

physician, cannot have been easy. In obstetrics the competition was less erudite, for the conduct of the confinement was in the hands of women who persuaded the refractory birth-canal to dilate by opening all the drawers in the room and by removing the lids from all boxes.

A pleasant feature of the book is the epigrams in Chinese characters which decorate the chapter headings. One, translated, reads, "In a critical illness send for three doctors," and another, "The physic of a doctor in whose family medicine has not been practised for three generations should not be taken."

Dr. Donald Johnson, now aged 45, tells in his book *A Doctor Regrets . . .* of his life up to the time he was 33. He was unhappy at school but enjoyed himself at Cambridge, where he obtained a first class in the Natural Sciences Tripos. He followed this with an entrance scholarship to Bart's, and the pattern of his professional success appeared to be predetermined. However, this is not the way autobiographers are made, and our author, jolted by a failure to satisfy the exacting examiners in the Primary Fellowship, lost his sense of vocation. He looked around for a way of escape. He was attracted by politics; to read for the Bar and to essay journalism seemed the natural approaches to a political career. These activities took up much time, but he managed to scramble through his final medical examinations, and, newly qualified, he eagerly accepted an invitation to join a Cambridge expedition to East Greenland. A couple of resident appointments were the prelude to further adventures in Labrador with the Grenfell Mission, where, with his wife accompanying him, he regained pleasure in the service of sick people.

General practice in a drab dormitory suburb followed, and here five years of frustration were rewarded by financial success. This servitude was finally broken by a sudden excursion into politics: he became for a few days an ardent supporter of Randolph Churchill in the Wavertree by-election. This episode is pure Linklater, and indeed throughout his book Dr. Johnson displays a candour and a gift of narrative indispensable to successful autobiography. He appears to think that his story is itself a pertinent exposure of a defective system. To the reader it is no more than the picture of a man who has so far failed to fulfil himself. We are denied the record of his final integration and are told only that he now runs a publishing business. The author has been fortunate to find a publisher who has printed so many of his beautiful photographs of Greenland and Labrador.

DOUGLAS HUBBLE.

Drs. Roy R. Grinker and Paul C. Bucy, both of whom are well known in this country, have made extensive revisions of their textbook *Neurology* in its fourth edition (pp. 1,138; £3 3s.; Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1949). This is the seventh printing of the book since Dr. Grinker's first edition in 1934, and the content has been greatly altered since then. The present volume has been reset on thin paper, which has avoided the necessity of two volumes, an inconvenience to the student. There are always points of detail to criticize in a textbook as ambitious as this, but the general form of the work is most satisfactory. This is mainly because the authors—both young and both changing their viewpoints as new knowledge is available to them—have presented clinical neurology as a natural development of the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the nervous system. Probably because of the senior author's interest in dynamic psychiatry there is no section dealing with the neuroses, for these chapters are always inadequate in such a context. The book is not one for the ordinary student in an English medical school (there are about 120 large pages in the chapter on intracranial tumours) and it might have been more flexible as a work of reference if the excellent bibliography had been divided between the chapters instead of appearing in 80 pages at the end of the book.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*Modern Professional Nursing.* Edited by M. Hainsworth, R.R.C., S.R.N. Vols. 1, 2, 3, and 4. New and revised ed. (Pp. 1,917. 90s. 3d.) London: The Caxton Publishing Company. 1949.

*The Examination of Waters and Water Supplies (Thresh, Beale and Suckling).* By E. W. Taylor, M.D., D.P.H.Lond. 6th ed. (Pp. 819. 70s.) London: Churchill. 1949.

*The Function of the Thyroid Gland.* By J. H. Means, M.D. (Pp. 37. 5s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1949.

*Medical Books, Libraries and Collectors.* By J. L. Thornton, A.L.A. Introduction by G. L. Keynes, M.D., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 293. 35s.) London: Grafton. 1949.

*Oedipus—Myth and Complex.* By P. Mullahy. Introduction by E. Fromm. (Pp. 538. 37s. 6d.) London: George Allen and Unwin. 1949.

*Case Histories in Abnormal Psychology.* By C. P. Stone. (Pp. 106. 10s. 6d.) Stanford: University Press. London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1949.

*Radiologic Exploration of the Bronchus.* By S. Di Rienzo, M.D. Translated by T. A. Hughes, M.D. Foreword by R. H. Overholt, M.D. (Pp. 332. 75s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1949.

