

always easy to know, but the more you did know of him the more you wanted to know him. It is to my own great regret that I did not know still more of this great individualist, this deep thinker, this man who behind the scenes exerted such influence on the British editorial board of the *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* and on the British Orthopaedic Association, of which he was quite certainly destined to be president within a few years.

He was a critic. He was always thoughtful. He had wide knowledge. His merits were best shown at quiet after-dinner meetings such as those of the W. Little Club, when the few select members presented their problems. He was always the dutiful secretary and recorder; his comments were earnest and faithful; and beneath the crust he was a very great friend indeed. We offer our deep sympathies to his wife Angela, and to his young son and daughter, Richard and Mary.

## Universities and Colleges

### NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND

The following medical degrees and diplomas were conferred at University College, Dublin, on July 11:

M.D.—V. Doyle, \*J. Murphy, R. Towers.

M.Ch.—M. Ashe, B. Campbell, \*C. Galvin.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—G. Crean, T. Poon King, M. Mulcahy, B. Achong, G. Gearty, M. Alli Shaw, M. Awon, Margaret Boylan, M. Browne, T. Casey, \*F. Christian, A. Clery, P. Collins, J. Comerford, Marie Couacaud, R. Cullen, P. Curtis, P. Fitzpatrick, \*J. Fleming, P. Fleming, Mary Frost, J. George, Khorshed Ginwala, J. Goggin, W. Grant, J. Hassett, J. Hourihane, Elizabeth Hurley, W. Kanachowski, J. Kelly, Mary Kennedy, Mary Kent, F. Kirk, G. Lau, J. Leahy, P. Leddy, B. McCarthy, G. MacDonagh, Maev M. Grath, E. Mackev, M. McNulty, J. Masterson, P. Moylan, J. Mozolowski, P. Mulligan, G. Murphy, M. Murphy, B. O'Duffy, T. O'Dwyer, M. Ongle, F. Roche Kelly, \*B. Rooney, M. Shipsey, T. Staunton, E. Tempany, W. Verling, Ah-Yen Wong Shiu Leung, R. Znamirowski.

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—T. Simpson, \*Hanora Forde, \*Irene Finnegan, L. Delany, Mary Murphy, \*Madeline Moran, J. Walsh, B. McCartie, W. Bushe, P. Carr, P. Daly, E. Desmond, Carmel Dooley, \*Margaret Farrell, J. Heagney, A. Loftus, E. McArdle, \*D. McCarthy, Ita MacMahon, \*D. McNamara, S. Maurer, \*P. Prestage, M. Reilly, Eva Roith, Mary Rynne, \*P. Sweeney.

DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH.—\*D. Cantwell, J. Carroll, J. Cooney, Ellen Courtney, T. Gilroy, \*K. Hickey, E. Killian, \*M. O'Dwyer.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—\*P. O'Connor.

\*In absentia.

### QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—A. S. Clenaghan, Mary P. Cole.

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—I. D. A. Johnston (with second-class honours), J. Alexander, F. E. Anderson, E. MacL. Ashenhurst, J. A. C. Ball, J. B. Bridges, Beryl M. Bromham, D. Burrows, N. M'L. Campbell, G. C. R. Carey, Enid G. Carson, W. M. D. Clements, Florence M. Cousley, S. J. Cox, D. W. Davison, W. Essigman, Diana H. B. Gillies, A. G. Gordon, W. J. Gray, J. MacDougall, G. Harley, Claire D. Johnston, E. P. Jones, J. H. Jones, J. M. Kearney, Agnes M. T. Kelly, C. P. Kennedy, W. S. Kerr, W. C. Logan, R. J. Loughridge, A. D. M'Farland, J. J. E. M'Gartland, R. A. M'Keown, H. M'Laughlin, C. B. M'Shane, E. A. M'Williams, J. I. Maxwell, Renate M. Meyer, Shelagh M. Milligan, S. R. W. Moore, W. J. D. Murphy, Dallas M. J. Nixon, B. C. Onyeabo, T. A. Piggot, J. R. Purser, W. W. Ramsay, I. C. Roddie, A. C. Scott, E. G. N. Sinanan, G. D. L. Smyth, H. G. Smyth, M. M. Sundle, H. W. K. Thompson, P. M. Walsh, N. L. Wright.

