Killen, E. B. McHugh, Sheila M. McHugh, J. C. McLean, W. D. McNaull, T. T. E. Michael, R. Nelson, J. P. Nixon, V. P. O'Sullivan-Quinn, Ruth M. Perrott, Frances E. Russell, R. N. Siberry, A. A. Sweeney, Annie M. G. Troughton, F. A. Walkey.

M.B., B.A.O.—Vyvyan I. K. Johnston.

B.Ch., B.A.O.—Mabel M. H. Hodgins, <sup>2</sup> B. A. McC. Thompson.

B.Ch.—W. D. H. Powell, Gwendoline G. L. Poots.

B.A.O.—D. L. Cowan, Marisa A. O'Keefe.

<sup>1</sup>With second-class honours in medicine. <sup>2</sup>With second-class honours in surgery.

### UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

In Congregations held on July 1 and 2 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—H. M. Dixon, D. G. French, S. Josephs, F. J. Prime, M. Walton, <sup>\*</sup> C. A. H. Watts, <sup>\*</sup> W. E. Hick, <sup>\*</sup> C. Strang.

M.S.—James Watt.

M.B., B.S.—C. F. Anderson, J. A. Anderson, G. W. Bainbridge, Jean M. Bainbridge, S. M. Bell, G. S. Black, Sheila M. Bowerbank, F. W. B. Breakey, Hugh Brown, Eleanor J. Carmichael, Barbara W. Cooke, L. D. J. Coore, D. Coulthard, B. W. D. Crawford, Elizabeth Daley, H. Davison, H. D. Davison, Mary Dixon, Joyce Dodds, L. B. Fleming, Robina M. Forsyth, Vera M. Gallagher, Dorothy B. Gilmour, J. B. Glaholm, Pearl Goddard, H. Gossman, Eve R. Halson, J. Harper, Maureen McG. Henderson, J. P. Hurley, J. E. M. Hutchinson, W. D. Kerr, E. G. Knox, G. E. Langley, Sheila Langley, L. J. Levene, Norma D. Lill, J. McCormack, J. R. McGregor, I. F. McNeill, Joan E. Maddison, J. S. Makepeace, R. W. Mayes, Ann Moffatt, Sylvia A. Moss, G. A. Nemeth, Muriel K. Nicol, P. G. F. Nixon, Ruth Parkinson, Dorothy A. Percy, A. B. Piper, Ann F. Pumphrey, Greta L. Reid, W. T. Richardson, Margaret W. Rodham, N. R. Rowell, C. M. Scott, Gillian E. Sladden, A. S. Todd, C. G. Tulloh, H. P. Tulloh, J. Turnbull, W. Turnbull, Constance N. Vernier, Elizabeth Wales, E. W. Walton, A. J. Watson, L. L. Williams, R. K. Epstein, <sup>\*</sup> G. H. N. Bates, <sup>\*</sup> J. M. H. Hopper, <sup>\*</sup> Kathleen S. Reed, <sup>\*</sup> Winifred J. Skinner.

<sup>\*</sup>In absentia.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following candidates at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine have been approved at the examination indicated:

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—A. O. Abushaima, René F. Barclay, S. Y. Bhagwat, <sup>\*</sup> H. Binysh, J. F. E. Bloss, L. B. De Lanerolle, H. A. Dharamsey, J. E. G. Earle, L. G. Eddey, T. P. Eddy, S. J. Evans, A. F. Fowler, <sup>\*</sup> A. W. Gilks, A. H. Griffith, R. F. Guymer, W. G. Harding, C. H. Hoskyn, Esther Jackson, S. A. Jones, W. A. Karunaratne, M. S. Kataria, D. A. Kuruppu, M. G. Langdon, P. A. Lee, R. N. C. McCurdy, J. C. McDonald, T. C. Macdonald, J. J. McNair, J. R. Mayers, Isobel S. Mowat, G. M. O'Donnell, C. E. Phillip, Isabella M. Pinkerton, J. St. C. Polson, R. H. Pratt, P. G. Roads, C. L. E. H. Sharp, R. A. G. Smith, D. G. Snell, W. B. Thorburn, R. N. Wilson.

<sup>\*</sup>Awarded a mark of distinction.

### UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—<sup>1</sup> J. Curry, B. H. Dawson, <sup>2</sup> T. B. S. Dick, <sup>1</sup> F. Howarth, <sup>2</sup> W. E. Kershaw, F. Latham, F. S. Mooney, <sup>2</sup> P. H. Renton, <sup>2</sup> E. P. Samuel, D. Sutton.

Ch.M.—R. H. Sewell.

FINAL M.B., Ch.B.—<sup>3</sup> E. A. Allcock, <sup>3</sup> Jean A. Lovatt, <sup>3</sup> W. J. Metcalfe, Mary A. Adlington, Anne R. Barlow, <sup>4</sup> Jessie M. Beard, T. B. Benson, K. Bloor, Margery F. Blumberg, F. Bottomley, Jean M. Breakell, N. C. Brown, K. D. Buckley, P. M. L. Burne, F. R. Calvert, <sup>5</sup> Betty Carruthers, C. Cohen, P. Cuff, R. D. Currie, S. Dobson, Audrey E. Draycott, P. D. Drinkwater, <sup>4</sup> J. B. Eagles, G. Fildes, Edith H. Grundy, G. Hudson, A. G. Jackson, G. Kettlewell, Kathleen M. Lord, I. Macpherson, Lavinia M. Mallott, Marguerite Midgley, Barbara Oldham, F. W. Oliver, Christine M. Parish, Marjorie E. Petch, N. E. Quin, Regina Reif, Marjorie Rivers, A. D. Robinson, M. Sandler, Jeanette S. Shankland, D. P. Shepherd, Rosaleen E. Singer, I. A. Susman, R. M. Thomson, T. A. J. Thorp, Margaret R. Thoseby, Barbara J. Walker, Kathleen R. Walker, T. H. Whitaker, Olive C. Wilks, D. H. Yates. Part I: B. L. Alexander, D. Ashworth, R. D. Atherton, Constance M.

Bevan, G. Bills, Flora M. Bisset-Smith, S. M. Broman, P. Burgess, J. C. Canney, P. W. Carnie, Muriel D. Carr, G. Clarke, Barbara M. Couldwell, D. Davies, B. Didsbury, J. Ellis, E. J. Epstein, J. D. Evans, M. C. Flasher, M. Fox, G. Garrett, G. R. Gates, F. G. Hardman, J. K. Harris, T. V. A. Harry, B. Higgins, R. Hinchcliffe, J. T. W. Howe, G. Howitt, T. R. Hunter, J. E. Kench, W. Kerns, P. B. Lees, B. J. Leonard, M. A. Lerner, P. F. Lister, W. H. Lyle, Maria R. Mackay, B. E. Marks, A. W. Moule, J. T. Newton, A. S. Nicholas, G. W. H. Oldfield, Nancy Parkin, D. W. Preston, R. Price, G. V. Purnell, K. L. Purnell, M. B. Raby, Carolyn C. Rigby, Gertrude H. G. Robinson, J. Robinson, Dora M. J. Rosbotham, D. S. Rosenberg, Kathleen M. Rushton, R. Schofield, H. Selcon, Lorna J. Shankland, S. Shubert, A. Sippert, D. M. Somerville, S. Stead, G. Sullivan, Hazel W. Symon, C. F. H. Vickers, Margaret R. Walley, G. M. Watson, Sheila M. E. West, W. A. Whittaker, B. A. Wolfenden, D. Wolman, A. M. Womack.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—*Part I*: M. M. Lidgate, A. Model.

<sup>1</sup>Gold medal. <sup>2</sup>With commendation. <sup>3</sup>Second-class honours. <sup>4</sup>Distinction in medicine. <sup>5</sup>Distinction in surgery. <sup>6</sup>Distinction in hygiene and preventive medicine.

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES

#### WELSH NATIONAL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

On the recommendation of the Council of the Welsh National School of Medicine the trustees of the Mansel Talbot Endowment have appointed Fred Grundy, M.D., D.P.H., D.P.M., to the Mansel Talbot Chair of Preventive Medicine in the Welsh National School of Medicine. Dr. Grundy has been medical officer of health to the Borough of Luton since 1937.

### UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—C. V. Donnelly, J. G. P. Jones, Edith M. McConnell, P. L. Robinson, W. Sircus, A. H. Williams.

