

of committees connected with health and education. He did much work for the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and was made an honorary life member. Retiring to Weston-super-Mare in 1922, he later recommenced practice on a small scale among his many Birmingham patients who had similarly retired to that area. His only son, Graham Lilley, died in 1932, a few years after qualifying as a dental surgeon. Soon afterwards Dr. and Mrs. Lilley moved to Bognor Regis to be with their married daughter. Mrs. Lilley died in 1949. Dr. Lilley was a younger brother of A. L. Lilley, Archdeacon of Ludlow and canon of Hereford Cathedral, and like him was a man of great intellectual capacity, with an alert mind active until the end. His kindness and old-world courtesy endeared him to all who knew him.

Dr. DOUGLAS D. C. THOMSON died at his home at Penrith, Cumberland, on July 12 at the age of 59. He practised in Penrith and the surrounding villages for thirty years until a failing heart forced his retirement about a year ago. Born at Bishop Yards, Penrith, on May 19, 1895, Douglas Durrand Christian Thomson was the fourth son of the late Dr. D. G. Pearce Thomson, who settled at Penrith in 1888. He was educated at Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Penrith, at King William's College, Castletown, Isle of Man, and at the London Hospital. The first world war interrupted his medical studies and from the University of London O.T.C. he was commissioned in the Royal Garrison Artillery in 1916. He served on the Western Front at the battle of the Somme, at Vimy Ridge, and at Passchendaele, and was wounded at Ypres in 1917. On demobilization he returned to the London Hospital and qualified M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. in 1922. After holding house appointments at "The London" until 1923 he returned to Penrith as assistant to his elder brother, Dr. J. R. K. Thomson, with whom he was later in partnership until 1950. He always gave unsparingly of his best, and earned an immense affection from all his patients, who knew him affectionately as "Dr. Doug." His death has brought to a close 66 years of medical practice in the district by the same family. Dr. Douglas Thomson was a great lover of antique furniture and silver, and in his retirement turned to gardening as a hobby so far as his health would allow. He was a vice-president of the British Legion and the Penrith Rugby Union Football Club, an honorary life member of the British Red Cross Society, Cumberland County Branch, and had been a master of the Ullswater Lodge of freemasons, honours of which he was very proud. In his medical student days he was vice-captain of the London Hospital Rugby fifteen and had also played tennis and golf. In 1925 he married Miss Dorothy Murray, who died in 1948, leaving two daughters. He married, secondly, Miss Elaine Hobart, who survives him, as do his elder brother, Dr. J. R. K. Thomson, and his sister, Miss Gyda Thomson.

## The Services

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

*Second Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.*—Colonels M. De Lacey, O.B.E., T.D. (now A.E.R.), and D. H. Young, O.B.E., T.D. Majors L. P. Clarke, T.D., C. H. Imrie, T.D., and E. Shipman, T.D., R.A.M.C.

*First Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.*—Colonel F. H. Blackburn, T.D., and Colonel M. De Lacey, O.B.E., T.D. (now A.E.R.). Lieutenant-Colonel I. C. A. D. P. Graham, T.D., and Majors R. W. W. Brown, L. P. Clarke, T.D., and M. H. Evans, M.B.E., R.A.M.C.

*Territorial Efficiency Decoration.*—Lieutenant-Colonels J. B. Heycock, M.C., H. A. Mullen, and T. P. Sewell, Major (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonels) M. S. Holman, Majors G. A. Bell, R. W. W. Brown, A. H. Emslie-Smith, M. H. Evans, M.B.E., J. G. A. Gilruth, F. W. Newby-Good, J. C. B. Serjeant, G. Swift, M. A. Watson, B. W. Wells, and Captain (Honorary Major) J. V. Wilson, R.A.M.C.

## Medical Notes in Parliament

### Legal Actions for Damages

Sir WALDRON SMITHERS (Orpington, Con.) on July 22 asked the Minister of Health how much money his department had paid in each year since the health services were nationalized in damages for neglect or inefficient medical or nursing treatment. Mr. IAIN MACLEOD stated that information in this precise form was not available, but he would circulate a table showing the total compensation payments of all kinds made by Health Service hospital authorities in England and Wales in each year to 1952-3, the latest year for which accounts were available. These payments very largely resulted from claims for damages in the kind of case Sir Waldron Smithers had in mind.

