

incapable of understanding questions and of giving a rational account of events.—*Halsbury's Laws of England*, Vol. 9, p. 221.

When the deposition of a person dangerously ill and not likely to recover is to be taken, and a prisoner has been served with a notice that such deposition is to be taken, an order that the prisoner shall be present at the taking of the statement may be made by the committing justice or by the Prison Commissioners.—C. Just. Act., 1948, Schedule X.

Finally, a dying declaration which on its face is incomplete is inadmissible.—*Waugh v. R.*, 1950, A.C. 203.

In every case the judge should point out to the jury that the declaration has not been subject to cross-examination (*ibid.*).

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Welsh Memorial Prize for 1952, a prize which is awarded annually by Dr. Lee's Professor of Anatomy for the best set of drawings illustrative of human anatomy, has been awarded to James Freeman, Scholar of St. John's College.

Sir Howard Walter Florey, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S., Professor of Pathology in the University, has been elected to an Honorary Fellowship at Magdalen College.

In Congregation on December 2 the appointment of Dr. Alice M. Stewart as Reader in Social Medicine from April 1, 1953, to September 30, 1959, was approved. In the same Congregation it was resolved to confer the degree of M.A. upon H. G. Epstein (Pembroke College), a Graduate Assistant in the Nuffield Department of Anaesthetics.

In Congregation on November 22 the degree of D.M. was conferred on P. M. Peters, G. L. L. Reynolds, G. D. Walker, and R. A. B. Drury.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the Council of the College, held on November 13, with Sir Cecil Wakeley, President, in the chair, the death of Mr. P. H. Mitchiner (Member of Council and Past Vice-President) was reported, and the Council unanimously adopted a resolution of condolence.

A Hunterian Lectureship was awarded to Professor Milroy A. Paul, of Ceylon, for a lecture on "The Surgery of the Congenital Anomalies of the Midline Ventral Abdominal Wall."

Sir James Paterson Ross was appointed the Bradshaw Lecturer for 1952 in place of the late Mr. P. H. Mitchiner, and Sir Reginald Watson-Jones was appointed Bradshaw Lecturer for 1953.

The John Tomes Prize was presented to Professor E. B. Manley (Professor of Dental Pathology in the University of Birmingham); the James Berry Prize to Mr. R. H. C. Robins (Newcastle and Exeter); and the Hallett Prize to Dr. J. K. Ross (Middlesex Hospital).

The Begley Prize was awarded to J. H. Breed (Westminster Hospital).

It was decided to hold a Primary Fellowship Examination in Colombo in March, 1953.

Diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, as follows:

DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH.—K. M. Pearce.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—T. G. Behan, D. E. W. Knight, M. J. J. T. Becker.

Diplomas in Medical Radiodiagnosis and in Medical Radiotherapy were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to the candidates whose names are printed in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London in the *Journal* of November 15 (p. 1107).

The Services

Colonel R. E. B. Rees, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., has been appointed Honorary Colonel of a T.A. unit, in succession to Colonel W. H. Kerr, T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., whose tenure has expired.

Major J. S. Hitsman, R.C.A.M.C., has been appointed M.B.E. (Military Division) in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in Korea.

Surgeon Commanders A. D. Petro, R.N.V.R., and J. E. Hughes, R.A.N.R., and Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander C. W. B. Woodham, R.N.V.R., have been awarded the R.N.V.R. decoration.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending November 29 (No. 48) and corresponding week 1951.

Figures of cases are for the countries shown and London administrative county. Figures of deaths and births are for the 160 great towns in England and Wales (London included), London administrative county, the 17 principal towns in Scotland, the 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland, and the 14 principal towns in Eire.

A blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available.

The table is based on information supplied by the Registrars-General of England and Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Eire, the Ministry of Health and Local Government of N. Ireland, and the Department of Health of Eire.

CASES in Countries and London	1952					1951				
	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	20	2	3	1		45	4	19	0	3
Dysentery ..	197	17	66	7		327	32	41	0	1
Encephalitis, acute..	5	0	0	0		8	0	0	0	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid ..	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	1
Paratyphoid ..	4	1	0	0	0	18	0	19	2	1 (B)
								(B)		
								(A)		
Food-poisoning ..	58	9		0		95	24		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..				12	13				14	21
Measles* ..	14,791	1560	190	34	93	2,313	28	105	183	82
Meningococcal infection ..	29	3	10	3	4	30	3	12	0	3
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	21	3	4	0		41	2	6	0	
Pneumonia† ..	619	46	328	5	1	432	30	158	0	1
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic ..	56	4				39	0			
Non-paralytic ..	21	4		5	0	17	0		9	0
										1
Puerperal fever§ ..	244	45	7	0	1	218	22	15	1	
Scarlet fever ..	2,399	169	358	43	86	1,585	150	335	27	47
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..			162	28				167	42	
Non-respiratory ..			30	10				31	5	
Whooping-cough ..	2,138	148	115	33	81	1,852	48	263	45	68

