

Mr. HAROLD FINCH contended that a penalty was being placed on a man who tried his best to continue at his work.

Dr. H. MORGAN said the medical profession, the finest and keenest in the world, was taught too little in a medical sense of the subject of industrial injuries. There were few medical schools in which there were really competent teachers on pneumoconiosis. Many officers doing this work, even in Government departments, were not up to modern standards. Men on medical boards tried to do their best with the knowledge at their disposal, but had not full knowledge or experience. One of the first things the Government must do was to reform the medical boards.

Dr. BARNET STROSS said that since 1924 several cases of cadmium poisoning had been reported, yet cadmium was still not on the schedule. Beryllium poisoning had been scheduled without a single case having been found in this country. At present the medical tribunal consisted of a legal chairman and two medical assessors, but lay people who understood the environment of an injured workman might often be more successful than were the medical men in estimating the loss suffered.

After further debate Mr. R. H. TURTON said the Government had not previously heard of great dissatisfaction with the work of the medical boards and medical appeal tribunals. He did not think it practicable to have a specialist on every board. He asked the House not to overburden the Bill.

The Bill was read a second time without a division and was sent to a Standing Committee.

New Hospital Buildings

On June 25 Mr. ARTHUR LEWIS asked what action the Minister of Health was taking to provide new hospital buildings and more staff; and whether he would provide long-stay annexes and half-way houses for hospital patients who did not require constant medical attention.

Mr. MACLEOD replied that hospital boards, which were responsible for planning hospital capital development, were undertaking it up to the maximum of the resources available for the purpose. The need for accommodation of the kind referred to in the last part of the question, along with other needs, was taken fully into account by the boards in framing their programmes. The steps taken to obtain more staff depended on the particular circumstances of each case and the kind of staff required.

Military Hospitals

Mr. SOMERVILLE HASTINGS on June 23 asked the Secretary of State for War whether, in view of the recent disclosures, he would institute an inquiry as to the organization and administration of military hospitals and the desirability of the treatment of Service patients in civil hospitals as in the late war.

Mr. ANTHONY HEAD said he had been into the whole of this serious occurrence (see *Journal*, June 27, p. 1453) most carefully and was convinced that it was caused not by any fault in the method of procedure laid down for Army hospitals but by the failure of certain individuals to carry out their duties.

The Services

Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander C. E. Shafto, R.N.V.R., has been awarded the R.N.V.R. decoration.

Brigadier C. W. Greenway, C.B.E., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed a Deputy Director of Medical Services and granted the temporary rank of Major-General.

Colonel (Temporary Brigadier) A. E. Campbell, late R.A.M.C., has been appointed Director of Army Health, War Office, in succession to Major-General T. Young, C.B., O.B.E., Q.H.P., late R.A.M.C., who has retired.

Colonel (now Brigadier) W. A. D. Drummond, C.B.E., late R.A.M.C., has been appointed a Director of Medical Services and has been granted the temporary rank of Major-General.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending June 13 (No. 23) and corresponding week 1952.

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	1953					1952				
	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	17	4	7	0		29	0	6	0	
Dysentery ..	486	94	128	3		210	38	87	1	2
Encephalitis, acute..	5	1	1	0		7	1	1		
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid ..	6	1	2	2		5	0	0	0	1
Paratyphoid ..	5	1	0	1		13	1	1(A) 4(B)	0	1(B)
Food-poisoning ..	241	28		0		205	8		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..				20	14				11	25
Measles* ..	7,532	207	486	259	313	6,348	553	404	192	315
Meningococcal infection ..	25	1	14	0	3	23	1	16	1	5
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	40	3	11	0		36	2	7	0	
Pneumonia† ..	366	21	181	5		371	14	164	5	3
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic ..	51	4		3	1	42	7		3	1
Non-paralytic ..	22	1				19	1			
Puerperal fever‡ ..	225	37	8	1		204	29	11	1	1
Scarlet fever ..	1,055	64	163	50	57	843	72	189	14	43
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..			168	37				136	32	
Non-respiratory..			23	1				27	8	
Whooping-cough ..	3,545	306	576	44	106	2,075	112	173	74	90

DEATHS in Great Towns	1953					1952				
	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0
Dysentery ..	1	0				0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute..		1			0		0			0
Enteric fever ..	0	0	0			0	0		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	6	0	4	3	3	12		1	2	0
Influenza ..	5	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0
Measles ..		0	0		1		0		0	0
Meningococcal infection ..		1	0				0			
Pneumonia ..	163	30	15	10	8	135	23		11	4
Poliomyelitis, acute	4	0			0	0	0			0
Scarlet fever ..		0	0		0		0		0	0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..	95	14	13	2	4	99	10	10	1	10
Non-respiratory..		3	0	0	2		0	5	2	0
Whooping-cough ..	4	1	0	0	0	5	1		0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	235	34	30	7	16	206	24	21	12	9
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,636	719	536	96	177	4,285	591	509	111	130
LIVE BIRTHS ..	8,424	1,134	936	249	488	6,966	1,094	946	217	400
STILLBIRTHS ..	203	27	20			186	23	22		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