The statement gave the following figures:

	Amount £
July 5, 1948, to March 31, 1949 .. ..	7,560
Year ended March 31, 1950 .. ..	23,636
Year ended March 31, 1951 .. ..	38,556
Year ended March 31, 1952 .. ..	106,574
Year ended March 31, 1953 .. ..	152,590

Sir WALDRON SMITHERS asked whether the Minister would ensure that the Press got the figures, which he would not willingly give in the House, and was this not further evidence that the Health Service under State control broke down when individuals were relieved of personal responsibility. Mr. MACLEOD: I resent and repudiate that question. I am publishing these figures at once, and the Press will have them at once. I am certain that there has been no deterioration of any sort in the care which is given since the Health Services were nationalized.

Mr. GEORGE THOMAS (Cardiff, West, Lab.) asked the Attorney-General whether he would appoint a medical man to serve on each local tribunal which decided whether to grant legal aid in cases where hospital authorities were being sued. Sir LIONEL HEALD replied, "No." Applications for legal aid to take proceedings against hospitals for negligence, he said, were in practice supported by medical opinions. The appointment of a medically qualified member would not enable the certifying committee to dispense with this evidence, and, as he would not have seen the applicant, he would not be able to add to it.

### Hospital Staff Remuneration

Mrs. JEAN MANN (Coatbridge and Airdrie, Lab.) on July 22 asked the Minister of Health what assurances were given to hospital staffs, including senior hospital medical officers, registrars, etc., as to the acceptance of the Spens recommendations; how far he proposed to accept these recommendations; and what steps were being taken to implement the Spens Report as applicable to hospital staffs. Mr. IAIN MACLEOD replied that the recommendations in the Spens Report formed the basis for the terms and conditions of hospital medical staff which were agreed with the profession and published in 1949. He would like to make clear the Government's view that the remuneration of medical practitioners could not be settled by reference only to the recommendations of a report made six years ago, before any experience had been gained of the Health Service. As the Chancellor of the Exchequer said in the House on July 2, 1952, remuneration must be determined after taking into account all relevant circumstances. In the light of this, increased rates of pay had recently been introduced for hospital medical staff under an agreement with their representatives.

### Over-prescribing Investigations

Mr. R. G. PAGE (Crosby, Con.) asked the Minister of Health on July 22 what was the administrative cost of investigations under Regulation 12(1) of Statutory Instrument, 1948, No. 507 (Investigation of Excessive Prescribing) during the past 12 months; and in how many instances, as a result

future case go on and adopt Lord Justice Denning's view that the same principle applies to the visiting consultant.

The Medical and Dental Defence Union of Scotland acted for the doctors. Solicitors: Messrs. Brown, Mair, Gemmill, and Hislop, and Messrs. Macpherson and Mackay.

## SURGEON'S ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES

[FROM OUR MEDICO-LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

The Chancery Division last week considered whether Mr. W. Gissane, surgeon-in-chief at Birmingham Accident Hospital, was entitled to claim income tax allowances for expenses incurred in entertaining distinguished visitors and in visiting other hospitals. Mr. Gissane had claimed tax relief in respect of £606 expenses. Out of this the General Commissioners of Income Tax had allowed £250 for car expenses, £100 for entertaining visitors, and £100 expenses incurred in visiting other hospitals. The Crown appealed against this. Sir Frank Soskice, Q.C., for the Crown, questioned whether the entertainment of distinguished visitors was part of the surgeon's duties.