*Practical Biochemistry for Medical Students.* By G. T. Mills, B.Sc., Ph.D. Foreword by J. N. Davidson, M.D., D.Sc. (Pp. 241. 15s.) Glasgow: John Smith. 1949.

*Multi-enzyme Systems.* By M. Dixon, Sc.D., F.R.S. (Pp. 100. 7s. 6d.) Cambridge: University Press. 1949.

*Human Relations in Modern Industry.* By R. F. Tredgold, M.D., D.P.M. (Pp. 192. 8s. 6d.) London: Gerald Duckworth. 1949.

*Bacteriological Technique.* By W. W. W. McEwen, A.I.M.L.T., F.R.M.S. Foreword by Sir Alexander Fleming, F.R.C.P., F.R.S. (Pp. 293. 15s.) London: Churchill. 1949.

*The Premature Infant.* By J. H. Hess, M.D., and E. C. Lundeen, R.N. 2nd ed. (Pp. 367. 42s.) Philadelphia, London, and Montreal: Lippincott. 1949.

*The Rat in Laboratory Investigation.* Edited by E. J. Farris, Ph.D., and J. Q. Griffith, Jun., M.D. 2nd ed. (Pp. 542. 105s.) London, Philadelphia, and Montreal: Lippincott. 1949.

*Mental Hygiene in Public Health.* By P. V. Lemkau, M.D. (Pp. 396. 38s. 6d.) New York, Toronto, London: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 1949.

*Physiology of Motion.* By G. B. Duchenne. Translated and edited by E. B. Kaplan, M.D. (Pp. 612. 110s.) Philadelphia: Lippincott. 1949.

*Golden Jubilee World Tribute to Dr. Sidney V. Haas.* (Pp. 37. No price.) New York: The Committee for Tribute. 1949.

*Principles of Human Genetics.* By C. Stern. (Pp. 617. \$7.50.) San Francisco: Freeman. 1949.

*Tratamiento de las Ictericias Hepatocelulares.* By L. M. Couceiro. (Pp. 234. No price.) Barcelona: Administración Ediciones Byp. 1949.

*Inmunización contra el Tifus Exantemático con Vacuna Viva, Cepa E.* By G. Clavero del Campo and F. Perez Gallardo. (Pp. 102. No price.) Madrid: Gráficas González. 1949.

*Paralysis Agitans.* By H. Mjönes. (Pp. 195. No price.) Copenhagen: Ejnar Munksgaard. 1949.

*Einführung in die Kinderheilkunde.* By E. Glanzmann. (Pp. 986. 72s.) Vienna: Springer. 1949.

*Ring en um Vollendung. Lebenserinnerungen aus einer Wendezeit der Heilkunde. 1933-1946.* By E. Hoffmann. (Pp. 312. No price.) Hanover: Schmorl and von Seefeld Nache. 1949.

## Medical Notes in Parliament

### NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (AMENDMENT) BILL

Lord SHEPHERD in the House of Lords on November 22 made a short statement when introducing the report stage of the National Health Service (Amendment) Bill. He did so in reply to questions which Lord Llewellyn had put during the committee stage of the Bill (*Journal*, November 26, p. 1239).

On Clause 15 Lord Llewellyn had asked whether the governing bodies of hospitals which were contemplating agreements under that clause should bear in mind the possibility of an unlimited liability in the matter of a deficiency contribution to the Minister's superannuation account. Lord Shepherd said the detailed machinery to be applied to these agreements was still being studied, but it was possible that the calculation of actuarial deficiencies in the schemes of particular hospitals would involve excessively detailed administrative work. It would therefore probably be necessary to fall back on the usual method of dealing with these arrangements, a method which Lord Llewellyn had outlined in his speech.

Lord Shepherd also referred to the new clause dealing with additional functions of the Medical Practices Committee. Lord Llewellyn had asked whether there would be consequential amendments to Sections 33 and 34 of the Act of 1946. Lord Shepherd said he was advised that no amendment of these sections was required and that the new clause did not conflict with Section 33. He said there was no intention of empowering the Medical Practices Committee to arrange for the distribution of patients. The powers conferred in the new clause could not be used for that purpose. Section 34 of the Act of 1946 limited the functions which devolved on the Medical Practices Committee. This limitation was removed by the new clause, and it was not necessary to write any words into Section 34 to achieve this.

