

creation of a separate region and regional board for the western area of the south-west metropolitan region. The criticisms made by those who wanted a new region could probably be met more economically, and without the loss of the advantages at present deriving from the existence of a single region, by delegation of powers more freely to the western area committee rather than by creating a new region and a new board. He therefore asked the regional board to consider how this wider measure of delegation might be achieved, and had sought its views on a number of suggestions which appeared to be practicable. These suggestions were discussed by representatives of the board and the western area committee with officers of the Ministry. The committee was preparing detailed proposals indicating how it thought the suggestions might be implemented.

#### Private Patients' Fees

On November 13 Mr. R. S. RUSSELL inquired why patients who used a private ward in a State hospital were not credited with the amount their treatment would have cost if it had been given in a public ward. Mr. I. MACLEOD said the reason was because the statute required that charges for pay-beds must be designed to cover the whole cost of the accommodation and services provided for the patient.

#### Hospital Staffs

On November 13 Mr. A. BLENKINSOP asked what fresh instructions the Minister of Health had issued limiting hospital medical staffs and proposing reductions in hospital domestic staff. Mr. I. MACLEOD announced that he had opened discussions with the boards of governors about the medical staff establishments of the teaching hospitals.

*School Milk.*—The Minister of Food stated on November 12 that he was prepared to pay the maximum retail price for tuberculin-tested milk for schools where no alternative supply of safe milk was available.

*Attested Cattle.*—In Wales 58% of the cattle are attested: in England 30%.

## Universities and Colleges

#### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Theodore Williams Scholarship in Pathology for 1952 has been awarded to Jeffrey Lima Hayes O'Riordan, Scholar of Pembroke College.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Sir Bryan Matthews, professor of physiology in the university, has been appointed a Manager of the Benn W. Levy Fund to December 31, 1955, and Professor J. D. Boyd, professor of anatomy in the university, a Manager of the Charles Slater Fund from January 1, 1953, for four years.

In Congregation on November 8 the degrees of M.B., B.Chir. were conferred on Mrs. Nora Louise Blackwell.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Obstetrics: J. F. Adam, Anne Alexander, Maryan G. Anderson, Eileen Atkinson, Margaret A. Austin, Pamela M. Bacon, G. F. Barnes, Edith M. Beecher-Bryant, J. D. Belt, J. S. G. Blair, W. W. Bowie, J. D. Brackenridge, Gladys V. Bradshaw, J. M. Brown, Janet C. Bryce, A. E. R. Buckle, M. G. Budden, D. W. Bull, Sheila G. Burnie, A. F. Bushby, Mary Campbell-Mackie, I. T. Carrie, C. Cassar, D. J. Cawthorne, J. S. W. Chambers, Vera Choithramani, Sheila R. Clarke, P. W. Clements, June P. Cooper, K. V. Cooper, J. H. Cowie, Ann C. Coyle, O. J. Curl, J. W. B. Dalgleish, J. K. Davidson, H. F. Davies, Elizabeth Denny, J. C. Dilley, P. R. Dixit, F. B. Dobbs, D. J. Dobson, Margaret K. Douglas, Diana F. J. Duncan, W. A. W. Dutton, G. F. E. Edmondson-Jones, Mary G. Eldridge, W. Ellenbogen, J. McG. Elliott, Luba Epsztejn, J. Eyton-Jones, Margaret D. Findlay, G. R. C. Fisher, Mary L. Fraser, G. C. Galea, Barbara E.