International Council of Nurses.—The tenth quadrennial congress of the International Council of Nurses is being held in Brazil from July 12 to 17. To it are going 27 British nurses, who include among their number the matrons of Guy's, St. Bartholomew's, St. Mary's, University College Hospital, the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, Leeds General Infirmary, and Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital; and the Chief Nursing Officers of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour. Two British nurses, Miss G. E. Davies and Miss M. J. Marriott, will be respectively treasurer and deputy treasurer of the Congress. Subjects to be discussed at the Congress include "Professional Nursing," "New Trends in Nursing School Curricula," "The Teaching and Supervision of Auxiliary Personnel," and "Acceptable Nursing Service Standards in Obstetrics, Tuberculosis, Paediatrics, General Medical Care, and Public Health."

Presentation to Sir Sydney Smith.—On the occasion of his retirement from the Regius Chair of Forensic Medicine at Edinburgh Sir Sydney Smith was presented with a Georgian silver salver by the students. The presentation was made on June 18 by Mr. Francis J. Lenman.

COMING EVENTS

Medical Research Society Lecture.—Dr. Wilder Penfield, O.M., will deliver the Medical Research Society Lecture for 1953 at the London School of Hygiene on July 6 at 5.30 p.m. His subject will be "Mechanisms of Voluntary Movement." The lecture is open to non-members of the Society.

Renal Association.—The Renal Association will hold an open meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine on July 10 at 2 p.m., when the proceedings of the international symposium on the kidney, held jointly with the Ciba Foundation, will be reviewed by five members of the symposium. The speakers will be Professor Jean Oliver (New York), Dr. J. V. Taggart (New York), Dr. R. F. Pitts (New York), Dr. N. Alwall (Lund), and Professor J. G. G. Borst (Amsterdam). Admission is free without ticket.

Nutrition Society.—The 82nd meeting of the Nutrition Society will be held at the National Institute for Research in Dairying, Shinfield, near Reading, on July 28, at 11.15 a.m. Professor H. D. Kay, F.R.S., will be in the chair. Further details may be obtained from Dr. R. J. L. Allen, Monkhouse and Glasscock, Ltd., Snowfields, London, S.E.1.

Electronics Exhibition.—The 8th Annual Exhibition of the Institution of Electronics will be held at the College of Technology, Manchester, from July 15 to 21. Part of the Research Section of the Exhibition will be devoted to "The Medical Applications of Electronics," and will include displays by the Christie Hospital and Holt Radium Institute, the Department of Education of the Deaf at Manchester University, the Leeds University Medical Physics Department, the Lewisham Hospital, London University Postgraduate Medical School, the Radiochemical Centre, Amersham, and the Royal Cancer Hospital. There will also be lectures on some of the electro-medical exhibits. Further information from Mr. W. Birtwistle, 17, Blackwater Street, Rochdale, Lancs.

The Eleventh International Congress of Industrial Medicine is to be held in Naples in September, 1954.

NEW ISSUES

Abstracts of World Medicine.—The July issue (Vol. 14, No. 1), which is now available, contains abstracts of important papers on both medical and surgical subjects drawn from the medical literature of some 20 different countries and of all five continents. In addition to clinical medicine and surgery, the subjects covered include pathology, bacteriology, pharmacology, and chemotherapy, and there are also sections dealing with medical genetics, public health, industrial medicine, anaesthetics, radiology, and the history of medicine.

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SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Saturday, July 4

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF ALLERGISTS.—At Pathology Department, Royal Infirmary, Newport Road, Cardiff, 10.30 a.m., general meeting.

Tuesday, July 7

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5 p.m., Dr. P. H. Holinger (Chicago): Congenital Abnormalities of the Lower Respiratory Tract and the Oesophagus.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Sir Allen Daley: The Place of the Hospital in a National Health Service.

Wednesday, July 8

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.30 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor Wilder Penfield, O.M. (McGill University): Temporal Lobe Epilepsy. A Discussion of Cause, Symptomatology, and Radical Treatment.

Thursday, July 9

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. S. Silverman (St. Louis): An Informal Talk on Audiology in the United States—Present Trends.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Sir Allen Daley: The Place of the Hospital in a National Health Service.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Imperial Cancer Research Fund Lecture by Professor Charles Huggins (Chicago): Treatment of Advanced Mammary Cancer.

APPOINTMENTS

CAREY, A. S., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Senior Medical Officer, Norfolk County Council.