MASTER OF RADIOLOGY.—*Part I*: J. Ainsworth, Constance M. Davis. *Part II*: J. F. Doherty, W. J. L. Francis, B. B. Harrison, W. Kulke, J. P. MacLaughlin, A. S. Whitehead, F. B. Wright.

M.B., Ch.B.—<sup>1</sup>Brenda M. Heathcote, <sup>2</sup>W. B. Jennett,

<sup>1</sup>J. C. Richardson. *Part III (Old Regulations)*: Margaret Addison, D. U. Bloor, Rosemary J. Bolam, R. Bradshaw, K. W. Brewster, P. Burrows, Anthea M. Bushby, Jean O. R. Carmichael, Mary I. Charlesworth, Jean M. Collins, Beryl C. Davies, Catherine M. Durkin, W. Ellis, O. L. Evans, Shelagh J. Fair, G. H. Fletcher, R. I. Green, I. W. Griffith, Margaret E. Hall, D. B. Hargreaves, J. F. Hobson, W. M. Hunter, P. Hurst, Margaret L. Johnson, J. L. Jones, R. E. Jones, R. H. Jones, Margaret Knox, Margaret A. Lees, Halina Z. Lewinska, D. H. Lloyd, Marcia McArthur, Audrey M. L. Owens, Ethel Owens, W. R. Parry, S. Plumpton, Sheila M. Pope, Ursula C. Pope, J. N. Rimmer, R. K. Rimmer, Myfanwy R. H. Roberts, E. Rogansky, H. U. Shaw, Pauline R. Sullivan, J. C. Taylor, R. P. Watkins, D. L. Williams, J. A. Williams. *Passed in Separate Subjects*: D. J. Adams, Dorothy M. Broadhurst, and J. S. Endbinder (Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology); Lily I. Chesham and C. Griffith (Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology); A. J. Cunningham, Betsy E. Davies, E. J. J. Davies, and B. J. Maxwell (Medicine, Surgery).

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—D. J. Cusiter, Elinor M. Evans, S. Ghousuddin, K. G. Koshi, D. A. W. Nugent, G. P. Reed, H. D. Sutherland, W. F. Wille.

<sup>1</sup>With second-class honours. <sup>2</sup>With distinction in obstetrics and gynaecology.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a special meeting of the Council held at the College House on July 5 with the President, Sir William Gilliat, in the chair, the Honorary Fellowship of the College was conferred on Sir Henry Dale, O.M., F.R.S., President of the Royal Society of Medicine, and on Professor J. E. Heyman, of Stockholm.

The following were admitted to the Fellowship of the College: H. L. Sheehan, D. F. Standing.

The following were admitted to the Membership of the College: G. C. Brentnall, J. H. Maloney, C. Mukherjee, E. I. Ostry, H. Renton, D. B. Stewart, E. G. Zacks.

The President formally presented the prize for an essay on "The Physiology of the Third Stage of Labour" to Dr. Jean R. C. Burton-Brown; the prize was shared equally with Dr. David Shaw, whose essay was on "The Management of the Third Stage of Labour."

## 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 2. [No. 26]

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	1949					1948 (Corresponding Week)				
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
Cerebrospinal fever ..	23	3	15	1	3	42	5	15	3	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ..	80	14	37	—	13	141	16	40	11	7
Deaths ..	—	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	—	—
Dysentery ..	49	3	61	—	—	69	9	39	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis lethargica, acute ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas ..	—	—	14	9	2	—	—	33	6	1
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	22	3	4	55	2	27	1	11	12	1
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles* ..	6,984	714	180	276	137	8,987	680	120	132	65
Deaths† ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	50	—	14	1	1	57	1	5	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fever ..	13	—	—	—	—	6	—	1(B)	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia, influenzal ..	376	19	5	1	8	359	9	4	5	—
Deaths (from influenza)‡ ..	6	—	2	—	—	6	1	—	—	—
Pneumonia, primary ..	135	15	169	38	3	134	22	134	25	8
Deaths ..	—	—	11	—	—	—	—	—	4	—
Polio-encephalitis, acute ..	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis, acute ..	80	6	2	2	—	36	3	1	2	—
Deaths§ ..	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal fever ..	—	—	10	—	—	—	2	9	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia   ..	101	11	13	—	—	120	13	6	—	1
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Relapsing fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet fever ..	1,031	96	146	59	29	1,532	87	353	54	23
Deaths† ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid fever ..	4	2	—	2	1	6	—	—	3	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhus fever ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping-cough* ..	2,260	110	52	89	74	2,907	223	18	69	16
Deaths ..	6	—	1	—	1	6	1	1	3	—
Deaths (0-1 year) ..	251	37	32	19	11	243	31	41	29	10
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births) ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,192	707	555	168	106	3,867	607	522	182	118
Annual death rate (per 1,000 persons living) ..	—	—	11.1	10.4	—	—	—	10.5	11.4	—
Live births ..	7,618	1212	891	446	257	8,006	1275	971	485	253
Annual rate per 1,000 persons living ..	—	—	17.9	27.6	—	—	—	19.6	30.3	—
Stillbirths ..	181	18	22	—	—	194	17	44	—	—
Rate per 1,000 total births (including stillborn) ..	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	43	—	—