Mr. Justice Roxburgh said that the £100 incurred in entertaining surgeons visiting the hospital from other countries had been found to be essential to Mr. Gissane in his role of surgeon-in-chief in entertaining such visitors. The visits to other hospitals were obviously of a professional character. It was clear that this was an abnormal case. He accepted the view that the hospital was a new type of emergency hospital. Mr. Gissane was said to be employed under the Terms and Conditions of Service of Hospital, Medical, and Dental Staff (England and Wales), but it was obvious that the schedule of duties applicable to a consultant surgeon at a particular hospital could not easily be applied to a consultant surgeon whose duty was to be on call to every hospital in the region. It was not surprising that these terms had little relevance in considering the duties of this particular surgeon. The Commissioners' findings in this matter were irreconcilable. He added that before one could ascertain whether the expenses were necessarily incurred by the surgeon in the performance of his duties they had to decide what the duties were. It would no doubt require some rather exceptional terms of employment to justify the expenses incurred in entertaining visitors. Perhaps the terms were exceptional.

His lordship said that on the material before him he could not reach any conclusion. It was his duty to refer the case back, and to leave it to the Commissioners to hear such further evidence as they thought proper in the circumstances.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

THIRD M.B., B.S.—<sup>1</sup>June M. Cheetham, <sup>1</sup>R. D. Clements, <sup>1</sup>H. P. Cook, <sup>1</sup>J. C. Cree, <sup>1</sup>D. A. M. Ellis, <sup>1</sup>Marion C. Handscombe, <sup>1</sup>P. R. Holt, <sup>1</sup>D. E. Hyams, <sup>1</sup>Barbara M. Isles, <sup>1</sup>Wendy L. Jefferson, <sup>1</sup>J. Lewis, <sup>1</sup>J. C. A. Madgwick, <sup>1</sup>Margaret S. Meyer (University Medal), <sup>1</sup>O. Morton, <sup>1</sup>Celia M. Oakley, <sup>1</sup>P. J. Schuer, <sup>1</sup>A. K. Thould, P. T. Abeare, R. M. Adam, M. J. T. Adams, R. Agius, H. E. Aldridge, Patricia M. Alexander, Barbara A. M. Allen, L. N. Allen, Sheila Allison, J. B. Anderson, J. K. Anderson, Margaret G. Anderson, J. W. H. Andrews, R. H. D. Andrews, H. H. Annamantotho, T. D. Annear, P. Apall-Olsen, B. M. Archer, A. P. Ardouin, Christine M. Armstrong, K. Ashcroft, P. J. Ashton, W. L. Ashton, Diana Austin, Margaret G. Bailey, C. R. W. Bain, A. S. Baker, P. L. R. Baker, Jacqueline E. Banbury, V. C. J. Barker, L. Barsey, V. H. Bartley, M. W. Beaver, D. G. Bennett, A. Berry, G. P. Billingham, E. D. Bird, J. Blagdon, A. S. Blake, Anthea Blofeld, W. W. Blue, A. P. Bolt, Gwyneth J. D. Botherway, W. N. F. Boughvey, H. Bourne, J. J. Bowen, A. Bradley, Evelyn L. F. Brazenor, R. A. Briggs, Elizabeth Britain, Angela I. Brooks, M. W. Brown, T. L. McK. Brown, J. A. A. Bullard, D. M. Burgess, J. C. Burt, P. F. Cameron, N. MacD. Campbell, Mary R. Capon, Jean Carberry, G. W. Carp, Patricia M. Carpenter, P. J. Carrudis, K. C. Carstairs, Mary E. Carter, G. V. P. Chamberlain, C. C. D. Chandler, Brenda A. P. Clark, R. M. Clark, B. M. G. Clarke, C. D. Collins, L. Collins, J. P. Colmer, R. C. R. Connor, T. P. Connor, R. Conroy, P. J. Constable, D. Constad, Wendy A. Cook, J. F. Coppelstone, Olive M. Cory-Wright, W. R. Costain, A. G. Cox, V. E. Crapnell, Jean E. Cree, B. W. Cromie, M. R. Crompton, S. C. Cross, J. Curley, K. J. Dalglish, J. H. Darrell, J. L. Davies, J. R. E. Davies, M. K. Davis, R. N. Davis, R. E. Davis, W. A.