Lord LLEWELLIN thanked Lord Shepherd for his explanation, and said he had made the point about superannuation only because he thought it right that hospitals who contemplated embarking on this scheme should know the liabilities attaching to it.

There being no amendments down for the report stage, that stage was thereupon concluded.

### NURSES ACT

Amendments made by the House of Commons to the Nurses Bill, a measure which had originated in the House of Lords, were considered by the House of Lords on November 24.

At the start of the discussion Lord ADDISON expressed the sorrow of the House at the death of Lord Rushcliffe, who had done so much for nurses. Lord LLEWELLIN, Lord SAMUEL, and the LORD CHANCELLOR associated themselves with this tribute.

Amendments made by the House of Commons to the Bill were then accepted without discussion on the motion of Lord KERSHAW. Later, on the same day, the Royal Assent was signified to the Nurses Act.

### Numbers of Specialists

Mr. CARMICHAEL on November 22 asked what were the respective numbers of specialists attached to the Royal, Victoria, and Western Infirmarys in Glasgow on July 1, 1948, and what were the corresponding numbers to-day.

Mr. WOODBURN in reply explained that the Royal, Victoria, and Western Infirmarys in Glasgow were now managed as key hospitals of three separate groups of hospitals. The numbers of specialists on the staffs of the hospitals in these groups in July, 1948, were 109, 55, and 141, respectively. The corresponding numbers on November 22 were 103, 58, and 142, showing an overall net decrease of two.

*N.H.S. Lists.*—On November 22 Mr. RANKIN asked the Secretary of State for Scotland what steps he proposed to take to reduce the maximum number of patients on a doctor's list from 4,000 to 3,800, or some agreed smaller number. Mr. WOODBURN said he was arranging to explore this possibility with the profession in Scotland.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on November 12 the degrees of M.B., B.Chir. were conferred, by proxy, on E. K. Westlake.

Professor H. R. Dean, M.D., Master of Trinity Hall, has been nominated Manager of the Benn W. Levy Fund for the period January 1, 1950, to December 31, 1953.

L. L. Cavalli, M.D., has been appointed Assistant in Research in Genetics for three years from October 1.

J. R. Robinson, Ph.D., M.B., B.Chir., has been appointed Assistant Director of Research in Experimental Medicine for five years from October 1.

### UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

Malcolm MacLeod, M.B., Ch.B., has been appointed Lecturer in Medicine in the University.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The Governing Body of the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, on behalf of the University of London, has appointed Brigadier D. C. Bowie, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., as Regional Adviser in Postgraduate Medical Education for the North-West Metropolitan Hospital Region, from February 1, 1950.

A special lecture on "The Mechanism of the Vestibular Reactions" will be delivered by Professor Gösta Dohlman, Professor of Oto-rhino-laryngology in the University of Lund, Sweden, at the Institute of Laryngology and Otology, 330-332, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C., on Monday, December 12, at 5.30 p.m. The lecture is open to all members of the specialty, all enrolled students of the institute, and other postgraduate students in the specialty.

Eldred Wright Walls, M.D., has been appointed to the S. A. Courtauld Chair of Anatomy tenable at Middlesex Hospital Medical School, from October 1.

The title of Reader in Anatomy in the University has been conferred on Ruth Elizabeth Mary Bowden, M.B., B.S., in respect of the post held by her at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine.

The degree of D.Sc. has been conferred on Kenneth James Franklin, D.M., F.R.C.P., Professor of Physiology in the University.

### SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

A course of ten postgraduate subscription lectures on modern therapeutics will be delivered in Apothecaries' Hall, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., on December 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, at 3.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day. The fee for the whole course is £3 3s.; single lecture, 7s. 6d. Details of the lectures are printed in the "Societies and Lectures" column of this issue of the *Journal*.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

The following have been awarded the Diploma in Obstetrics of the College:

