

last war. By nature she was quiet and a wonderful listener to other people's troubles. She did much to alleviate the suffering of others. Her chief hobby was animals: a Pekinese dog in Winnipeg and one or two dogs and prize cats in Toronto.

## Medico-Legal

### IMPRISONMENT FOR FRAUD

[FROM OUR MEDICO-LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

Alfred Charles Summerfield, alias Francis Samuel Candle, was last year convicted<sup>1</sup> of fraud at Plymouth Quarter Sessions, and sentenced to four years' imprisonment after twelve other offences had been taken into consideration.

He had set himself up at Whitchurch, Devon, as an osteopath. The swindle of which he was convicted was the obtaining of a cheque for £1,000 as a subscription to the "New Heala Association," which he represented to be a company registered under the Companies Acts in 1943 with a nominal capital of £5,000, of which £2,500 or thereabouts had already been subscribed, and to which he invited interested parties desiring a small safe and secure investment, carrying with it a good return for their money, to subscribe.

In fact the "association" had no funds apart from the balance of the £1,000 cheque in respect of which he was convicted.

The ostensible objects of the "association" were to secure legal recognition for the work of "unorthodox practitioners," including all "professional people outside the General Medical Council of London," and all interested in "the furtherance of osteopathy, nature cure, dietetics, massage, homoeopaths, herbalists, chiropodists, physiotherapists, and others." There was to be membership including a proficiency certificate for £1 1s., plus £2 2s. annual subscription. Lay members were to pay £1 1s. a year only for membership, and 5s. for a certificate of membership. Subscriptions and gifts were to be sought for the establishment of osteopathic hospitals and clinics all over England, and training establishments were to be set up, the "Collegiate Scholastic Side" being already "under way in seven different languages."

The "association's" first object was to raise £1,000 to present a Bill to Parliament for recognition, and further information was to be had from "the chairman and managing director of the association, A. C. Summerfield, D.O., U.S.A."

Summerfield told everybody whom he met in Whitchurch that he was a doctor.

<sup>1</sup> *Tarstock Times*, October 12, 1951.

## Universities and Colleges

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

Hospitals were recognized under paragraph 23 of the F.R.C.S. regulations as follows: Bradford Royal Infirmary, two registrars (general surgery), for 12 months; *for periods of six months*, registrar (orthopaedic and casualty), two house officers (general surgery), two house officers (orthopaedic and casualty) (decennial revision). Chester Royal Infirmary, surgical registrar, for one year; orthopaedic registrar, for six months; two house-surgeons, for six months (decennial revision). Royal Victoria Hospital, Dover, senior house-surgeon, for six months (confirmation of temporary recognition). Dryburn Hospital, Durham, senior house officer and house-surgeon, both for six months. Gravesend and North Kent Hospital, first house-surgeon, for six months. Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, surgical registrar, for one year; *for six months*, orthopaedic registrar, two house-surgeons, (general surgery), orthopaedic house-surgeon (decennial revision). Leicester General Hospital, two senior house officers, for six months. Bethnal Green Hospital, two registrars, for twelve months; two house-surgeons, for six months (decennial revision). Dulwich Hospital, surgical registrar, for six months (decennial revision). Lambeth Hospital, two surgical registrars, for one year; three house-surgeons, for six months (decennial revision).