DEATHS in Great Towns	1952					1951				
	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0		0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dysentery ..	0	0		0			0		0	
Encephalitis, acute..		0			0		0			0
Enteric fever ..	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	5	0	2		3	7		0	0	1
Influenza ..	18	7	1	0	1	9	0	3	0	0
Measles ..		0		0	0		0	0	0	0
Meningococcal infection ..		1					1	0		
Pneumonia ..	220	28		13	5	175	26		6	5
Poliomyelitis, acute	4	0			0	1	0			1
Scarlet fever ..		0		0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..	127	{19	13	2	5	127	{16	23	1	6
Non-respiratory ..										
Whooping-cough ..	4	1		0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	240	31	30	9	18	220	21	29	6	12
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	6,042	853	618	130	176	4,638	687	592	89	143
LIVE BIRTHS ..	7,125	1063	829	210	298	6,110	1059	787	182	310
STILLBIRTHS ..	179	18	23			171	18	13		

* Measles not notifiable in Scotland, whence returns are approximate.

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

appointments at the London Hospital, and then became reader in medicine at the British Postgraduate Medical School. From 1938 to 1948 Dr. Aitken was Regius Professor of Medicine at Aberdeen. He is aged 51.

Raynaud's Phenomenon and Vibratory Tools.—The Minister of National Insurance, Mr. Osbert Peake, M.P., was asked last week in Parliament if he would admit claims for benefit under the Industrial Injuries Act from workmen suffering from Raynaud's phenomenon. Nearly three years ago Mr. Peake's predecessor referred this question to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council for advice, but so far the council has been unable to make up its mind on the subject. In a letter from the chairman of the council, circulated with Mr. Peake's reply in Parliament, it is explained, first, that Raynaud's phenomenon occurs widely among the population from causes unassociated with the use of vibratory tools, and, secondly, that in the great majority of industrial cases the disability is trivial. Before making a definite recommendation the council wishes to await the results of a Medical Research Council survey into the problem which is being carried out this winter.

Dr. Brock Chisholm, the Canadian Director-General of World Health Organization, has announced his intention of retiring from his present appointment in July. He has directed the organization's work since the preparatory stages of its formation in 1946. In a report from Geneva in the *New York Herald Tribune* (Paris edition) Dr. Chisholm is quoted as saying that the main reason for his decision is that "a permanent organization should not have the same head for too long, particularly at the beginning of its history."

King Edward's Hospital Fund.—The Duke of Gloucester, presiding at a meeting of the general council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London at St. James's Palace on December 10, said that during the last two-year period grants to hospitals and convalescent homes had amounted to £342,119. In addition £100,000 had been set aside for homes for the aged sick, making the total allocation for that particular purpose in recent years £350,000.

Study of Sex.—Sydney University, Australia, has accepted a large collection of books on sex and a substantial sum of money for promoting sex studies, under the will of the late Dr. Norman Haire, the Sydney-born president of the Sex Education Society (see *Journal*, September 20, p. 672). After a few personal bequests, Dr. Haire left the residue of his property, valued at about £30,000, to the vice-chancellor of Sydney University "to be applied in such manner as the senate determine for the study of sexology."

Acta Psychotherapeutica, Psychosomatica and Orthopaedagogica, a new psychological journal, will make its first appearance in January under the management of an international board of editors. It will be published bi-monthly by S. Karger, Basle, at an annual subscription of 40 Swiss francs (about £3 7s.), and will contain original papers in English, French, and German.

Bequests.—Dr. George Carmichael Low, formerly senior physician to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases and director of the Division of Clinical Tropical Medicine at the London School of Hygiene, who died on July 31, left £500 to the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and £100 to the Cottage Hospital, Monifieth. Dr. A. R. Parsons, of Dublin, who died on January 24, left £500 to the Royal Medical Benevolent Society of Ireland and £500 Commonwealth of Australia 3½% stock to the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Fellowship for South African Doctors.—Applications are invited from medical practitioners registered in South Africa for the Eli Lilly Medical Research Fellowship (South Africa). This is for study in the United States, and is valued at 250 dollars a month for 12 months, plus travel-

ling expenses to and from the place of study. The last date for receiving applications is May 15, 1953. Further information may be obtained from Dr. L. Eales, c/o Cape-town Postgraduate Medical Association, P.O. Box 2980, Capetown.

Emergency Bed Service: Applications and Admissions.—During the seven days ending December 14 the number of applications made by doctors to the London Emergency Bed Service for admission of patients was 2,435, of whom 81.19% were admitted.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

Monday, December 22

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—9 p.m., Professor W. F. Gaisford: Treatment of Acute Infections in Childhood.
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Astigmatism and its Treatment. Factors Affecting Binocular Vision.