M. Allerhand, Janet W. Anderson, J. Arendt, Margaret A. Barber, G. T. D. Barr, P. R. Birks, Grace F. M. Braid, E. R. Broadberry, F. B. Bromfield, A. M. Buchanan, J. S. Caldwell, I. C. Campbell, J. E. Carrick, Helen A. Cawson, A. R. Cini, P. Coffey, M. I. Cookson, Janette G. Cowie, Mary Creevey, Margery N. Cummins, E. C. Davies, Margaret S. Dawe, A. M. Dawson, B. Dei, Christabel M. Dickie, E. M. Edwards, R. L. Edwards, M. W. Eddings, S. E. Ellison, J. Elstub, R. N. M. Eminson, S. C. Farman, Margaret M. Ferguson, M. B. Flangan, A. Freier, W. Gavin, G. S. Hargrave, R. T. T. Harrison, R. D. C. Hart, Brenda M. Hilton, Catherine M. Hoyle, B. W. Hughes, E. N. Hugh-Jones, R. C. Humphreys, B. Humphries, Mary H. Hutcheon, M. K. Jadhav, J. James, R. J. Jameson, A. Jamieson, R. D. Johnstone, Barbara Jones, A. K. Kantarjian, T. Kelly, H. A. Kelsey, Colette D. G. Le Doux, M. P. Lewis, A. Macarthur, I. M. G. Mackay, E. A. McColl, A. C. McDougall, I. D. Mackichan, C. A. Martin, K. A. Makos, G. C. Mathers, S. Mercer, T. J. M. Monteith, A. C. Mulvaney, A. S. Murad, D. R. Murley, A. G. Murray, E. M. O'Dwyer, J. P. O'Dwyer, Mary G. O'Hare, R. A. O'Shea, R. L. Osmont, Margaret G. Oyston, R. A. O'G. Pearson, A. Persey, M. J. Peto, Sonia A. Purdie, Irene Rajaratnam, G. F. E. Ramsden, G. H. Rees, G. T. Salter, R. S. Saxton, R. T. Sears, T. B. Sherry, Mary A. Shirreffs, Margaret L. Smith, Mary Smith, R. J. Sollars, J. W. Squire, W. J. Stedman, Anne M. Stewart, Elizabeth Stewart, N. G. G. Talbot, T. J. Thompson, Sheena M. Tosh, A. C. Turner, P. V. Wadsworth, J. Walsh, A. Wallach, N. H. Warburton, A. D. J. Watt, A. R. Webster, Elisabeth M. White, Margaret O. Will, L. J. Wood, A. J. Woolf, Ma Aye Yin.

## CONJOINT BOARD IN SCOTLAND

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.:

A. R. Acton, D. J. M. Allan, Catherine Aicken, Eva M. Bobasch, Mary Brannigan, E. G. Cairn, Catherine Coneghan, W. K. Davidson, D. G. Davies, W. A. Dryburgh, E. A. Esin, M. M. Ferris, Elizabeth M. Fulton, J. C. Gallagher, T. C. Glasgow, Jean M. Greenwood, W. T. G. Hathaway, E. H. Jacobs, J. M. King, Marjorie J. Lyon, M. B. McElroy, J. McGlone, Barbara P. P. Melhuish, A. J. R. Milner, S. H. Morgenstern, Joan M. Ponsford, Margaret J. Sutton, G. A. Taylor, R. L. Volinsky.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL NOTES

## Poliomyelitis

Notifications in England and Wales for the week ended November 19 were poliomyelitis 219 (293), polio-encephalitis 7 (23). Figures for the previous week are shown in parentheses. Thus the decline in incidence has been greater than in the preceding week.

Multiple cases were reported from the following counties: London 19 (47), Bedford 3 (1), Berkshire 5 (6), Buckingham 3 (3), Cornwall 2 (3), Cumberland 3 (1), Durham 2 (1), Essex 14 (18), Gloucester 8 (8), Hertford 4 (4), Kent 20 (22), Lancaster 10 (24), Leicester 3 (6), Lincs, Lindsey 2 (8), Middlesex 15 (15), Norfolk 3 (6), Northumberland 4 (6), Nottingham 4 (2), Somerset 4 (4), Southampton 3 (9), Stafford 2 (3), East Suffolk 2 (1), Surrey 6 (14), East Sussex 4 (8), Warwick 13 (6), West Yorks 32 (42), Glamorgan 10 (5), Monmouth 2 (1).

## Discussion of Table

In *England and Wales* a rise in the number of notifications was recorded for scarlet fever 115, acute pneumonia 115, and whooping-cough 79, while the largest decreases were measles 27 and acute poliomyelitis 25.

The largest increases in the notifications of scarlet fever were Yorkshire West Riding 91, London 29, and Surrey 28, while the largest decreases were Lancashire 22 and Cambridgeshire 21. No changes of any size were recorded in the local trends of diphtheria. The largest rises in the notifications of whooping-cough were Lancashire 35 and Yorkshire West Riding 26. Very little change was recorded in the local returns of measles. The rise in acute pneumonia was fairly general throughout the country.