Dawkins, B. Dawson, M. H. Day, Diana M. Dean, A. N. J. de Soysa, J. H. Dines, P. R. Donaldson, L. N. Dowie, Jean E. Drake, J. E. O. Dunwoody, R. J. Eagger, Evelyn J. Edgumbe, R. W. Edmonds, Lise L. Eimerl, K. B. Ellington, Rosalind A. Elliott, R. A. Ellis, Carice Ellison, R. W. Emmerson, D. A. Evans, G. Evans, P. A. S. Evans, N. C. O. Eve, Rosemary B. Felton, P. Field, M. E. Fielding, K. J. I. Finlayson, Eve L. Fisch, P. J. Fitzpatrick, A. F. Floyd, R. D. Foord, P. I. Forbes, R. E. Forgie, Helen P. S. Foulds, A. S. E. Fowle, B. N. Foy, D. L. French, G. E. Fulford, A. T. R. Fuller, P. Garmon-Jones, E. B. Garner, R. A. Gawn, D. J. Gee, Grace M. Gee, E. R. Gibbons, A. W. Gilks, J. F. Gill, L. H. Glaser, N. Gold, H. Gordon, D. J. Gorham, A. C. Graham, A. I. Graham, R. A. Grande, Rosemary A. Grange, M. Grant, A. V. Grasset, B. P. Gregory, Eirwen Griffith, W. F. Griffith, E. A. Griffiths, H. C. Grocott, W. P. Hadlow, M. A. Hargreaves, F. A. S. Harris, Jean G. Harrison, Kathleen M. Harrison, Pamela M. Harrison, L. M. Hart, R. D'A. Harvey-Kelly, Elizabeth H. G. Haslam, M. J. Hawken, P. Hays, S. F. Hazelton, G. E. Hicks, J. P. Hicks, D. Hide, J. D. Hill, K. A. Hillard, P. Hinds, J. T. Hobbs, J. F. Hogben, F. A. Holden, G. M. R. Holliday, J. G. Holt, D. P. Honey, P. E. Hoogewerf, D. J. Hudson, T. O. Hughes, J. G. P. Hunt, J. Iffland, Joan R. Inwald, A. D. Isaacs, D. C. Jackson, Marjorie D. Jackson, C. V. James, E. M. James, P. D. C. Jarman, J. G. Jeffreys, P. Jenkins, Bridget M. Johnson, F. C. Johnson, Richard D. Johnston, Robert D. Johnston, D. McK. Jones, F. W. Jones, H. D. Jones, I. H. Jones, T. Jones, J. A. Kay, G. B. Kelly, J. H. Kerridge, I. A. Key, D. W. S. Klee, J. M. Kneebone, P. F. Knight, P. N. Knight, K. K. Korsah, R. G. Lacey, Joan E. M. Lambert, C. E. Langham, N. A. G. Leadbeater, R. H. Lethbridge, Julie M. Levi, J. V. V. Lewis, R. J. R. Lewis, Patricia J. Lindhop, P. F. Lippold, A. F. M. Little, Antonia Lofts-Pierson, D. Longbourne, G. A. Low-Beer, R. J. Luck, W. S. Lund, P. R. Lyon, Irene M. McAndrew, H. R. B. McCauley, J. McIntosh, A. Mackay, J. H. K. Mackie, I. E. D. McLean, J. A. McMillan, E. L. McNeil, A. G. Malleston, Pauline A. Manfield, H. R. Marker, P. A. T. Martin, B. Martin-Smith, Shelagh Mathias, A. H. Maynard, J. D. Maynard, W. M. Mee, S. C. Melnick, Helen D. Meredith, H. C. Meredith, H. O. Middleton, Audrey Millar, M. G. Miller, K. F. Mole, A. A. D. Moore, K. A. M. Moore, W. G. Moore, B. R. Morgan, Janet E. Morgan, L. J. G. Morgan, Ruth