

for he was a host who gave everything, most particularly himself. My last memory of John—and this was even after he had become seriously ill—was of him standing on the hearth, glass in hand, and surrounded by laughing, happy people; and it was John making them so. One of the best anaesthetists of his day, a man who enjoyed life and lived it well, a raconteur without peer, a man who hurt no one, a man one could always turn to in need, John was an institute—we shall rarely see his like again.

A. SMITH POOL, L.R.C.P.Ed.

We record with regret the death of Dr. A. Smith Pool at his home at Glasgow on August 16 at the age of 59 after a short acute illness.

Alexander Smith Pool was born at Annan on October 13, 1893, and was educated at Annan Academy. He left Dumfriesshire for Glasgow as a young man and in 1914 qualified as a member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain: it was typical of his industry and application that, although compelled by circumstance to seek part-time employment throughout his period of study, he qualified as a pharmacist before the statutory age of 21. With great courage he commenced business on his own account shortly after qualification, and by working long hours had soon established a flourishing business in one of the industrial areas of Glasgow. In 1919 he again showed his courage by beginning the study of medicine at Glasgow University. After he had completed his first year these circumstances compelled him to transfer to the Anderson College of Medicine—a forced decision which he always regretted. He was still conducting his business, and hurried from his classes to his dispensing every day of the week. On most evenings he left his business between 10 and 11 p.m. to pursue his medical studies till the early hours of the morning. However, he did well at the Anderson College and obtained the Scottish triple qualification in 1926 and secured the appointment of extra-dispensary physician to the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow. In 1931 he was elected physician to out-patients. He was at first attached to the wards of the late Dr. O. H. Mavor (James Bridie), who appreciated his colleague's worth and frequently referred to Pool's knowledge of pharmacology and "its sane application to treatment." Dr. Pool enjoyed his out-patient duties, and was seen at his best surrounded by a group of students, his eyes sparkling, as he instructed them in the arts of percussion and auscultation.

Early in his medical career Dr. Pool took an active interest in medical politics, and was soon recognized as a good committee man. He graduated quickly to fill with distinction all the positions to which his colleagues could promote him. He was president of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch of the British Medical Association at the time of his death; chairman of the Glasgow Division in 1946-7; and from 1943 to 1951 he was a representative of the Division at seven Annual Representative Meetings. He was a member of the Central Council of the Association from 1945 to 1948, and at various times since 1943 he had served on the Scottish Committee, the Scottish Insurance Acts Subcommittee, the joint committee of the B.M.A. and the Pharmaceutical Society, the Joint Standing Formulary Committee, and the General Medical Services Committee and the G.M.S. Scottish Subcommittee. He had also been chairman of the Glasgow burgh panel and local medical committee. Recently he was a member of the Cohen Committee on Prescribing, an appointment of which he was proud.

Alec Pool was forceful and courageous in debate; he hit hard, but without rancour. After a particularly stormy session he would seek out his opponents and, amid laughter, count the points scored on each side. He was most jealous of the position of the doctor in the community. His experience and knowledge of business were such that at times he showed little respect for lay members of committees who presumed to criticize the work of the general practitioner. As one who had been successful in both business and medicine he had no doubts regarding which was the easier to attain. He was appalled by the recent increase in litigation against doctors, and proved himself a formidable opponent to those malcontents who made official complaints against their medical attendants. He never quite adjusted himself to the National Health Service, and only a few weeks before his death he was actively prospecting farming properties to which he looked forward to retiring in a short time. The wheel had come full circle, for he was at heart a countryman and was reared on a farm at Annan. He had only three interests—the practice of medicine, medical politics, and farming; he was eminently successful in two of these fields, but, alas, the third escaped him. The sympathy of his colleagues and friends goes out to his wife and only daughter.—A. B.

After a comparatively short illness, which she endured with her customary fortitude, Dr. ROSEMARY OWEN MORRIS died at Caernarvon on August 15 at the age of 60. Born on June 21, 1893, she was the daughter of the late Dr. R. Owen Morris, of Aberdovey, who was well known throughout the Principality as the active propagandist of the Welsh Tuberculosis Association. After studying music and teaching the subject for a few years, she later became a medical student and obtained the degrees of M.B., Ch.B. at Edinburgh University in 1920. Two years later she took the diploma in public health, and in 1928 proceeded to the M.D. The public health service soon attracted her, and she held posts at Huddersfield, Norwich, and the Cefn Mably Sanatorium, near Cardiff. In 1950 she joined the Caernarvonshire health department and was a most loyal and energetic colleague. A member of the British Medical Association and the Society of Medical Officers of Health, she was also a keen supporter of the North Wales Branch of the Medical Women's Federation. She possessed an abounding sense of humour and always had a cheerful greeting for her colleagues. All her colleagues mourn the loss of a sweet personality whom they admired and respected.—D. E. P.-P.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on June 23 and 24 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.CHIR.—*G. C. Attenborough.