Fifteen of the 18 cases of typhoid were in Lancashire, spread over eight administrative areas. The chief centres of dysentery were Lancashire, with 26 cases (Wigan C.B. 10, Hindley U.D. 6), and London, with 12.

Although the number of notifications of acute poliomyelitis fell by 25, the notifications of acute polio-encephalitis rose by 11.

In *Scotland* decreases were recorded in the number of notifications of scarlet fever 16, diphtheria 11, and cerebrospinal fever 10, while an increase of 17 was recorded for dysentery. The rise in dysentery was mainly due to an outbreak of 20 cases in Stirling county. The fall in the incidence of diphtheria occurred in the Western area. No further case of scarlet fever was reported from Zetland county, where 24 cases were notified in the preceding week.

In *Eire* decreases in the number of notifications of scarlet fever 14 and whooping-cough 15 were the only changes of note in the returns. Although no change occurred in the total of the measles notifications, there were considerable local fluctuations—e.g., an increase of 16 was recorded in Waterford C.B.

In *Northern Ireland* a rise of 19 in the number of notifications of scarlet fever was the chief feature of the returns. The increased incidence of scarlet fever was due to the experience of Belfast C.B., where 165 of the 193 cases were notified.

## Week Ending November 19

Notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 2,563, whooping-cough 991, diphtheria 96, measles 1,301, acute pneumonia 667, cerebrospinal fever 22, acute poliomyelitis 219, acute polio-encephalitis 7, dysentery 116, paratyphoid fever 6, typhoid fever 21.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

We print below a summary of Infectious Diseases and Vital Statistics in the British Isles during the week ended November 12. [No. 45]

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 ..	20	2	10	2	—	33	7	12	3	—
Deaths .. ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—
Diphtheria .. ..	85	10	23	3	4	159	18	57	6	5
Deaths .. ..	—	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Dysentery .. ..	92	12	87	4	1	133	19	53	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Encephalitis lethargica, acute .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas .. ..	—	—	40	4	6	—	37	13	1	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..	20	—	10	55	8	32	2	7	54	2
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	3	—
Measles* .. ..	1,055	48	38	80	58	6,910	108	119	50	46
Deaths† .. ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia neonatorum .. ..	21	1	6	—	—	45	7	6	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fever .. ..	7	—	4(B)	2(B)	—	8	2	17(B)	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia, influenzal .. ..	534	18	6	1	11	579	39	13	3	2
Deaths (from influenza)‡ .. ..	21	8	1	—	—	14	2	2	2	—
Pneumonia, primary .. ..	—	—	173	17	8	—	200	24	6	7
Deaths .. ..	207	44	13	—	—	202	42	—	—	—
Polio-encephalitis, acute .. ..	23	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis, acute .. ..	293	45	2	6	—	60	3	3	3	—
Deaths§ .. ..	20	3	—	—	—	4	1	—	—	—
Puerperal fever .. ..	—	—	3	—	—	—	1	5	—	1
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia   .. ..	90	11	8	—	—	92	7	5	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Relapsing fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet fever .. ..	2,163	190	253	148	193	1,450	97	302	207	38
Deaths† .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Smallpox .. ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid fever .. ..	18	1	—	—	1	5	—	1	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Typhus fever .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping-cough* .. ..	977	22	55	20	39	2,481	152	101	56	10
Deaths .. ..	5	1	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—
Deaths (0-1 year) .. ..	258	31	45	26	7	279	35	42	22	12
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) .. ..	5,389	966	612	215	102	4,876	801	658	171	118
Annual death rate (per 1,000 persons living) .. ..	—	—	12.3	13.3	—	—	13.3	10.7	—	—
Live births .. ..	6,710	1,101	848	338	216	7,065	1,124	851	417	180
Annual rate per 1,000 persons living .. ..	—	—	17.0	20.9	—	—	17.2	26.1	—	—
Stillbirths .. ..	170	25	26	—	—	179	20	30	—	—
Rate per 1,000 total births (including stillborn) .. ..	—	—	30	—	—	—	34	—	—	—

\* 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 and Eire.