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

† Deaths from measles and scarlet fever for England and Wales, London (administrative county), will no longer be published.

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

§ The number of deaths from poliomyelitis and polio-encephalitis for England and Wales, London (administrative county), are combined.

|| Includes puerperal fever for England and Wales, Eire, and Northern Ireland.

**International Congress of Otolaryngology**

The congress was opened by the Duchess of Kent on July 18 at the Great Hall, King's College, London. Thirty-nine countries were represented.

**Tribute to Sir Gordon Gordon-Taylor**

The April issue of the *British Journal of Surgery* is dedicated to Sir Gordon Gordon-Taylor, K.B.E., C.B., F.R.C.S., consulting surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, and includes an appreciation of his work in the field of surgery since he entered the Middlesex Hospital as a student in 1898.

**Actonian Prize**

The managers of the Royal Institution have awarded the Actonian Prize of one hundred guineas for the year 1949 to Sir Alexander Fleming, F.R.S., for his paper published in 1945 entitled "Penicillin—Its Discovery, Development, and Uses in the Field of Medicine and Surgery." The prize has been awarded every seventh year since 1838 under a trust established in that year by the late Mrs. Hannah Acton.

**Lecturing in Germany**

Dr. G. M. Findlay, editor of *Abstracts of World Medicine*, is lecturing in Germany at the invitation of the Foreign Office on recent advances in knowledge of virus diseases.

**Council for Welfare of Handicapped Persons**

Lord Rushcliffe has resigned, owing to ill-health, the chairmanship of the Ministry of Health Advisory Council for the Welfare of Handicapped Persons. The Minister has appointed Mr. Edward Evans, M.P., formerly vice-chairman, in his place. The Minister has also appointed Alderman Mrs. L'Estrange Malone, chairman of the Welfare Committee of the London County Council, to be a member of the Advisory Council in place of Councillor Douglas Prichard, who has resigned.

**Laboratory Examinations**

The Ministry of Health states that laboratory examinations of pathological material relating to outbreaks or suspected outbreaks of infectious disease, other than those occurring in hospitals in which a pathologist is working, should be referred to the Public Health Laboratory Service where possible and not be undertaken in hospital laboratories. If the Public Health Laboratory Service is not available within a reasonable distance, these examinations should be undertaken by hospital laboratories and charged to hospital funds. Any information of epidemiological interest should be reported to the Public Health Laboratory Service and to the medical officer of health concerned. Examinations of specimens taken from material not of human origin should be undertaken by hospital laboratories only by arrangement with the Public Health Laboratory Service, the latter meeting the cost. Unless the hospital wishes, this arrangement need not apply to samples of water, milk, food, etc., supplied to the hospital for its own use. The Public Health Laboratory Service will not be responsible for the payment of fees to a pathologist in private practice except where he has been called in by arrangement with that service. The term "infectious diseases" excludes venereal diseases and tuberculosis in institutional cases. Examinations in these cases are normally a hospital responsibility and are undertaken by the Public Health Laboratory Service only by special arrangement.