M.B., B.CHIR.—*J. Cocker, *H. E. D. Lloyd, *J. E. C. Tower, *D. B. Bower, *R. A. Miley, *R. A. Roxburgh, *J. L. Stevens, A. J. F. Barratt, R. M. Butcher, H. F. Cowper Johnson, R. J. W. Lambert, M. B. Teal, *P. M. Hacking, *M. B. Heywood-Waddington, *A. R. Kittermaster, *I. B. Lyon, *A. McL. Keil, *P. C. Vivian, *C. M. Yates, *E. R. Davies, *J. P. F. C. Evans, *R. V. H. Jones, *J. S. Lloyd, *W. O. McCormick, *G. Meachim, *D. G. Montefiore, *P. H. Pullen, *I. R. D. Reid, *N. W. H. Young, *A. B. Aistrop, *T. C. Bradford, *M. J. Clarke-Williams, *I. M. J. Mair, *R. Routledge, D. W. Couch, A. H. Dimond, P. W. Hayward, J. McM. Mennell, H. G. Penman, *V. G. Caiger, *R. H. Champion, *K. Coventry, *E. J. Cretney, *M. G. A. Forrest, *R. Gardner, *A. F. Hignell, *J. A. Holland, *E. O'G. Kirwan, *D. G. Lethem, *R. J. Sellick, D. Campbell, D. N. M. Goodson, H. R. M. Johnson, A. C. Markland, P. Sleight, G. C. E. Wilson, *R. V. Jones, *J. A. McEwan, *B. A. Maurice,

*M. J. Mynott, *M. J. Pritchard, *M. C. Guard, *J. E. Lennard-Jones, *N. D. Mackichan, *A. B. Myles, *N. P. Burns, *G. M. Cochrane, *P. F. Dixon, *B. G. Gradwell, *I. Lennox-Smith, *N. V. D. Bunker, *P. M. E. Dutton, *C. B. Hobbs, *M. V. J. Fitzgerald, *R. W. Hall, *H. T. Thomas, *R. J. Vaughan, *P. Wellings, M. J. W. Penn, *G. D. H. Shephard, *H. J. Hodgson, *A. J. Kenmuir-Evans, *J. M. Clifford, *J. E. Goodess, *M. B. Harris, *A. F. Madge, *R. K. Waterhouse, *M. Trede, R. J. Daniels, *Judith M. Fitzsimons, *Beryl P. Jones, *Thérèse M. Vanier, *Sheila M. Houghton, *Ruth Hutchinson, *Joy Paterson, *Inez M. P. Smeed, *Elizabeth H. M. Walker, *J. B. Carver, *D. M. Davies, *M. Heslop.

In Congregation on July 13 the honorary degree of ScD. was conferred on Harold Robert Dew, Bosch Professor of Surgery and Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Sydney.

*By proxy.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

In Congregation on July 3 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—J. P. Anderson, T. Bird, Ruth M. Dearing, D. H. Turnbull, *T. Manners, *W. M. Ross.

PH.D. IN PURE SCIENCE.—Phyllis A. Armstrong, M.B., B.S.

