

## Vital Statistics

### Infectious Diseases

In England and Wales during the week ending September 27 the number of notifications increased for measles 682 and scarlet fever 312 and decreased for whooping-cough 108 and acute poliomyelitis 27.

The largest increases in the incidence of measles were Yorkshire West Riding 141, Lancashire 108, and London 82. The largest rises in the notifications of scarlet fever were London 69 and Lancashire 51. Only small variations occurred in the local trends of whooping-cough. The number of notifications of diphtheria was the lowest ever recorded; it was 6 less than in the preceding week.

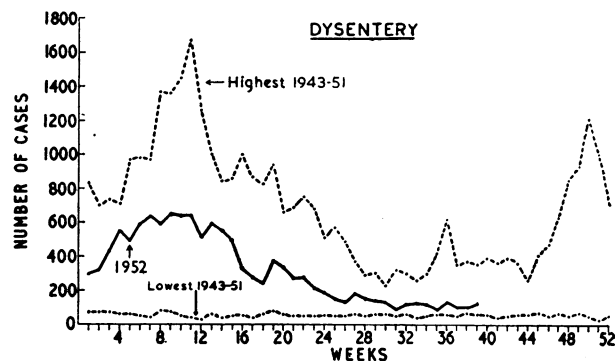
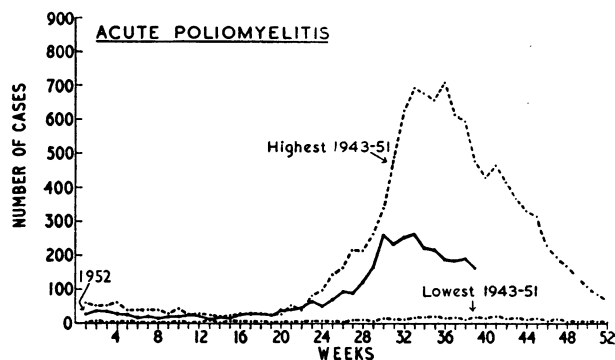
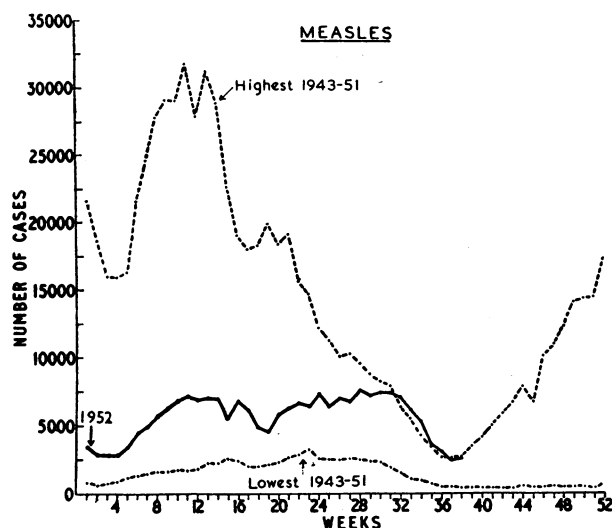
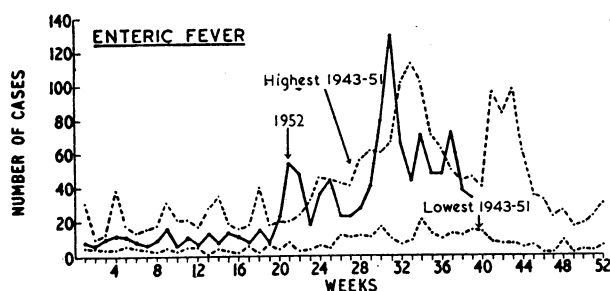
There were 2 fewer notifications of paratyphoid fever than in the previous week. Of the 31 cases, 18 were notified in Wales, where the largest centres of infection were Glamorganshire 10 (Maesteg U.D. 6) and Monmouthshire 5.