### CONJOINT BOARD IN SCOTLAND

The following candidates, having passed the final examinations, have been granted the diploma of L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glasg.: R. B. Baluch, Cora Branker, Margaret P. Bruce, M. G. Cameron, C. Harris, Maureen E. Hillery, C. R. Johnson, I. Khosla, Eleanor M. Kneale, S. Lal, I. G. Macpherson, J. G. Noble, J. S. Walia, Mary H. Wallace.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending **September 5** (No. 35) 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	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	20	3	6	0		22	2	3	0	
Dysentery ..	205	43	94	8	10	90	17	94	6	3
Encephalitis, acute..	5	1	1	0		8	1	0	0	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid ..	9	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	1
Paratyphoid ..	11	1	3 (B)	1	1 (B)	44	1	2 (B)	1	2 (B)
Food-poisoning ..	256	24		1		139	20		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..				19	59				19	66
Measles* ..	802	27	30	21	30	3,649	412	42	56	108
Meningococcal infection ..	26	2	6	0	3	28	2	7	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	27	1	4	0		28	6	11	0	
Pneumonia† ..	183	12	119	6	1	220	9	135	6	2
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic ..	123	9				150	15			
Non-paralytic ..	101	7	26	10	16	65	12	19	9	1
Puerperal feve.§ ..	246	38	11	0		216	31	9	0	
Scarlet fever ..	483	26	123	13	26	557	49	151	14	46
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..			131	22				151	19	
Non-respiratory ..			19	6				34	4	
Whooping-cough ..	4,058	354	516	28	65	1,861	83	107	41	105

DEATHS in Great Towns	1953					1952				
	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Lond.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
Dysentery ..	1	1		0		0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute..		0			0		1			0
Enteric fever ..	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	6	2	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	
Influenza ..	0	0	0	0	1	1	1		0	
Measles ..		0	0	0	0		0		0	0
Meningococcal infection ..		0	0				1			
Pneumonia ..	115	14	17	10	3	129	21		5	3
Poliomyelitis, acute	8	0	1		0	9	0			0
Scarlet fever ..		0	1	0	0		0			0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..	84	14	8	1	3	87	6	11	2	2
Non-respiratory ..										
Whooping-cough ..	2	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	162	31	22	4	9	216	22	26	8	17
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,146	595	490	99	107	4,268	620	475	90	118
LIVE BIRTHS ..	7,289	1081	786	200	385	7,348	1141	757	208	352
STILLBIRTHS ..	185	25	30			165	21	22		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

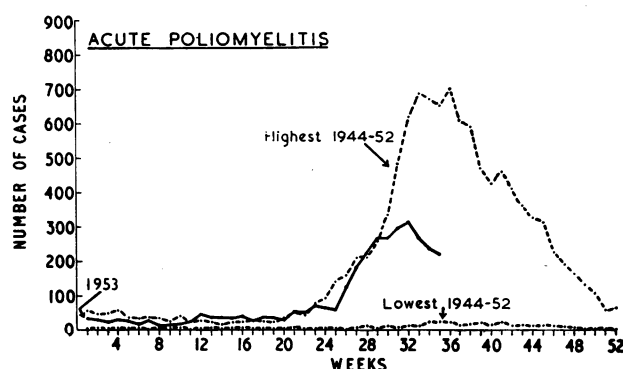
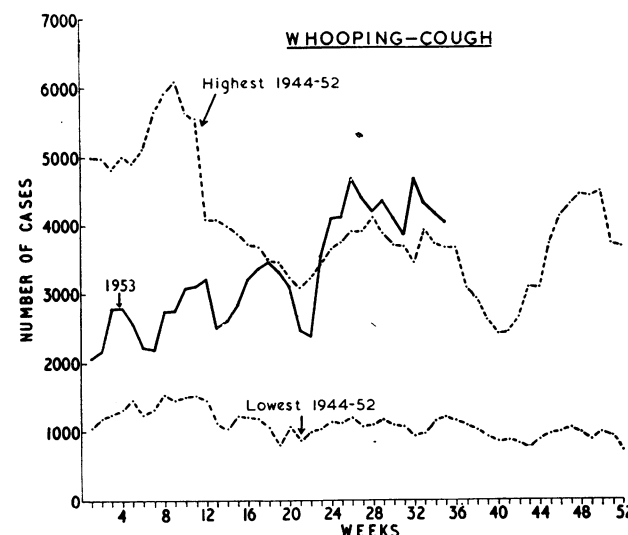
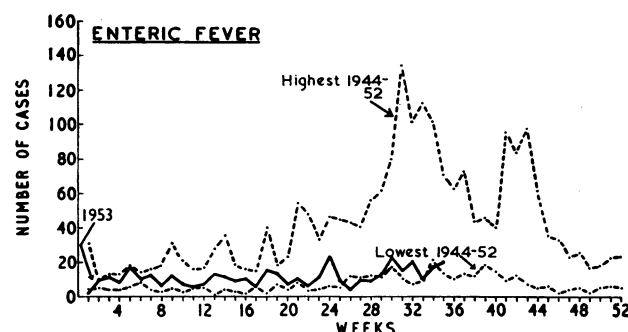
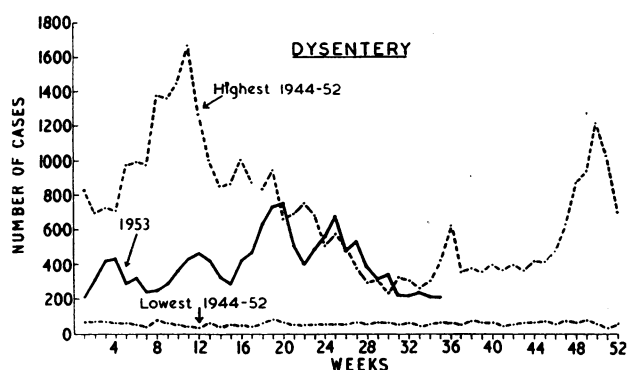
# Vital Statistics