## COMING EVENTS

## Hospital Libraries

A special meeting of the Medical Section of the Library Association will be held at Chaucer House, Malet Place, London, W.C.1, on Friday, December 16, at 7 p.m., on "Medical Libraries in Hospitals." Members of the Committee responsible for the compilation of the notes on Medical Libraries in Hospitals and the Book-list will endeavour to answer questions. Hospital authorities, members of the medical profession, and members of the Library Association interested in hospital library service are cordially invited to attend.

## Physical Medicine

A course in preparation for Part I of the Diploma in Physical Medicine will be held at Guy's Hospital, beginning on Tuesday, January 10, 1950. Further information can be obtained from the Dean of the Medical School, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

## Monday

- HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, 64, London Wall, E.C., December 5, 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner-meeting; "The Assessment of Surgical Risk," discussion to be opened by Sir Horace Evans, Dr. Frankis T. Evans, and Mr. A. Lawrence Abel.
- ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.—December 5, 6 p.m., "Bread," Cantor Lecture by Mr. D. W. Kent-Jones, Ph.D.
- SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.—December 5, 3.30 p.m., "Carditis," by Dr. T. F. Cotton; 5 p.m., "Radiotherapy in Malignant Disease," by Mr. I. G. Williams.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Gower Street, London, W.C.—December 5, 5.30 p.m., inaugural lecture by the Jodrell Professor of Physiology, Dr. G. L. Brown.

## Tuesday

- EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE BOARD FOR MEDICINE.—At University New Buildings—(Anatomy-Lecture Theatre), Edinburgh, December 6, 5 p.m., "Radiology of the Aorta," by Sir John Parkinson.
- EUGENICS SOCIETY.—At Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W., December 6, 5.30 p.m., "War and Eugenics: (1) Loss of Life Caused by Fatal Quarrels; (2) International Marriage as a Pacifying Influence," by Mr. L. F. Richardson, D.Sc., F.R.S. All interested are invited to attend.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—December 6, 5 p.m., "Histopathology of the Skin," by Dr. I. Muende.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.—December 6, 5 p.m., "The Pestilences of War: 6th Century to 15th Century," FitzPatrick Lecture by Dr. W. H. Wynn.
- SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.—December 6, 3.30 p.m., "The Use of Penicillin and Other Antibiotics in Medical Conditions," by Professor L. P. Garrod; 5 p.m., "The Use of Streptomycin in Non-tuberculous Infection," by Professor Clifford Wilson.
- SOCIETY OF PUBLIC ANALYSTS.—At Burlington House, Piccadilly, London, W., December 6, 3.45 p.m., joint meeting with Food Group of Society of Chemical Industry, "Properties of Pectin and Its Use in the Food Industry," papers by Mr. J. K. N. Jones, D.Sc., Miss M. Olliver, M.Sc., Mr. V. L. S. Charley, Ph.D., and Mr. R. W. Money, M.Sc.

## Wednesday

- HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.—At 26, Portland Place, London, W., December 7, 8.15 p.m., "The Mental and Physical Effects of Pain," by Dr. V. C. Medvei.
- INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON), Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.—December 7, 4.30 p.m., lecture-demonstration for postgraduates by Dr. E. Stengel.
- LONDON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bexley Hospital, Bexley, Kent, December 7, 3 p.m., clinical meeting.
- SOCIAL PSYCHOTHERAPY CENTRE, 7, Fellows Road, London, N.W.—December 7, 5 p.m., "Theory and Practice of Therapeutic Social Clubs," by Dr. Joshua Bierer.
- SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.—December 7, 3.30 p.m., "Rehabilitation: Whither Medicine?" by Sir Hugh Griffiths; 5 p.m., "The Essentials of Diabetic Treatment," by Dr. R. D. Lawrence.

## Thursday

- ADLERIAN SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN: MEDICAL SECTION.—At 11, Chandos Street, London, W., December 8, 8 p.m., "Instructional Group Psychotherapy," by Dr. E. N. Snowden.