Mile End Hospital, two surgical registrars and one house-surgeon, all for six months (decennial revision). Prince of Wales's Hospital, Tottenham, surgical registrar, for 12 months; junior surgical registrar (senior house officer), for six months; two house-surgeons, for six months (decennial revision). St. Andrew's Hospital, Bow, surgical registrar (general), for twelve months; surgical registrar (orthopaedic and traumatic), for twelve months; three house-surgeons, all for six months (decennial revision). St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, orthopaedic registrar, for six months, and (until July 31, 1953) surgical registrar, for six months (decennial revision). St. James' Hospital, Balham, *for twelve months*, four surgical registrars; registrar (orthopaedic), registrar (genito-urinary); *for six months*, four house-surgeons (general surgery); house-surgeon to genito-urinary unit; house-surgeon to orthopaedic unit; *under paragraph 23b*, registrar, ophthalmic unit (decennial revision). Withington Hospital Manchester, senior surgical registrar, for one year; *for six months*, surgical registrar; three senior house officers; three house-surgeons (decennial revision). Manor Hospital, Nuneaton, house-surgeon (general surgery); senior house-surgeon (orthopaedics) both for six months. George Eliot Hospital, Nuneaton, surgical registrar, for six months. St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, *additional recognition*, orthopaedic house-surgeon, for six months. Oldchurch County Hospital, Romford, *general surgery*, three registrars, for twelve months; three house-surgeons, for six months; *neurosurgery*, one registrar and one house-surgeon, both for six months; *orthopaedic*, two registrars and one house-surgeon, all for six months. Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, *additional recognition*, resident surgical officer, for six months. West Bromwich and District Hospital, *confirmation of temporary recognition*, resident surgical officer, for six months.

## Vital Statistics

### Poliomyelitis

Poliomyelitis notifications (uncorrected) in the week ending August 9 (32nd week of the year) were as follows: paralytic, 167 (139); non-paralytic, 83 (91); total, 250 (230). This is an increase of 20 compared with the previous week, the figures for which are in parentheses. Up to and including the week ending August 9 the overall uncorrected notification rate for England and Wales was 4.36 per 100,000.

A detailed review of the outbreaks of poliomyelitis during 1947-50 has been made by Dr. Logan in the *Monthly Bulletin of the Ministry of Health* (July, 1952). It was referred to in a leading article in the *Journal of August 16* (p. 378), and some further details from it are given below.

The incidence of cases and of deaths, in age groups, was higher among males than females. The mean annual notification rate was 157 per million for males and 116 for females. The fatality rate was slightly higher for males (10.4%) than for females (9.7%). The age distribution of notifications was similar for both sexes; the rate during the first year of life was 32 per 100,000 for males and 28 for females, and the rate rose at ages 1-2 to 66 for males and 57 for females. From this age the rate declined with increasing age, and at ages over 25 the rates were 4 for males and 3 for females. The fatality rate per 100 cases in the first year of life was 12.3 for males and 12.7 for females; the rate fell to 4.8 for males and 4.2 for females at ages 3-4, and then gradually rose to 25.5 for males and 19.3 for females at ages 25 and over. The low notification rate in infancy is probably due to the lack of recognition of non-paralytic cases.

No consistent geographical differences appeared in the trends of the incidence during the three large outbreaks. Three of the geographical regions had the highest notification rate in one of the three years and the lowest in another of these years. The median age of attack for 1946-50 tended to be lower in the southern section of the country than in the northern. The median age of notified cases was highest in the geographical regions with the lowest infant mortality, and it was lower in the large towns than in the rural districts.

A considerable shift has occurred in the age distribution of the disease during recent years. The median age of male

gland. The award will be made at the annual meeting of the association, which will be held in Chicago, Illinois, May 7, 8, and 9, 1953, provided essays of sufficient merit are presented in competition. The competing essays may cover either clinical or research investigations; should not exceed 3,000 words in length; must be presented in English; and a typewritten double-spaced copy in duplicate sent to the Corresponding Secretary, Dr. George C. Shivers, 100, East Saint Vrain Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado, not later than February 15, 1953. The essay will be published in the annual *Proceedings* of the Association.

### NEW ISSUES

**Archives of Disease in Childhood.**—The next issue of this journal (Vol. 27, No. 134) will be available in a week's time. The principal contents include:

**THE NEPHROTIC SYNDROME IN CHILDREN TREATED WITH A.C.T.H. AND CORTISONE.** M. Frances McCall, Alan Ross, Basil Wolman, Angela D. Burns, Eleanor M. Harpur, and Alton Goldbloom.

**CORTISONE TREATMENT OF NEPHROSIS.** Gavin C. Arneil, H. Ellis, and C. Wilson.

**RETROLENTAL FIBROPLASIA.** Eirlys Jefferson.

**A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF THE CIRCULATION EOSINOPHIL LEVEL IN PREMATURE AND FULL-TIME BABIES.** Joan M. Burrell.