Notifications of acute poliomyelitis were 23 fewer for paralytic and 4 fewer for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The largest returns were Essex 19 (Southend-on-Sea C.B. 12); Yorkshire West Riding 14 (Leeds C.B. 5); Kent 11; Middlesex 11.

The largest centres of dysentery were Lancashire 30 (Whiston R.D. 12, Blackburn R.D. 9); London 17; Middlesex 17.

### Graphs of Infectious Diseases

The graphs below show the uncorrected numbers of cases of certain diseases notified weekly in England and Wales. Highest and lowest figures reported in each week during the nine years 1943-51 are shown thus -----, the figures for 1952 thus ————. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1952, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



### Quarterly Returns for Scotland

The birth rate during the second quarter of 1952 was 18.5 per 1,000 of the population, being 0.6 below the rate for the June quarter of 1951 and 1.9 below the average of the five preceding second quarters. The percentage of illegitimate births was 4.8, which was 0.9 below the average of the five preceding June quarters. The infant mortality rate was 34 per 1,000 registered live births, being 1 less than the rate for the corresponding quarter of 1951. Stillbirths formed 25 per 1,000 of the total births, and this was the lowest rate ever recorded in any quarter.

The general death rate was 11.2 per 1,000 of the population, which was 0.6 below the average of the five preceding second quarters. Deaths attributed to the principal epidemic diseases numbered 97. There were 75 from influenza, 9 from measles, 9 from meningococcal infections, and 4 from whooping-cough. 319 deaths were ascribed to tuberculosis of the respiratory system and 58 to other forms of tuberculosis. These were equivalent to death rates of 25 and 5 per 100,000 respectively, and were 31 and 6 below the average rate for the five preceding second quarters.

### Week Ending October 4

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included scarlet fever 1,284, whooping-cough 1,126, diphtheria 25, measles 4,696, acute poliomyelitis 155, dysentery 192, paratyphoid fever 23, and typhoid fever 4.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Professor T. Pomfret Kilner, Nuffield professor of plastic surgery in the University, has been appointed to carry on the duties of the Nuffield professorship of surgery during Michaelmas term, 1952.

The Theodore Williams Scholarship in Anatomy for 1952 has been awarded to James Griffith Edwards (Balliol College).

### UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

In Congregation on September 27 the degrees of M.B., B.S. were conferred on K. S. Dawes.

Frederik IX of Denmark. The scientific programme will comprise general meetings on potential developments in radiology, contrast media in diagnosis and risks associated therewith, radio-resistance, protection against ionizing radiations, and uniformity in therapeutic cancer statistics. There will also be sectional symposia on diagnosis, therapy, biology, physics, and technology. The honorary president of the Congress will be Professor Niels Bohr, and the president Professor P. Flemming Møller. Applications to present a paper or film should reach the Congress office not later than January 1, 1953. Special forms for this purpose, together with further information, can be obtained from the secretary-general, Oster Voldgade 10, Copenhagen K.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

### Monday, October 20

- HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., first dinner meeting. "Cardiology—Old and New," Presidential Address by Dr. B. Parsons-Smith.
- INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "Inborn Errors of Metabolism in Animal and Child," by Dr. L. I. Woolf.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—3.45 p.m., "The Breast," Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. P. H. Mitchiner.
- UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, London, W.C.—4.45 p.m., "Ionization and Biological Activity," by Professor Adrian Albert (Australian National University).

### Tuesday, October 21

- BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., "Control of Respiration," by Professor C. G. Douglas, F.R.S.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—3.45 p.m., "Blood Vascular Diseases," Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Mr. L. W. Proger; 5 p.m., "Acute Post-operative Dilatation of the Stomach," Hunterian Lecture by Professor K. W. Starr.
- SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.—At Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8 p.m., "The Possibilities of Apomorphine in the Treatment of Drug Addiction," by Dr. J. Y. Dent; "The Reading Preferences of the Drinking and Smoking Population Examined in the Light of the Hulton Readership Survey," by Dr. H. Pullar-Strecker. Discussion.
- SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W., 8.30 p.m., "Sport Injuries: Their Diagnosis and Treatment," by Sir Arthur Porritt.