CHADWICK TRUST.—At St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, Praed Street, Paddington, W., December 8, 4.30 p.m., "Generalized Systemic Sclerosis (Progressive Symmetrical Scleroderma-Dermatomyositis)," Malcolm Morris Memorial Lecture by Dr. G. B. Dowling.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—December 8, 5 p.m., "Virus Diseases of the Skin," by Dr. R. T. Brain.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON), Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.—December 8, 4.30 p.m., "The So-called Rhinencephalon," by Professor W. E. Le Gros Clark, F.R.S.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, 17, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.—December 8, 7.30 p.m., "Pharmacy in the Eighteenth and Early Years of the Nineteenth Century," by Mr. E. C. Cripps.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.—December 8, 5 p.m., "The Pestilences of War: 16th Century to 19th Century," FitzPatrick Lecture by Dr. W. H. Wynn.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—December 8, 3.45 p.m., "The Knee Joint," Arnott Demonstration by Mr. R. J. Last.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At 26, Portland Place, London, W., December 8, 7.30 p.m., "Tropical Phlebitis and Some Other Possibly Related Vascular Disorders of Tropical Africa," by Dr. Michael Gelfand. A discussion will follow.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Hyde Park Corner, London, S.W.—December 8, 4.30 p.m., lecture-demonstration: "Psychiatry," by Dr. D. Cuiran.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.—December 8, 3.30 p.m., "The Common Anaemias," by Sir Lionel Whitby; 5 p.m., "A Review of Some Dermatological Treatments," by Dr. G. B. Mitchell-Heggs.

TORQUAY AND DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Torbay Hospital, December 8, 8.30 p.m., clinical meeting.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, University Street, Gower Street, London, W.C.—December 8, 5 p.m., "Disturbances of Consciousness with Disorders of the Brain Stem," Victor Horsley Memorial Lecture by Sir Hugh Cairns.

WREXHAM AND DISTRICT CLINICAL SOCIETY.—At Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Wrexham, December 8, 7.30 p.m., "Anxiety Neuroses," by Dr. Barton Hall.

## Friday

MAIDA VALE HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES MEDICAL SCHOOL, Maida Vale, London, W.—December 9, 5 p.m., clinical demonstration by Mr. V. Logue.

ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, 7, Melbourne Place, Edinburgh.—December 9, 8 p.m., "Pyrexia," Symposium.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.—December 9, 3.30 p.m., "Industrial Hazards," by Dr. A. J. Amor; 5 p.m., "The Present Position of Chemotherapy in the Treatment of Inoperable Malignant Disease," by Sir Stanford Cade.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: FINE CHEMICALS GROUP.—At King's College (Chemistry Lecture Theatre), Strand, London, W.C., December 9, 7 p.m., "A Synthesis of L-Thyroxine," by Dr. B. A. Hems, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. A short discussion will follow.

WEST KENT MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Miller Hospital, Greenwich High Road, London, S.E., December 9, 8.30 p.m., "The Medical Tradition," Purvis Oration by Mr. P. H. Mitchiner.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

## BIRTHS

- Brown.—On November 19, 1949, at Grantham, Guildford, to Barbara (née Jacobs), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., wife of David Fergrieve Brown, a son.
- Parker.—On November 23, 1949, to Margaret (née Davies), wife of Dr. W. S. Parker, of Brighton, a son.
- Smith.—On November 20, 1949, at Barratt Maternity Home, Northampton, to Sheila (née Macbriar), wife of Alastair W. Smith, M.B.E., L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., a son.

## MARRIAGE

- Carpenter—Roe.—On November 11, 1949, at Oxford, Geoffrey Denis Carpenter, of High Wycombe, to Patricia Roe, M.B., Ch.B., Dip.Bact.(Lond.), of Dundee.

## DEATHS

- Albinson.—On November 25, 1949, at 6, Waltham Road, Manchester, James Henry Albinson, M.B., Ch.B.
- Bentley.—On November 23, 1949, at St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey, Charles Albert Bentley, C.I.E., M.B., C.M., D.P.H.
- Birkinshaw.—On October 2, 1949, at his residence, Auckland, New Zealand, Frank Thornton Birkinshaw, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 50.
- Brander.—On November 21, 1949, in London, William Brander, M.D., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.
- Brown.—On November 20, 1949, Francis Joseph Brown, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lieutenant-Colonel, late R.A.M.C., retired, of Mudros, Reydon, Suffolk, aged 83.
- Dobbie.—On November 23, 1949, at a nursing-home, Mina Louisa Dobbie, M.D., of Talbot Croft, 42, Stirling Road, Bournemouth.
- Dunlop.—On November 24, 1949, at Nithsdale, Sanquhar, Dumfries, James Kirkwood Dunlop, M.B., Ch.B.
- Gerrard.—On November 19, 1949, at Sunfield, Great Sutton, Wirral, Cheshire, Robert Francis Gerrard, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.