Gibbs, A. Gillespie, D. L. Golightly, J. L. I. Goodger, Anne L. M. Graham, D. A. H. Grieve, S. Hacking, A. B. Haigh, Ethna J. Halpin, I. A. El-W. Hamdy, Marion Hanson, H. A. Harding, Elizabeth M. Harpur, D. T. G. Harris, Helen J. Harthoorn, R. Hewitt, J. M. Hiddleston, Margaret I. Hill, J. A. Holmes, J. L. Honig, J. M. Hood, R. A. St. C. Hoyte, Anne L. Hunter, Anne E. Jameson, M. H. Jameson, Helen Jessler, J. M. Jewitt, G. A. H. Jones, W. T. Joseph, Margaret Kassab, J. A. N. Keane, G. E. Kelly, Sybil V. Kinley, Frances E. W. Kinnaird, Frances E. Kirk, A. L. Kirkland, Chung Yue Lai, E. C. Lewis, Isabel J. Lim, M. D. W. Low, Helen M. M. McCallum, J. M. S. McCoy, Yvette McCoy, J. A. McCraith, Sarah C. McEwan, Anne M. McKechnie, J. G. McKenny, Edith M. McLean, Margaret E. Maclean, B. N. McQuade, D. H. McVie, A. R. Magarey, Maureen A. F. Malcolm, M. D. Manion, J. G. Markus, G. F. G. Marshall, G. G. M. Miles, J. L. Miller, R. C. Molk, Elisabeth Monkhouse, D. J. R. Morgan, June Morgan, K. D. Mullen, B. J. Murphy, S. Muscat, J. P. Norris, K. R. Norton, K. F. O'Callaghan, D. W. Orton, T. G. Osmond, R. B. Ottley, H. J. G. Palmer, R. T. Parr, P. Paul, F. S. Perry, R. J. Pett, Mary P. Phelan, K. B. Pillai, S. J. S. Polwin, Joan M. Ponsford, F. J. Powell, R. B. Prowse, Hilary R. Pullon, D. W. Quantrill, D. J. H. Rogers, A. Sabhesan, P. Sarin, Rachel D. R. Sasieni, M. K. Sawday, G. C. W. Sharpe, R. W. Simpson, S. L. Skoll, H. Stabile, A. J. H. Stephens, J. E. L. Sutcliffe, C. G. W. Sykes, P. K. Sylvester, D. Tacchi, A. D. El-Tannir, A. R. Taylor, J. Taylor, J. G. A. Troup, P. W. Tucker, J. B. Turtle, I. S. Waller, Daphne M. L. Walters, Paula M. Watkin, Joyce M. Watson, W. L. Whitehouse, Kathleen M. Witham, L. M. Wolf, Elizabeth J. A. Yool.

## Vital Statistics

#### Week Ending November 8

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 1,976, whooping-cough 1,449, diphtheria 27, measles 11,264, acute poliomyelitis 117, dysentery 213, paratyphoid fever 2, and typhoid fever 4.

#### Infectious Diseases

The chief feature of the returns of infectious diseases during the week ending November 1 in England and Wales was an increase of 2,045 in the number of notifications of measles from 9,178 to 11,223. Other rises in incidence were 177 for dysentery (from 236 to 413), 243 for whooping-cough (from 1,206 to 1,449), and 100 for scarlet fever (from 1,994 to 2,094).

Only once in the past 13 years (in 1940) has the incidence of measles been so high at this period of the year. The largest increases during the week were 265 in Essex, from 677 to 942; 260 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 845 to 1,105; 158 in London, from 1,094 to 1,252; 128 in Durham, from 397 to 525; and 118 in Middlesex, from 509 to 627. The only large fluctuation in the trends of whooping-cough was a rise of 51 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 139 to 190. Despite the increasing trend of scarlet fever, the largest variation in the returns was a fall of 80 in London, from 200 to 120. The number of notifications of diphtheria, 29, was one more than in the preceding week. The chief features of the returns for diphtheria were a decrease of 5, from 9 to 4, in Lancashire, and an outbreak involving 5 persons in Staffordshire, Coseley U.D.

The number of notifications of acute poliomyelitis, 86, was 10 less for paralytic and 5 less for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The notifications are slightly more numerous in the southern section of the country than in the north. The largest returns were Surrey 9, Kent 9, Middlesex 9, and Essex 8.

The rise in the incidence of dysentery was due to an increase of 136 in Lancashire, from 121 to 257. The largest returns in this county were Blackpool C.B. 202, Liverpool C.B. 16, and Blackburn R.D. 15. In the preceding week 94 cases were notified from Blackpool C.B. in an outbreak which concerned four day-schools. The largest of the other returns in the country were London 18, Kent 16 (Margate M.B. 14), Middlesex 13, Yorkshire North Riding 11 (Middlesbrough C.B. 11).

cants should write to the society's secretary, c/o Royal Empire Society, Northumberland Avenue, London, W.C.2.