### Wednesday, October 22

- CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP.—At Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C., 7.45 for 8.15 p.m., "The Doctor: Has He a Faith?" by Sir Henry T. Holland.
- INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, Duane Road, London, W., 3 p.m., "Post-operative Care Following Ultra Radical Surgery," Guest Lecture by Professor Ian Aird.
- LONDON COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Western Fever Hospital, S.W., 3 p.m., clinical meeting.
- MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.15 p.m., annual dinner and inaugural meeting. "American Medicine To-day," by Sir Allen Daley.
- ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, St. George's Circus, Southwark, London, S.E.—5.30 p.m., "The Ocular Complications of Head Injury," by Mr. R. P. Crick.

### Thursday, October 23

- BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., "Metal Catalysis and Intracellular Respiration," by Professor D. Keilin, F.R.S.
- EPSOM AND SUTTON INTER-HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION.—At Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey, 8 p.m., papers and clinical demonstrations, preceded by election of officers for 1952-3.
- HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At University New Buildings (Anatomy Theatre), Teviot Place, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., "A Review of the Radiographic Features of Some General Affections of the Skeleton," by Dr. W. S. Shearer.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "High Ligation of the Neck and the Sac in Inguinal Hernia," Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. H. F. Lunn.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Lecture Theatre, Materia Medica Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., "The Mode of Growth of Bones," by Professor J. C. Brash.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Anatomy Theatre, Gower Street, London, W.C.—5.30 p.m., "The Prodromes to Cortical Localization," Rickman Godlee Lecture by Sir Geoffrey Jefferson, F.R.S.

### Friday, October 24

- BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Biochemistry, St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London, S.E., 2 p.m., 311th meeting. Scientific papers will be read.
- LONDON ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION.—At Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine, 8, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, W.C., 8.30 p.m., "Organization of the Law," by the Hon. Mr. Justice McNair.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—5 p.m., "The Reconstruction of the Hand in Leprosy," Hunterian Lecture by Professor P. W. Brand.
- ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, 7, Melbourne Place, Edinburgh.—8 p.m., "The Electrical Theories of Nerve Conductivity," by Mr. B. I. Tyson.

## APPOINTMENTS

SOUTH-WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Consultants Radiologist (part-time) Western Area Thoracic Surgery Unit, R. B. Boal, M.B., B.Ch., D.M.R.E. Assistant Pathologist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), Portsmouth and I.O.W. Area Pathological Service, I. L. M. Larkin, M.D. Assistant Pathologist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), Wandsworth Hospitals Group Laboratory, P. W. Kippax, M.B., Ch.B. Assistant Psychiatrist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), Banstead Hospital, R. H. Wheeler, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. Assistant Psychiatrist (S.H.M.O., whole-time), St. James' Hospital, Portsmouth, Gwendoline D. Knight, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M. Psychiatrist Registrars, Banstead Hospital, Marie L. S. Beasley, B.M., B.Ch., and I. F. Collie, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Medical Registrar, Poole General and St. Mary's Hospitals, R. F. Brooks, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P. Ed. Surgical Registrar, Salisbury General Hospital, J. M. Jalundhwalla, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Surgical Registrar, Lambeth Hospital, E. G. Brewin, M.B., Ch.B. Pathological Registrar, St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Jutta Singer, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Pathological Registrar, Kingston Group Laboratory, J. T. Cecil, M.B., B.S. Anaesthetic Registrar, Southampton General Hospital, A. L. St. A. McClosky, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.A. Anaesthetic Registrar, Chichester Group, J. J. F. Donworth, M.B., B.Ch. Anaesthetic Registrar, Fulham and Kensington Group, L. Havers, M.D. Plastic Surgical Registrar, Odstock Hospital, M. N. Tempest, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Ed. Medical Registrar, St. Mary's, Portsmouth, J. McK. N. Roberts, M.B., B.S. Medical Registrar, Redhill County Hospital, K. J. O'Connor, M.B., Ch.B. Senior Surgical Registrar, Royal Victoria Hospital, Boscombe, J. H. E. Verdon, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Surgical Registrar, Putney Hospital, D. I. Stirk, F.R.C.S. Senior Orthopaedic Registrar, Rowley Bristow and St. Peter's (Chertsey) Hospitals, D. R. Urquhart, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. Orthopaedic Registrar, St. Peter's, Chertsey, P. R. French, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Psychiatric Registrar, Graylingwell Hospital, D. R. Moore, M.B., B.S.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