Morlock, A. O. N. Morris, D. C. F. Muir, Sheila M. Mullally, A. W. Munks, D. D. Munro, J. S. Murrell, K. D. Neame, Grace E. Nicholls, Elizabeth M. Nicholson, T. W. Nicholson, Wendy E. Noble, Joan H. Nuttall, Janet F. Nye, B. O'Connor, Margaret M. R. O'Garra, H. W. L. Oliver, A. T. Otaki, J. G. Owen, L. W. Padgett, Mary G. Paine, Patricia Painter, E. G. Palmer, D. C. Panday, R. Parkes, J. L. Pead, A. Pearce, J. F. Pearce, K. I. Pearce, A. J. Pearson, J. S. Peet, E. J. K. Penikett, Valerie J. Perkins, Margaret E. Pickering-Pick, D. H. Pickett, Diana J. Pippet, J. M. Pirrie, R. E. Plested, H. Poirier, B. J. Pollard, Mary D. Pollock, P. A. P. Pompa, C. W. Pook, B. J. Poole, A. M. W. Porter, M. W. Potts, J. K. Price, J. J. Prior, D. G. S. Randall, J. R. Rawstron, Dorothy S. Read, J. L. Read, A. L. A. Reid, Gwyneth M. Reiseiger, J. E. S. Relton, T. M. Richards, Corinne J. Richardson, D. F. Rideout, Aileen B. Ridout, D. M. Roberts, D. Roberts, Anne E. Robinson, A. T. Robinson, J. F. Robinson, J. R. Robinson, P. Rodin, E. J. Roebuck, K. Li. Rogers, W. F. Ross, Jill P. Rosser, H. E. Rowley, C. P. Royall, D. H. Rubens, Margaret Russell, Pamela D. Rustim, Joan M. Sadler, A. L. Sanderson, J. G. Sanderson, J. R. Scarr, D. G. Scott, Jane M. Scott-Brown, O. H. Shaheen, J. L. H. Sharp, L. Sharpe, Helen L. Shaw, A. M. R. Shirazi, J. C. Sibley, M. J. Smart, D. L. Smith, Enid P. Smith, Gillian M. W. Smith, J. C. Smith, R. H. Smith, R. W. Smith, D. L. Smithson, I. I. Snobar, Froma Somerville, J. G. Spink, Dorothy G. Stanley-Roose, D. Stansfield, F. L. D. Steel, A. Stenhouse, G. M. Stern, M. Stern, J. A. Stevens, J. H. Stevens, L. Stimmer, J. Stubbs, M. M. L. Sutcliffe, R. A. Sutherland, K. H. Sutton, Jane Sweatman, G. W. Tamlyn, T. H. Taylor, T. J. Taylor, H. A. J. Thomas, Eileen N. Thompson, D. Thorpe, E. E. D. Tomlin, K. H. Trigg, E. A. M. Tuck, Margaret J. Turpin, Annie M. N. Tustin, V. R. Twyman, G. H. A. Ullmann, J. F. Urquhart, H. L. D. Utidjian, Margaret M. Voysey, A. F. Wade, J. G. Wall, Alison S. Wallace, Betty Walmsley, D. A. Walmsley, F. W. Ward, A. A. Watson, R. W. Watton, D. A. D. Weir, J. A. Whitehead, H. W. Whitting, Dorothea M. Wigfield, Marian A. Wilkinson, D. H. Williams, A. J. P. Willis, J. H. P. Willis, A. H. Wilson, H. Wilson, A. J. Winterton, F. W. Winton, A. R. Wisdom, D. F. P. Wooding, Joan M. Woodley, D. Woodroffe, Celia B. M. Wooley, Enid M. Wozencroft, S. H. Wydell, B. A. Young, Sheila J. Young, C. F. A. Younger, C. L. Zoob.