**Liddle Triennial Prize.**—The subject for the 1955 Liddle Prize essay has now been announced: it is "The Effect of Hormones on the Reaction of the Tissues to Injury." The prize is valued at £120. Further details may be obtained from the Dean of the London Hospital Medical College, Turner Street, London, E.1.

**Emergency Bed Service: Applications and Admissions.**—During the seven days ending November 17 the number of applications made by doctors to the London Emergency Bed Service for admission of patients was 1,069, of whom 91.20% were admitted.

**Bequests.**—Professor George Grey Turner left his collection of Hunterian Letters to the Royal College of Surgeons of England and £500 to be applied to the preparation and publication of a further volume or volumes of Plarr's *Lives of the Fellows*. In addition he left £500 to the School of Medicine in King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to form a Grey Turner Fund, the interest to provide an honorarium for a lecture on some aspect of the history of surgery.

**Sir Neil Hamilton Fairley**, consultant in tropical diseases to the Army, and noted for his wartime researches on malaria, is in Australia. He arrived from Malaya, where he had been investigating reports of the emergence of proguanil-resistant strains of malaria. Earlier in the year, in East Africa, he conducted trials in human volunteers to see if proguanil would protect them against resistant strains of malarial parasites.

**Dr. E. Taylor Cummings** has been re-elected Mayor of Freetown, Sierra Leone, for the fifth time in succession.

**Royal College of Physicians.**—The Duke of Edinburgh was welcomed by Sir Russell Brain as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians when he dined at the College on November 18.

## COMING EVENTS

**Fourth Ciba Foundation Lectureship.**—Dr. G. W. Corner, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, Baltimore, will give the Fourth Ciba Foundation Lecture on behalf of himself and Dr. A. Csapo on December 4, at 5 p.m. at the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London, W.1. The subject of the lecture is "The Action of Ovarian Hormones on Uterine Muscle," and Sir Henry Dale, O.M., will be in the chair. Those wanting to attend the lecture should apply for tickets of admission to the Assistant Secretary, Ciba Foundation, 41, Portland Place, London, W.1.

**The Victor Horsley Memorial Lecture**, on "Ischaemia in Surgery," will be delivered by Sir James Learmonth in the Old Library, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, on December 11 at 5 p.m.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

Details in this column are necessarily brief. Further information and tickets where required (marked ●) should be obtained from the institution concerned.

### Monday, November 24

●INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Professor W. I. B. Beveridge: Resistance and Susceptibility to Viruses.  
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. E. Stengel: lecture-demonstration.  
MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—(1) At Dental Hospital, 5 p.m., Professor V. F. Lambert: Tumours of the Palate; (2) At Manchester University, 9 p.m., film, followed by discussion: Carcinoma of the Cervix.  
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8.30 p.m., discussion on bronchitis.  
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Professor T. Nicol: Applied Anatomy of the Orbit.

### Tuesday, November 25

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Professor Adrien Albert, D.Sc. (Australian National University): Selective Toxicity.  
CHADWICK TRUST.—At 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., 2.30 p.m., Mr. J. Rawlinson, M.Eng., M.I.C.E.: History of the Main Drainage of London.  
●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor H. Barcroft: Peripheral Circulation.  
●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 4.30 p.m., Sir Stanford Cade: Surgery after Pelvic Irradiation.

PADDINGTON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At St. Mary's Hospital, 8.45 p.m., discussion: The Recommendations of the Working Party.  
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Douglas Gordon: Radiological Methods in Neurology.

### Wednesday, November 26

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Benign Epithelial Tumours.  
●LONDON MARRIAGE GUIDANCE COUNCIL, 78, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, W.—6.30 p.m., Dr. Mary Barton and Dr. Ethel Dukes: Psychological and Medical Aspects of A.I.D.  
NORTH-WESTERN TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Aintree Hospital, Liverpool, 5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Noel Bleasdale: Sanatorium Nursing—Care and Rehabilitation of the Ex-patient Nurse.  
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., symposium on methonium.  
ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.—5 p.m., Wellid Lecture by Mr. T. Holmes Sellors: Cancer of the Lung.  
ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—3.30 p.m., Dr. A. Austin Egger: Health in the Factory—The Slough Industrial Health Service.