- Bruce.—On September 26, 1952, to Joyce, wife of Dr. I. Bruce, 613, Chorley Old Road, Bolton, a son.
- Henderson.—On October 9, 1952, at Meadstead House, Royston, near Barnsley, Yorks, to Winifred (formerly Hale), wife of Dr. James Henderson, a daughter.
- Henry.—On September 21, 1952, at British Military Hospital, Graz, Austria, to Hilda (formerly Loble), wife of Captain E. R. Henry, R.A.M.C., a daughter—Caroline Jane.
- Hirst.—On October 7, 1952, to Dr. Stella Armitage (formerly Speight), wife of Dr. John Hirst, a daughter.
- Thomas.—On October 2, 1952, to Joyce (formerly Nicholas), wife of Dr. G. H. Thomas, of Walsall, a sister for Elizabeth Linda.
- Wilkinson.—On September 13, 1952, at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, to June (formerly Tolley), wife of Dr. Ian Wilkinson, a daughter—Caroline Jane.

### MARRIAGES

- Lerse—Hamilton.—On September 20, 1952, at Harrogate, Albert Lersé to Margaret Hamilton, M.B., Ch.B., D.A.

### DEATHS

- Andrew.—On October 8, 1952, at Trevinnick, Bodmin Road, St. Austell, Cornwall, Edwin Gaved Andrew, M.D.
- Cogswell.—On October 12, 1952, at Red Roofs, Sidmouth, Devon, Philip Dare Cogswell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Bromley, Kent.
- Coombes.—On October 7, 1952, at Croft Cottage, Horsebridge, Sussex, Percival Charles Coombes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
- Finny.—On October 10, 1952, at his home, 41, Liverpool Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey, William Evelyn St. Lawrence Finny, M.D., M.Ch., J.P., aged 88.
- Hobbs.—On October 8, 1952, at Benghazi, Anthony Arthur Hobbs, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Captain R.A.M.C., of Cheam, Surrey, aged 26.
- Lawson.—On October 8, 1952, at 12, Ovington Court, London, S.W., Frederick James Lawson, M.B.
- Lindsay.—On October 3, 1952, at "Shortfurrows," Whyteleafe Road, Caterham, Surrey, Thomas Lindsay, M.D., F.R.C.S. Ed., D.P.M.
- McCracken.—On October 7, 1952, at 10, Castelnau, Barnes, London, S.W., Alastair McCracken, M.B., Ch.B.
- Matthews.—On October 3, 1952, Edgar William Matthews, T.D., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., of "Oakingham," Bramber Road, Seaford, Sussex, aged 72.
- Milne.—On October 2, 1952, at 49, Valley Road, Scarborough, Yorks, William Stuart Milne, M.B., Ch.B.
- Proudlock-Dunbar.—On October 6, 1952, Gladys Margaret Campbell Proudlock-Dunbar (formerly Dunbar), M.D., J.P., of Royston, Herts.
- Riches.—On October 2, 1952, at Brook House, Apperley Bridge, Bradford, Yorks, John Frith Riches, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 49.
- Townsend.—On October 5, 1952, at the Eye Hospital, Cork, Thomas Henry Denny Townsend, M.B., B.Ch., of 14, St. Patrick's Hill, and Merton, Queenstown, Cork.