M.B., B.S.—J. Baldasera, J. Beveridge, Barbara H. Brown, W. D. Busby, C. E. Camm, M. D. Cashman, Margaret E. Chitty, D. E. Clare, K. M. Coia, W. G. Cooke, N. E. Crumpton, A. A. Darkwa, J. Deegan, K. A. Delpeche, T. F. Dias, P. R. Dingle, T. Dowell, G. W. H. Fisher, M. L. Fisher, J. B. Foster, W. D. Glass, A. H. Grabham, J. P. Graham, Jean H. Graham, W. Graham, K. C. Grant, E. A. Haddock, Thelma Haddock, J. N. Harkness, J. D. Heaton, K. N. Henderson, R. J. Henry, J. M. Hipkin, Mary E. Hobson, Elizabeth A. Hopkinson, S. R. Hutton, N. J. Jackson, G. L. Johnston, Jane M. Lee, J. A. Little, Beatrice M. Lowry, J. F. Lund, H. Madgwick, G. N. Marsh, J. F. Milligan, Joyce M. Mitcalfe, Mary J. Mossman, E. Muris, R. S. Parsons, H. G. Pledger, J. Ridley, P. F. Roythorne, Marion Rutter, R. P. Ryan, G. Safe, W. E. Seales, D. H. Spark, H. S. Spiller, Pat E. Stephenson, Doris Story, D. Strachan, C. W. Thomson, M. E. Tulloh, H. A. S. Walker, Daphne Warner, R. B. Welch, F. W. Woodruff, *D. C. Dove, *H. T. John, *Ione M. Martin, *T. H. Oglesby.

*In absentia.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

In Congregation on July 4 the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—R. L. Bishton, A. B. Black, J. T. A. George, W. C. Smallwood, Hebe F. Wellbourn.

PH.D.—W. St. C. Symmers, M.D., M.R.C.P. (in absentia).

M.B., CH.B.—P. J. F. Aaronicks, Betty A. Astle, Patricia Baker, P. Beavon, Irene M. Bidwell, P. W. S. Blaž, M. B. Bottrill, A. J. Bray, R. C. Brown, R. MacA. Brown, Jennifer Browne, Anne F. Calladine, A. R. Chrispin, Elinor B. Clark, D. B. Clarke, G. K. Clarke, K. A. Cowan, J. D. Cumming, I. J. Cunningham, T. P. Daly, Doris M. Davies, R. Davis, W. K. Eltringham, *S. E. Evans, J. Farrington, Frances J. Folley, Patricia A. Gough, L. A. Green, D. D. Griffiths, A. B. Guest, G. G. Habib, W. P. Hayne, R. N. Hill, K. C. B. James, Verna S. James, Julie Jones, Mary F. Knight, P. R. Knight, Kathleen M. Lumb, Dorothy M. Mahabir, D. P. Mason, M. D. Ma'tuk, Hazel R. Meacock, M. D. Minton, *S. Naimi, G. D. Oates, W. J. O'Connell, G. D. Parbrook, M. D. Parker, H. G. Parkes, J. B. Pearson, T. P. Perry, *B. Purdy, C. O. Quarcoopome, C. C. G. Rawl, Gweniver W. Roberts, M. H. Rogers, Pamela M. Rose, G. H. Shaw, G. Singh, S. H. Taylor, Sheila M. Topping, *D. Vuckovic, A. J. Wainwright, P. J. C. Walker, A. D. Wardle, J. Warner, B. Watson, D. G. Williams, P. M. Wine, P. E. Woods, *P. N. Wormald, A. Yeadon.

¹Distinction in paediatrics and child health. ²Distinction in medicine.

The Services

Major-General R. D. Cameron, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C., retired, has been appointed Colonel Commandant, R.A.M.C., in succession to Major-General (Honorary Lieutenant-General) Sir T. O. Thompson, K.C.S.I., C.B., C.B.E., whose tenure has expired.

Surgeon Commander S. M. Whitteridge, R.N.V.R., and Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander D. A. Warden, R.A.N.R., have been awarded the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve decoration.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending August 15 (No. 32) 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 ..	22	1	3	0	3	19	2	8	0	
Dysentery ..	217	34	65	2	3	119	22	69	2	6
Encephalitis, acute	8	1		1		4	2	0	0	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid ..	10	0	0	0	0	4	0	3		1
Paratyphoid ..	10	0	0	0		62	1	1(B)		0
Food-poisoning ..	389	21		2		150	21		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..				10	44				14	39
Measles*	2,123	67	24	41	26	7,010	926	47	68	146
Meningococcal infection ..	31	1	16	2		18	0	8	2	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	32	2	9	0		19	3	10	0	
Pneumonia†	238	13	117	2		239	12	118	4	
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic ..	186	14	17	8	12	167	16	8	6	1
Non-paralytic ..	132	3								
Puerperal fever§	322	38	17	2		242	44	11	0	
Scarlet fever ..	488	25	109	22	31	720	72	121	9	34
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..			124	21				133	16	
Non-respiratory ..			18	7				25	2	
Whooping-cough ..	4,681	428	303	49	69	1,766	97	92		114