### Thursday, November 27

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Professor Adrien Albert, D.Sc. (Australian National University): Selective Toxicity.  
HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Dr. J. A. Fraser Roberts: Inheritance of Sex-linked Abnormalities in Man.  
INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—3 p.m., Professor J. Elkes: Pharmacological Method in Psychiatric Research.  
LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8 p.m., Dr. Robert Hughes: Treatment of Coronary Thrombosis with Anticoagulants; Mr. B. J. Bickford: Treatment of Angina Pectoris by Sympathectomy.  
MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8 p.m., Dr. A. H. Galley: Kidney in Relation to Anaesthesia and Analgesia.  
OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Mr. R. G. Pulvertaft: The Injured Hand and its Repair.  
ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Major-General Sir Heneage Ogilvie: A Eulogy of the Yes-man.  
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Miss M. Savory: Some Newer Therapeutic Measures.  
ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Materia Medica Department, Dundee, 5 p.m., Professor G. A. G. Mitchell: Innervation of the Thoracic Viscera.  
ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. D. Curran: lecture-demonstration in psychiatry.  
WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At West London Hospital, 2.30 p.m., clinical afternoon.

### Friday, November 28

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. P. F. Borrie: Vascular Disorders.  
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Mr. A. R. Dingley: The Use of Sulphonamides in Otitis Media.  
MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—7.30 p.m., Dr. A. N. Ashworth: Cortisone in the Treatment of Syphilis of the Eye.  
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—4.30 p.m., Mr. A. J. Cameron: Medical Ophthalmology.  
ROYAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, Edinburgh.—8 p.m., address by Mr. P. W. Brand.

### Saturday, November 29

●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 11 a.m., Dr. C. L. Cope: Anaemia and Pregnancy; 12 noon, Dr. Mary Barber: Outbreak of Sepsis in a Maternity Ward.

## APPOINTMENTS

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Senior Registrar in Chest Medicine at East Norfolk Chest Clinic, R. W. Pettigrew, M.B., Ch.B. Medical Registrar at Foxhall Hospital, Ipswich, N. O. Ascroft, M.B., Ch.B. Medical Registrar at Papworth Hospital, Mary T. Keyes, M.B., Ch.B.

MAYER, HELEN M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G., Part-time Obstetrician and Gynaecologist (Consultant), The Mothers' Hospital (Salvation Army), Clapton, London, E., North-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

**Hamilton.**—On October 28, 1952, at Harbour Breton Cottage Hospital, to Rosemary (formerly Haydock), M.B., B.S., wife of Thomas R. Hamilton, M.B., B.S., of Hermitage, Newfoundland, Canada, a son.  
**Mathieson.**—On October 9, 1952, at 24, Richmond Road, Middelburg, Cape, South Africa, to Sylvia (formerly Lidbetter), wife of Dr. Ian Mathieson, a son.

### MARRIAGES

**Mullins—Rowdon.**—On September 20, 1952, at Johannesburg, South Africa, David Francis Mullins, B.M., B.Ch., to Mary Evangeline Hooker Rowdon.

### DEATHS

**Andrews.**—On November 2, 1952, Maynard Campbell Andrews, M.D., of North Wembley, Middlesex, aged 50.  
**Berkowitz.**—On October 25, 1952, at Srinagar, Kashmir, India, Harold Guenther Berkowitz, M.D., formerly of Oxford.  
**Gibson.**—On November 4, 1952, George Gibson, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired.  
**McKelvie.**—On November 3, 1952, John Douglas McKelvie, M.D., of Blofield, Norwich.  
**Owen.**—On October 30, 1952, William Griffith Owen, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of "Hendre," Penryn, Cornwall.  
**Turner.**—On November 4, 1952, at his home, "Ravensnest," Hythe, Southampton, Hants, Arthur John Turner, M.B., B.S.  
**White.**—On November 3, at his home, 172, Monument Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, James Atkin Henton White, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed., aged 81.