**COMING EVENTS****Veterinary Congress**

The 14th International Veterinary Congress will be held on Aug. 8-13 at the Central Hall and Church House, Westminster. Subjects to be discussed include the control of bovine tuberculosis, *Brucella abortus* infection, and meat inspection. Information may be obtained from the National Veterinary Medical Association, 36, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

**Air Medicine**

The 20th Annual Convention of the Aero Medical Association will be held at the Hotel Statler, New York City, on Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

**South African Medical Congress**

The Medical Association of South Africa will hold its 37th medical congress and 16th annual scientific meeting at the University of Capetown, Rondebosch, on Sept. 19-24. Particulars may be obtained from the honorary organizing secretary, 37th S.A. Medical Congress, Medical House, 35, Wale Street, Capetown.

**International Society of Surgery**

The thirteenth congress of the International Society of Surgery will be held at New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A., from Oct. 10 to 15 under the presidency of Professor G. Grey Turner (chairman of the British Executive Committee), when the following subjects will be discussed: "The Surgery and Pathology of the Pancreas, especially in Relation to its Endocrine Function," to be opened by Professor Ian Aird (London); "The Surgery of the Parathyroid Glands," to be opened by Dr. Paolucci (Rome); "The Surgery of the Suprarenal Glands," to be opened by M. R. Fontaine (Strasbourg); "The Pathology and Surgery of the Pituitary Gland," to be opened by M. Paul Martin (Brussels); "The Treatment of Post-operative Thrombosis and its Sequelae," to be opened by Dr. A. Ochsner and Dr. de Bakey (New Orleans); "The Causes of Recurrence after Operations on the Biliary Tract," to be opened by M. R. Demel (Vienna). Members who wish to take part in discussions are reminded that their names should be sent without delay to Dr. Dejardin, Secretary-General, 141, Rue Belliard, Brussels, Belgium. Members are individually responsible for making their own travel arrangements, whether by the route outlined in the official programme or otherwise.

**SOCIETIES AND LECTURES****Tuesday**

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., July 26, 11 a.m., "*Sociological Problems in Relation to V.D.*," by Dr. R. Lees.

**Wednesday**

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., July 27, 11 a.m., "*Psychological and Medico-legal Aspects of V.D.*," by Dr. W. N. Mascall.

**Thursday**

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., July 28, 11 a.m., "*The Problem of Leucorrhoea*," by Dr. W. N. Mascall.

**Friday**

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Biochemistry Department, University College, Dundee, July 29, 11 a.m., 278th meeting. Papers will be read.

**Saturday**

MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—At Leicester, July 30. Presidential address.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS****BIRTHS**

Essex-Lopresti.—On July 11, 1949, at Birmingham, to Muriel (née Harrop), M.B., B.S., D.R.C.O.G., wife of Mr. P. Essex-Lopresti, F.R.C.S., a sister for Timothy—Catherine.

Harper.—On July 5, 1949, at Swindon, to Dr. Marita Harper (née Shattock), wife of Dr. Eric Harper, a daughter.

McDonagh.—On July 10, 1949, to Dr. and Mrs. McDonagh, Stanley, Perth, a daughter.

**MARRIAGES**

Brennan-Reed.—On June 18, 1949, at St. Marks, North Audley Street, Leader Terence N. N. Brennan, M.B., B.Ch., to Mrs. Betty Reed, Cambridge, widow of the late Lieutenant E. J. Reed.

**DEATHS**

Brown.—On July 13, 1949, at Grosvenor Villa, Gullane, East Lothian, Robert Archibald Brown, M.B., Ch.B., Surgeon Captain R.N., retired.

Campbell.—On June 19, 1949, at Phoenix House, Sutton Oak, St. Helens, Lancs, Donald Campbell, M.R.C.P., aged 66.

Carre-Smith.—On July 14, 1949, in London, Herbert Lovell Carre-Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 80.

Collier.—On July 11, 1949, at Lancing, Sussex, William Arthur Collier, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., aged 82.

Cooke.—On July 13, 1949, at 48, Kingston House, London, S.W., Sir James Douglas Cooke, F.R.C.S., aged 70.

Fisher.—On July 13, 1949, at Lynton, Cheltenham Road, Gloucester, Theodore Fisher, M.D., F.R.C.P., aged 86.

Gerrie.—On July 4, 1949, at Harrogate, John Gerrie, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., of 2, Queen's Gardens, Aberdeen.

Gourlay.—On July 15, 1949, at Rathmore, Elgin, Frederick Gourlay, M.D., in his 82nd year.