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	1	0		0	0
Dysentery ..	0	0				0	0			
Encephalitis, acute		0			0		1			0
Enteric fever ..		0	0			1	0		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	9	2		1	1	4	1	1	1	0
Influenza ..	2	0	0	0	0	3	1		0	0
Measles ..		0	0		0		1		0	0
Meningococcal infection ..		0	0				0			
Pneumonia ..	116	22	17	9	4	134	9		4	5
Poliomyelitis, acute	9	2			0	8	3			0
Scarlet fever ..		0	0		0		0		0	0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..	78	10	11	1	6	74	16	14	1	6
Non-respiratory ..										
Whooping-cough ..	2	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	209	25	33	5	6	195	17	23	10	8
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,500	648	483	93	123	3,962	583	478	91	116
LIVE BIRTHS ..	7,861	1213	857	203	466	7,209	1078	916	211	335
STILLBIRTHS ..	208	29	20			163	14	14		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

pared with March, 1952, and the lowest record for March quarter of any year. One death was registered as due to diphtheria—the first from this disease since June quarter 1951. The number of cases notified was 3 as compared with 2 for the first quarter of 1952.

Week Ending August 22

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included scarlet fever 431, whooping-cough 4,341, diphtheria 11, measles 1,558, dysentery 235, paratyphoid fever 7, typhoid fever 3, and food-poisoning 339.

Medical News

White Bread.—Statutory Orders which came into force on August 30 have removed the restrictions on the extraction rate of flour, thus permitting a return to the white loaf. The Orders require, however, that calcium in the form of creta praeparata (1 oz. to 20 lb.—1 g. to 320 g.) shall be added to all flours; and that iron, aneurin, and nicotinic acid shall be added to flours of extraction rate lower than 80%, the rate for national flour. Only bread made from national flour remains controlled in price.

Artificial Sweeteners in Food.—In future only saccharin will be permitted as an artificial food sweetener (Artificial Sweeteners in Food Order, 1953). This follows a recommendation from the Medical Research Council. Saccharin is known to be harmless, but according to the Council's Food Adulterants Committee the use of certain other artificial sweetening agents may be dangerous to health.

Edridge-Green Lectures.—The late Mr. F. W. Edridge-Green, who was internationally distinguished for his work on the testing of colour vision (see *Journal*, May 2, p. 998), has left £3,000 to the Royal College of Surgeons. The money is to form a fund to pay for lectures at the College, "to be called 'The Edridge-Green Lectures,' one lecture each year to be on vision or colour vision."

Local Registration in East Africa.—The Uganda Legislative Council has approved a Bill enabling those who obtain the qualification L.M.S. (E.A.) from Makerere College to be registered for medical practice anywhere in East Africa. Before full local registration is granted, however, two years must be served as an intern at an approved hospital, and, after registration, five years in the Government medical service. Dr. J. K. Hunter, who moved the new Bill in Legislative Council, recalled that two years previously the General Medical Council had sent a delegation of visitors to examine the standard of training at Makerere. As a result of what they saw, they had recommended that the Makerere qualification might well become locally registrable. Dr. Hunter added that this was a step towards full recognition by the G.M.C.

Van Meter Prize Award.—The Van Meter Prize Award of \$300 is again offered by the American Goitre Association for the best essays submitted describing original work relating to problems of the thyroid gland. Essays should not exceed 3,000 words in length, and a typewritten copy, in duplicate and double spacing, should be sent to the Corresponding Secretary of the Association, Dr. John C. McClintock, 149½ Washington Avenue, Albany 10, New York, not later than January 15, 1954. The award, which is open to both medical and non-medical workers, will be made at the Annual Meeting of the American Goitre Association in Boston, Massachusetts, next April.

Journal Index.—The half-yearly indexes to Volume I of the *Journal* and the *Supplement* for 1953 are now being sent to members who receive them regularly and to subscribers. Members who have not previously asked for the indexes can obtain copies, post free, on application to the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Mr. St. J. D. Buxton is leaving for Greece on September 7. He is going there at the invitation of the United Nations Organization to act as social welfare adviser. He will be away for about a month.

COMING EVENTS

The St. Thomas's Hospital Old Students' Dinner will be held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.1, on October 2 at 7 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Henry Letheby Tidy. Tickets for the dinner (price 22s. 6d.) may be obtained from the secretary, St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London, S.E.1.