**GALACTOSAEMIA.** P. T. Bray, R. J. Isaac, and A. G. Watkins.

**PAPER CHROMATOGRAPHIC INVESTIGATIONS.** H. Bickel and Evelyn M. Hickmans.

**POLYOSTOTIC FIBROUS DYSPLASIA.** R. H. Vines.

**CYSTINOSIS.** D. A. J. Williamson.

**TORSION OF THE OVARY IN CHILDHOOD.** Selwyn Taylor.

**CHRONIC PANCREATITIS IN CHILDHOOD.** Theodore James.

**SUCCESSFUL REMOVAL OF ANTERIOR MEDIASTINAL TERATOMA FROM AN INFANT.** F. Stager.

**HAEMATOGENOUS OSTEITIS OF INFANCY.** Wallace M. Dennison and Duncan A. Macpherson.

**RADIOGRAPHS OF THE HAND AS AN INDEX OF SKELETAL MATURITY IN INFANTS.** Roy M. Acheson.

**EVIDENCE OF POST-NATAL ENVIRONMENTAL INFLUENCE IN THE AETIOLOGY OF INFANTILE PYLORIC STENOSIS.** Thomas McKeown, Brian MacMahon, and R. G. Record.

**HAND-SCHÜLLER-CHRISTIAN DISEASE IN INFANCY.** F. W. Nash and J. B. Cavanagh.

**PAROXYSMAL TACHYCARDIA IN INFANCY.** H. G. Farquhar.

**THE RESTORATION OF NORMAL BREATHING IN ASTHMATIC CHILDREN.** Arnold A. Nove.

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**Medical and Biological Illustration.**—The next issue of this journal (Vol. 2, No. 3) will be available in a week's time. The principal contents include:

**GRENZ RADIOGRAPHY.**

**THE DECORATED WOODCUT INITIALS OF VESALIUS' FABRICA.** Robert Ollerenshaw.

**CO-OPERATION BETWEEN AUTHOR, PUBLISHER, AND ILLUSTRATOR.** Muriel McLatchie Miller.

**PREPARING ILLUSTRATIONS FOR HALF-TONE REPRODUCTION.** Douglas J. Kidd.

**GROSS SPECIMEN PHOTOGRAPHY.** William L. M. Martinsen.

**THE DUGUID-YOUNG TECHNIQUE FOR MAKING PLASTIC SPECIMEN CONTAINERS.** C. J. Hackett and W. A. Norman.

**MEDICAL APPLICATION OF PHASE-CONTRAST MICROSCOPY.** R. J. V. Pulvertaft.

**EQUIPMENT AND METHODS:**

**PHOTOGRAPHING GLASS AND PERSPEX FOR PUBLICATION.**

**REFLECTOR ATTACHMENT FOR A HEAD-REST.**

**A FOUNTAIN-PEN FOR CHANCERY SCRIPT.**

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### COMING EVENTS

**Tropical Medicine at Istanbul.**—The fifth international congress of tropical medicine and malaria will be held at Istanbul from August 28 to September 4, 1953. Sections are planned on malaria, trypanosomiasis, filariasis, rickettsial diseases, virus diseases, schistosomiasis, and nutrition. Details from the secretary-general, Professor Ihsan Sükrü Aksel, Beyoglu, Tunel Meydani No. 2, Istanbul, Turkey.

### 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.

**Tuesday, August 26**

**SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.**—At Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m., "*Analysis and Comparison of Three Treatment Measures for Alcoholism: Antabuse, the Alcoholics Anonymous Approach, and Psychotherapy*," by Mr. F. T. Chambers, Jr. (Philadelphia).

### APPOINTMENTS

**KNIGHT, GEOFFREY W., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,** Medical Officer of Health for the Rural Districts of Tamworth and Meriden and Area Medical Officer, Warwickshire County Council.

**LEACH, IRENE MARY, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H.,** Assistant Medical Officer of Health, City of Bath.

**MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—*Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon in charge of Orthopaedic and Accident Services in North Manchester Hospitals and Booth Hall Children's Hospital, C. H. Cullen, M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Consultant (Assistant) Orthopaedic and Accident Surgeon, North Manchester Hospitals, with main duties at Ancoats Hospital, H. Bolton, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Consultant (Assistant) Orthopaedic and Accident Surgeon, Preston and Chorley Hospitals, N. A. G. Covell, M.Ch.Orth., F.R.C.S. Ed. Consultant Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Blackburn and District Hospitals, J. B. Jack, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., F.R.C.S. Ed. Consultant (Assistant) Orthopaedic Surgeon, Bolton and District Hospitals, M. E. Winston, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Ed. Consultant Physician (Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine), Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton, R. Harris, M.D., D.Phys. Med. Assistant Venereologist, St. Luke's Clinic, Manchester, F. Lanceley, M.B., Ch.B.*

**PRINCE, G. S., M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P.I., D.P.M.,** Part-time Psychiatrist (Consultant), Woodberry Down Health Centre, North-east Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

**SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—*Surgical Registrar to Bath Group of Hospitals, Ian Lindsay, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Senior Surgical Registrar (from March 1, 1953), C. R. Neve, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Assistant Anaesthetist to Bath Clinical Area, M. J. McSwiney, M.B., B.Ch. Assistant Clinical Pathologist to North Gloucestershire Clinical Area, H. M. Nevin, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.T.M., D.T.H.*

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

**Cumming.**—On August 4, 1952, at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, to Jean (formerly Peasnell), M.B., Ch.B., wife of Gordon Cumming, B.Sc., Ph.D., A.R.I.C., A.C.T.(Birm.), a son—Alasdair Duncan.

**Gibson.**—On August 13, 1952, at Liverpool Maternity Hospital, to Dr. Margaret (formerly Calwell), wife of Dr. S. Gibson, 10, Heald Street, Garston, Liverpool, a son.

**Whitehouse.**—On August 9, 1952, at St. Helier Hospital, Carshalton, Surrey, to Mary, wife of Barry Beckwith Whitehouse, M.R.C.O.G., a daughter.

**Workman.**—On August 12, 1952, at Brook Street Maternity Home, Ipswich, to Pamela (formerly Jephcott), wife of Dr. J. M. Workman, a daughter—Anne Elizabeth.

#### MARRIAGES

**Measday—Randall.**—On August 9, 1952, at Woldingham, Surrey, Brian Measday, M.B., B.S., to Jean Margaret Randall, M.B., B.S.

**Wolff—Freeborough.**—On July 3, 1952, O. H. Wolff, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., to Jill Freeborough, M.B., Ch.B., of Birmingham.

#### DEATHS

**Brooks.**—On August 15, 1952, at the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Gertrude Brooks, M.B., B.S., of Paygate, Woodmancote, near Henfield, Sussex, aged 77.

**Elliott.**—On August 12, 1952, at 2, Westcroft Gardens, Morden, Surrey, Thomas Elliott, M.B., Ch.B.

**Elwood.**—On August 10, 1952, at 24, Bishop's Road, Hove, Sussex, William Elwood, M.B., Ch.B., aged 75.

**Fairweather.**—On August 10, 1952, at 10, Tongdean Road, Hove, Sussex, William Ernest Fairweather, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Manchester, aged 80.

**Horton.**—On August 13, 1952, at Mount View, South Elmsall, Yorks, Horatio Nelson Horton, M.D.

**Jenkins.**—On August 13, 1952, in a nursing-home, Evan Llewellyn Jenkins, M.B., B.S., aged 76.

**Mason.**—On August 10, 1952, at St. Mary's Hospital, London, W., Charles Leslie Mason, L.M.S.S.A., of 14, Colosseum Terrace, Regent's Park, London, N.W., aged 59.

**Turpie.**—On August 16, 1952, at Roodlands Hospital, Haddington, East Lothian, Mary Murray McCalman Turpie, M.B., Ch.B., of North Berwick, formerly of Capetown, South Africa, and India.

**Walther.**—On August 11, 1952, at Fir Grove, Morley St. Botolph, Wymondham, Norfolk, David Rodolphe Philippe Walther, M.B., Ch.B., aged 70.