<sup>1</sup>With honours. <sup>2</sup>Distinguished in pathology. <sup>3</sup>Distinguished in medicine. <sup>4</sup>Distinguished in applied pharmacology and therapeutics. <sup>5</sup>Distinguished in surgery. <sup>6</sup>Distinguished in obstetrics and gynaecology.

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES

The following candidates at the Welsh National School of Medicine have satisfied the examiners at the examination indicated:

TUBERCULOUS DISEASES DIPLOMA.—W. G. L. Allan, S. Basuchaudhuri, J. L. Bhatia, L. H. Botha, S. Bovornkitti, C. G. I. Gordon, J. E. E. Henshaw, Nora M. A. Lehane, N. A. Nobbs, Kim Seng Oh, R. C. Ruiz, K. K. Sinha, R. Susai Mary, Hin Sun Wong.

### QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

The following candidates have been approved for the degree of M.D.: *By examination*, W. T. McClatchey. *By thesis*, F. Duff (with high commendation), W. T. E. McCaughey, R. G. S. Malone (with commendation), J. A. Weaver (with commendation).

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

FINAL M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.—*Part II*: J. P. Alexander, R. N. Armstrong, L. C. Banks, Margaret M. Beath, Elizabeth M. Beattie, E. P. Berwick (with first-class honours), V. H. A. Black, D. S. Bolton, J. M. Bridges, F. R. B. Brown, Georgina D. Brown, Kathleen P. Browne, Margaret E. Burns, R. S. J. Clarke, J. H. Connolly, Aileen F. Connon, N. W. B. Craythorne, Florence M. Curran, Alice L. Davis, T. A. J. Dawson, J. C. Devlin, P. C. Elwood, N. D. Farnan, G. W. Fenton, J. J. Furlong, E. F. Glasgow, Helen M. Gorman, P. A. Gorman, A. Hamilton, H. D. Hayes, A. S. Hunter, Kathleen A. Irvine, Edna M. Irwin, B. F. Jamison, R. E. Kemp, B. S. L. Kidd, D. D. Kinn, S. J. Knox, Elizabeth P. Lees, Lavinia W. Loughbridge, J. H. Lowry, T. J. Lynch, H. A. Lyons, J. E. Lytle, W. A. G. MacCallum, W. B. McConnell, Edith L. MacDermott, Rosemary H. McKinney, R. A. Mackintosh, D. F. McLaughlin, W. P.

McMillin, K. G. Maguire, Jay D. Mathers, R. E. Morrow, H. S. Nataros, W. J. Nicholson, Norah V. O'Neill, A. I. Y. Orr, P. R. B. Pedlow, J. H. Robertson, A. Roundhill, M. F. Russell, E. F. Sargaison, R. M. Shearer, June M. P. Shuttleworth, H. B. Stentford, I. R. Wallace, J. Weatherup, S. M. Young.

#### UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

The dissertation submitted by N. C. Tanner, F.R.C.S., for the degree of M.D. has been approved.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH

At a quarterly meeting of the College held on May 4, with the President, Professor L. S. P. Davidson, in the chair, the following were elected Members of the College: R. J. Peters, A. M. Fraser, I. Ahmad, T. P. Niyogi, A. J. Palwala, E. S. Shoucair, A. M. Jafar, K. Sengupta, R. Davies, J. L. Braudo, G. V. Feldman, A. Z. Abd-El Massieh, F. J. C. Perera, G. L. Walton, R. M. Foster, A. J. Williams, K. M. Win, S. Loganadan, R. G. Loudon, P. C. Bhalla, V. Ramadas, J. A. R. Lenman, B. S. Hartnett, D. W. Beaven, J. M. Reid, F. Starer, D. D. Pottinger, H. J. Woodliff, M. Braudo, L. J. P. Duncan.

At a meeting of the College held on May 26, with Mr. R. Leslie Stewart in the chair, the following candidates, having passed the requisite examinations, were admitted Fellows of the College: M. Y. Alyan, G. Choa, G. A. Clark, R. S. Cowie, J. A. Cunningham, W. B. L. Downing, E. R. Duchesne, J. Fogel, P. J. F. Grant, M. E. Lake, T. G. Lorentz, J. B. Lowry, P. Madore, A. T. Matheson, V. S. Metgud, B. McL. More, P. O'Brien, A. F. Rateb, A. N. Razdan, I. Robins, M. Salvaris, R. T. Singh, C. D. Sinha, J. A. van der Merwe, R. I. H. Welsh.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

At a meeting of the College held on June 4, with the President, Dr. Edward T. Freeman, in the chair, the following Members were admitted to the Fellowship: A. P. Grant, R. St. J. Lyburn (*in absentia*).