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—R. S. Monro, M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.S., Consultant Surgeon to the Ipswich Hospital Group; Mrs. Joan McConnell, M.B., B.Chir., Registrar in Psychiatry, St. Andrew's Mental Hospital; Mrs. Agnes W. McCarthy, M.B., B.S., D.A., Anaesthetic Registrar, Peterborough Memorial Hospital; J. B. Das, M.B., B.S., Surgical Registrar, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital; B. W. Powell, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Consultant Paediatrician in Peterborough Area; Jean T. Holland, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Regional Blood Transfusion Unit; L. B. G. Bennett, M.B., B.Chir., Surgical Registrar, Great Yarmouth and Gorleston Hospital; L. C. Luck, L.R.C.P.S.D., Anaesthetic Registrar, West Suffolk General Hospital; J. D. Lumsden, M.B., Ch.B., Anaesthetic Registrar, United Norwich Hospitals; F. H. Prouse, M.D., Orthopaedic Registrar, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital and Ipswich Borough General Hospital; D. H. Clark, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, Fulbourn Hospital (Medical Superintendent) and Addenbrooke's Hospital; J. H. Dean, M.D., Consultant Pathologist, Newmarket General Hospital; S. L. Mitra, M.B., Ch.B., D.M.R., Part-time Consultant Radiologist in the West Suffolk Area; R. G. Gudez, M.B., Ch.B., Dip.R.C.O.G. (New Zealand), Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Peterborough Memorial Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Brewerton.—On June 19, 1953, to Sylvia (formerly Sturridge), wife of Dr. Richard Brewerton, Fair Hill, Hartsbourne Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts, a son—Jonathan Michael.

Hayes.—On June 19, 1953, to Josephine Jill (formerly Borman), M.B., Ch.B., wife of Maurice John Hayes, B.Sc., of The Walnuts, Bath Road, Taplow, Berks, a third daughter—Nicola Jane.

Mallows.—On June 23, 1953 at Bucklands Hospital, Dover, Kent, to Rhona, wife of Surgeon Lieutenant H. R. Mallows, R.N., a daughter.

Tatlow.—On June 11, 1953, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Canada, to Andy, wife of W. F. T. Tatlow, M.D., M.R.C.P., a daughter—Susan Anne.

Thomas.—On June 18, 1953, at Nuffield House, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E., to Jane, wife of R. S. Thomas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., a sister for David—Ellen Marion.

Williams.—On June 17, 1953, at 155, Andover Road, Newbury, Berks, to Moza, wife of Dr. P. M. de C. Williams, a second daughter.

DEATHS

Barnes.—On May 31, 1953, Edgar Barnes, M.B., Ch.B., of 64, Lichfield Grove, Finchley, London, N.

Colman.—On June 4, 1953, Dorothea Colman, M.D., of Henlow Vicarage, Beds, aged 82.

Crosbie.—On June 7, 1953, Douglas Edward Crosbie, M.C., L.R.C.P. & S.I. and L.M., of Templeard, Culmore, Londonderry.

Daly.—On June 11, 1953, at 406, Dewsbury Road, Leeds, James Patrick Gargan Daly, M.B., B.Ch.

Jameson.—On June 12, 1953, at 30, Spencer Place, Leeds, Yorks, Richard Cartwright Jameson, M.D., 82.

Langmore.—On June 3, 1953, at his home, Aston Tirrold, Didcot, Berks, Herbert Richard Langmore, M.B., B.Ch., aged 85.

Mann.—On May 31, 1953, Alan Cowan Mann, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., of Glebe House, Caheragh, Drimoleague, Co. Cork.

Martyn.—On June 1, 1953, at Crantock, Cornwall, Alfred Lea Martyn, L.R.C.P.

Matheson.—On June 1, 1953, at Folkestone, Kent, James Matheson, M.D., of 10, Uxbridge Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.

Mowie.—On May 29, 1953, at his home, Lansdowne House, Devizes, Wilts, Alfred Charles Mowie, M.B.

Renshaw.—On May 28, 1953, at Salisbury, John Allister Renshaw, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Colonel, R.A.M.C., retired, late of Heather Lodge, Hook Heath, Woking, Surrey, aged 69.

Turner.—On June 3, 1953, at Crieff, Perthshire, the Reverend William Young Turner, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., of Braid Road, Edinburgh, formerly of Nyasaland.

Walker.—On June 6, 1953, at his home, 2, Belgrave Place, Brighton, Sussex, Charles Edward Walker, D.Sc., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 82.

Wigram.—On June 6, 1953, at White Hall, Hemingford Abbots, Huntingdonshire, Charles Wynn Wigram, T.D., M.D., F.R.C.S., of 110, Cannon Street, London, E.C., aged 77.