Symposium on Child Health in the Tropics.—Immediately following the seventh International Paediatric Congress (Havana, October 12 to 17) a symposium on Child Health in the Tropics will be held at the University College of the West Indies, Mona, St. Andrew, Jamaica, from October 20 to 27. Those wishing to attend or requiring further information are asked to communicate with the secretaries, Symposium on Child Health, Division of Medicine, University College of the West Indies, Mona, St. Andrew, Jamaica, B.W.I.

NEW ISSUES

British Journal of Ophthalmology.—The next issue (Vol. 37, No. 9) will be available in a week's time. The contents include:

ROLE OF OXYGEN IN THE GENESIS OF RETROLENTAL FIBROPLASIA. A PRELIMINARY REPORT. Norman Ashton, Basil Ward, and Geoffrey Serpell. EARLIEST SYMPTOMS OF DISEASES OF THE MACULA. Marc Amsler. VISUAL ACUITY AND THE CONE CELL DISTRIBUTION OF THE RETINA. E. R. Harrison.

PLASMA CELL MYELOMA OF THE ORBIT. Edwin Clarke. CHANGES IN THE REFRACTIVE POWER OF THE CORNEA DURING GROWTH.

OBSERVATIONS ON THE RABBIT. Arnold Sorsby and Michael Sheridan. CURARE AND CURARE-LIKE PRODUCTS IN CATARACT SURGERY. L. P. Agarwal. PENETRATING CORNEAL GRAFT. ORIENTATION OF THE INITIAL PENETRATION OF THE TREPHINE INTO THE HOST CORNEA. I. C. Michaelson. DETECTION OF GLAUCOMA IN GENERAL PRACTICE. F. A. Williamson-Noble.

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APPOINTMENTS

BLOTT, T. D., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Assistant County Medical Officer and Medical Officer, Hucknall Urban District Council, Nottinghamshire.

McDOUGALL, JOSEPH HENRY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Medical Superintendent and Consultant Psychiatrist, Moss Side Hospital, Maghull, near Liverpool.

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—I. MacD. G. Stewart, M.D., M.R.C.P., Consultant Physician, Victoria Hospital, Blackpool; J. G. Thurston, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.O.G., Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Blackburn and District Hospital Centre; T. D. Culbert, M.B., Ch.B., D.A., Consultant Anaesthetist, United Manchester Hospitals and North Manchester Hospital; D. C. Lindars, M.B., Ch.B., Tuberculosis Physician and Medical Officer in charge of Miniature Mass Radiography Unit based on Salford; J. Rimington, M.B., Ch.B., Tuberculosis Physician and Medical Officer in charge of Miniature Mass Radiography Unit based on Stockport.

NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—G. O. Storey, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.P., D.Phys.Med., full- or maximum part-time Consultant Physician in Physical Medicine at hospitals and clinics within the Central and Hackney Groups.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Boucher.—On August 18, 1953, at Dorchester, Dorset, to Betty (formerly Thompson), wife of P. R. Boucher, a son.

Davies.—On August 22, 1953, at the Bromhead Maternity Home, Lincoln, to Eva, wife of Dr. Hartley Davies, of High Barn, Welton, Lincoln, a son.

Lucas.—On August 26, 1953, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Mary (formerly Campbell), wife of Dr. George Lucas, a daughter—Angela Jane.

Reilly.—On August 24, 1953, at the London Hospital, London, E., to Joy (formerly Petrie), wife of Michael Reilly, M.S., F.R.C.S., a son—Christopher Michael.

DEATHS

Clarke.—On August 3, 1953, at Pine Cottage, Foxford, Co. Mayo, Eire, Isaac Clarke, L.R.C.P.&S.I.&L.M., late of Slough, Bucks.

Horne.—On August 10, 1953, at the City Isolation Hospital, Lincoln, Hugh Wilson Horne, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.; D.P.H.

Mead.—On August 16, 1953, at "Bryn-y-Mor," Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, John Clarke Mead, M.B., F.R.C.S., aged 72.

Pollock.—On August 4, 1953, at East London, South Africa, Andrew Maclean Pollock, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed.

Rickett.—On August 13, 1953, at Crowmarsh, Oxon., Gerald Russell Rickett, O.B.E., M.D.

Wood.—On August 6, 1953, in Sussex, John Alfred Wood, M.B., B.Ch., of 10, Canterbury Road, Oxford.