## Poliomyelitis

Poliomyelitis notifications (uncorrected) in the week ending September 12 (36th week of the year) were as follows: paralytic, 92 (123); non-paralytic, 81 (101); total, 173 (224). This is a decrease of 51 compared with the previous week, the figures for which are in parentheses. This is a fairly sharp fall, and suggests that the peak has been passed and that the expected seasonal recession has begun.

## 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 1944-52 are shown thus -----, the figures for 1953 thus ————. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1953, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



## Infectious Diseases

The largest variations in the number of notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week ending September 5 were falls of 247 for measles, from 1,049 to 802, and 112 for whooping-cough, from 4,170 to 4,058, and a rise of 40 for scarlet fever, from 443 to 483.

The incidence of measles is at the lowest level for the past four years. During the week reviewed a fall was recorded in all regions except the north-western, where a small rise occurred. The largest fluctuations in the returns of whooping-cough were a rise of 75 in Lancashire, from 262 to 337, and a fall of 48 in London, from 402 to 354. 20 cases of diphtheria were notified, being 4 more than in the preceding week. The chief features of the returns of diphtheria were a rise in London from 0 to 3, and in Plymouth C.B. from 1 to 4, and falls in Cheshire from 4 to 0, and in Durham from 3 to 0. Only small fluctuations occurred in the local returns of scarlet fever.

224 cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified during the week. These were 3 more for paralytic and 16 fewer for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The largest returns were Warwickshire 22 (Birmingham C.B. 7, Coventry C.B. 10), Lancashire 20 (Blackpool C.B. 3, Liverpool C.B. 3), London 16, Dorsetshire 12 (Blandford R.D. 3), Surrey 11, Kent 10, Essex 10, Yorkshire West Riding 10 (Doncaster C.B. 3).

205 cases of dysentery were notified, being 1 fewer than in the preceding week. The largest centres of infection were London 43 (Chelsea 12), Lancashire 40 (Liverpool C.B. 10, Manchester C.B. 9), Yorkshire West Riding 21, Middlesex 16 (Willesden M.B. 6), Durham 12 (Stanley U.D. 6), Kent 10 (Chislehurst and Sidcup U.D. 8), and Essex 10.

## Week Ending September 12

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included scarlet fever 505, whooping-cough 3,708, diphtheria 19, measles 603, dysentery 204, paratyphoid fever 11, typhoid fever 6, and food-poisoning 244.

## The Services

Surgeon Commander H. R. I. Wolfe, R.N.V.R., has been awarded the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve decoration.

Lieutenant D. A. Cahal, Royal Regiment of Artillery (now R.A.M.C., T.A.R.O.), has been awarded the Efficiency Medal (Territorial).

Air Commodore P. B. Lee-Potter, C.B.E., R.A.F., has been appointed Honorary Surgeon to the Queen in succession to Air Vice-Marshal W. E. Barnes, C.B.E., R.A.F., who has vacated the appointment on retirement from the R.A.F.

A Supplement to the *London Gazette* has announced the following awards:

*Third Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.*—Colonel W. R. Ward, T.D., late R.A.M.C.

*Second Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.*—Colonels H. Sissons, O.B.E., T.D., and W. R. Ward, T.D., late R.A.M.C., Lieutenant-Colonel (Honorary Colonel) E. J. G. Glass, T.D., and Major B. St. J. Steadman, T.D., R.A.M.C.