APPOINTMENTS

ALCOCK, WILLIAM, M.B., Ch.B., B.Hy., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Watford and Divisional Medical Officer, South-west Hertfordshire.
BLAKE, DOUGLAS HAROLD, M.B., Ch.B., Assistant Chest Physician to the Leicester Area, Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.
CARRICK, GORDON STADLON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.I.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Burgh of Greenock.
DOBERMAN, HENRY, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.O.G., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist to Sunderland Group of Hospitals.
GILLIES, HUNTER, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., D.P.M., Part-time Consultant in charge of Psychiatric Wards, Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow.
GUBBINS, R. C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Willenhall Urban District Council, and Assistant District Medical Officer, Staffordshire County Council.
HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—Thomas Hunter, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., Part-time Registrar to Orthopaedic Department; Albert Himmelhoch, M.B., B.S., House-physician.
MINTO, CHARLES NICHOLSON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health and District Hospitals Officer, County of Calthness.
MURRAY, F. J. A., L.R.C.P.&S.I., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Stone Urban District, Staffordshire.
RAINSFORD, C. R. C., M.D., D.P.H., D.T.M., Medical Officer of Health to East Retford Borough and District Councils and Assistant County Medical Officer, Nottinghamshire.
WILLIAMS, DAVID HUBERT JAMES, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Divisional Medical Officer, Port Talbot and Glyncorrwg Health Division; Medical Officer of Health, Port Talbot Borough Council; and Medical Officer of Health, Glyncorrwg Urban District Council.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Chalmers.—On December 10, 1952, in Cardiff, to Doreen, wife of Dr. T. M. Chalmers, M.D., M.R.C.P., a son.
FitzGerald.—On December 8, 1952, at Gloucester City Maternity Hospital, to Ita (formerly MacAuliffe), M.B., wife of Maurice A. FitzGerald, M.B., A.D.M.R., of 10, Upper Maze Hill, St. Leonards-on-Sea, Sussex, a daughter.
Thomson.—On November 30, 1952, to Nancy S. M. Thomson, M.B., Ch.B. (formerly Milne), wife of Thomas Nairn Thomson, B.Sc.(Econ.), B.Com., Ivybank, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, a daughter.

DEATHS

Allott.—On November 23, 1952, at the Old Rectory, Preston Bissett, Buckingham Hubert Cyril Willoughby Allott, L.A.H., L.R.C.S.Ed.
Arthur.—On November 21, 1952, at Edinburgh, the Reverend John William Arthur, O.B.E., D.D., M.D., late of Kikuyu, Kenya Colony, East Africa, and 13, Woodburn Terrace, Edinburgh, aged 71.
Browne.—On November 20, 1952, Walter Albert Browne, F.R.C.S.Ed.
Buncombe.—On November 25, 1952, at Walberswick, Suffolk, Guy Hope Buncombe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of The Grove, Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk, aged 52.
Dyer.—On November 28, 1952, at Martin, Lincoln, Capel Geyer Dyer, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S. formerly of Ringwood, Hants.
Fairweather.—On November 25, 1952, at the Royal Northern Hospital, London, N., David Oswald Fairweather, M.B., Ch.B.
Garden.—On November 26, 1952, at Ford Lodge, Didsbury, Manchester, William Sim Garden, M.D.
Goffe.—On November 28, 1952, Ernest George Leopold Goffe, M.D., of Three Ways, Green Park, Ferring, Sussex, formerly of Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey, aged 85.
Higman.—On November 21, 1952, at South Petherton, Somerset, Annie Agnes Higman (formerly Corp), M.B., B.S.
McKinstry.—On November 22, 1952, at Hove General Hospital, William Henry McKinstry, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H., late of Walsall, Staffs, and Rottingdean, Sussex, aged 86.
Shields.—On November 26, 1952, at Weybridge Hospital, Surrey, Albert Frederick Leopold Shields, M.B., B.Ch., D.O.M.S., of 78, Wimpole Street, London, W., and Dawn Cottage, West Byfleet, Surrey.
Smith.—On November 26, 1952, at Hill Harden, Harpenden, Herts, John Henderson Smith, M.B., Ch.B.
Thomson.—On November 20, 1952, at 3, Greenhill Park, Edinburgh, Thomas James Thomson, M.D., aged 82.
Wickham.—On November 21, 1952, at 89, Wilton Road, Salisbury, Wilts, Catherine Mary Wickham, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas., late of Rajkot, Kathiawar, India, aged 87.
Wilson.—On November 18, 1952, at Edinburgh, James Dunlop Octavus Wilson, M.D., of 10, Drumsheugh Place, Edinburgh.