The following successful candidates at the recent examination were admitted to the Membership:

H. T. F. Barnville, Mary E. Bewley, F. R. Counihan, C. K. Heffernan, F. Hillman, R. J. Lalor, A. J. MacDonald, H. McVey, S. Miller, W. A. Norris, A. P. H. Randle, C. Reid, D. S. Wilson.

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Obstetrics:

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#### ROYAL MEDICO-PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The following candidates were successful at the Association's May examination for the Diploma in Psychological Medicine:

D.P.M.—Part I: P. Baker, I. A. Cameron, A. Capstick, H. W. Conran, D. C. W. Jenkins, P. K. Ray, L. F. W. Rowe, R. V. Shirvaikar. Part II: J. K. Arkle, U. B. H. Baruch, N. C. Coanell, T. B. Stephens, R. M. Taylor.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending July 10 (No. 27) and corresponding week 1953.

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	1954					1953				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria .. ..	19	3	2	0	2	25	1	10	1	
Dysentery .. ..	711	115	148	6	1	557	79	171	2	1
Encephalitis, acute ..	7	0	0	0		9	1	0	0	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid .. ..	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Paratyphoid .. ..	5	0	0	0	0	23	12(B)	0	0	
Food-poisoning .. ..	405	14		1	0	998	16		1	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..				11	17				8	24
Measles* .. ..	2,690	121	74	191	223	7,580	291	371	233	210
Meningococcal infection .. ..	14	0	15	0	1	27	2	21	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum .. ..	21	3	8	0		37	3	12	1	
Pneumonia† .. ..	248	12	102	0		370	12	159	6	
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic .. ..	46	4		0	0	44	3		4	5
Non-paralytic .. ..	19	2	12	0	0	21	1			2
Puerperal fever§ .. ..	237	43	5	1	0	261	35	15	2	
Scarlet fever .. ..	807	56	111	29	35	1,223	92	193	37	64
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory .. ..	749	99	150	25				164	30	
Non-respiratory .. ..	119	9	22	2				40	5	
Whooping-cough .. ..	2,085	98	171	23	90	4,104	344	530	61	113

DEATHS in Great Towns	1954					1953				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery .. ..	1	0		0		1	1			
Encephalitis, acute ..		0			0		0			
Enteric fever .. ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	0		
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years .. ..	7	2	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	1
Influenza .. ..	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	0	0
Measles .. ..		0	0	0	0		0	0		0
Meningococcal infection .. ..		0	0				0	0		
Pneumonia .. ..	130	19	11	12	4	148	20	19	6	4
Poliomyelitis, acute ..	2	0			0	2	0			1
Scarlet fever .. ..		0	0	0	0		0	0		0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory .. ..	80	{ 12	10	1	4	73	{ 11	7	3	8
Non-respiratory .. ..										
Whooping-cough .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year .. ..	208	28	29	9	13	212	17	27	9	14
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) .. ..	4,543	632	305	108	142	4,447	596	529	92	127
LIVE BIRTHS .. ..	7,628	1166	921	204	452	8,026	1236	937	230	362
STILLBIRTHS .. ..	181	21	31			221	29	19		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

**Dr. J. H. Wilkinson, Ph.D.**, senior lecturer in chemical pathology at Westminster Medical School, has been appointed to the University readership in chemical pathology tenable at the School.

**B.M.A. Library.**—The Library will be closed and the library service suspended until August 16 while redecorating is being done.

## COMING EVENTS

**Conference on Treatment of Cerebral Palsy.**—At B.M.A. House, London, September 28–30, under the presidency of Professor N. B. CAPON. Speakers from U.S.A. and Britain. Details from Secretary, British Council for the Welfare of Spastics, 13, Suffolk Street, London, S.W.1. (Amended notice.)

## APPOINTMENTS

**DANBY, THOMAS ANYAN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.**, Consultant Psychiatrist, and to act as Deputy Physician-Superintendent, Leybourne Grange Colony, South-East Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board.

**HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN**, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—**N. R. Butler, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H.**, Medical Registrar and Pathologist; **Elizabeth S. Barry, B.M., B.Ch., D.C.H.**, Part-time Registrar to the Department of Physical Medicine; **June Stephenson, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H.**, Assistant Resident Medical Officer, Tadworth Court; **Gwendolyn R. Tapp, M.B., B.S., D.C.H.**, Resident Medical Officer, Tadworth Court; **J. D. Aberdeen, M.B., B.S., B. Shandling, M.B., F.R.C.S., Norma A. Lloyd, M.B., B.Ch., House-Surgeons; Jean McI. Smellie, B.M., B.Ch., D.C.H., B. W. Webb, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., L. Friedlander, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., J. R. Roberts, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., House-Physicians; Margaret Munro, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P.Ed., D.C.H.**, House-Physician to the Neurological and Neurosurgical Unit.

**LIVERPOOL REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—**R. Pracy, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.**, Consultant Ear, Nose, and Throat Surgeon to Hospitals in the St. Helens, Warrington and Ormskirk Groups; **E. M. Kupfer, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.**, Whole-time Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon to the Chester Area; **I. Li. Francis, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A.**, Part-time Consultant Anaesthetist to Hospitals in the Liverpool City Area; **E. Glazowski, M.B., Ch.B.**, Whole-time Assistant Pathologist to Walton Hospital; **P. F. O'Brien, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M.**, Whole-time Assistant Psychiatrist to Winwick Hospital.

**PHILLIPS, W. POWELL, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.**, Medical Officer of Health, City and Port of Cardiff, and Principal School Medical Officer.

**SIDDLE, JOHN LANGLEY, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.**, Medical Officer of Health Urban and Rural Districts of Chester-le-Street and Assistant County Medical Officer, Durham County Council.

**SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—**F. T. Wheeldon, M.B., F.R.C.S.**, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Plymouth Clinical Area.

**WOOLGROVE, CYRIL GEORGE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.**, Medical Officer of Health, Shardlow Rural District Council and Long Eaton Urban District Council, Derbyshire.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

**Bryson.**—On July 16, 1954, to Barbara (formerly Fiddian), M.B., Ch.B., wife of Bernard Bryson, a son—Mark Fiddian.

**Crockett.**—On July 22, 1954, at Brechin Place, London, S.W., to Joan, wife of Dr. G. S. Crockett, a daughter—Dora.

### DEATHS

**Beat.**—On July 21, 1954, at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey, Channel Islands, **John Reid Beat, M.D.**, of Collinghurst, Fort Road, St. Peter Port, Guernsey, aged 38.

**Ciantar.**—On July 21, 1954, **Dominic Ciantar, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.** of Abercrave, Swansea.

**Dawe.**—On July 24, at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex, **Charles Henry Dawe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.**, Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired, of Benslow, Hitchin, Herts, aged 76.

**Jackson.**—On July 23, 1954, at Thetford, Norfolk, **Charles Eric Sweeting Jackson, M.B., F.R.C.S.**, late of King's Lynn, Norfolk, and Churston Ferrers, South Devon, aged 66.

**Knaggs.**—On July 11, 1954, at University College Hospital, London, W.C., **Henry Valentine Knaggs, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.**

**Letchworth.**—On July 22, 1954, at St. Paul's Hospital, London, W.C., **Thomas Wilfrid Letchworth, M.D., F.R.C.S.**, late of Harley Street, London, W., and Surbiton, Surrey.

**Master.**—On July 23, in a nursing home, Bristol, **Alfred Edmund Master, M.B., B.Ch.**, Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., retired, aged 85.

**Molony.**—On July 21, 1954, in Oxford, **Lucy Selina Molony, M.B., B.S.**, formerly of Persia, and East Africa.

**Wright.**—On July 22, 1954, at The Cottage Hospital, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, **Sydney Falconer Wright, M.D.**, aged 88.

## Any Questions?

*Correspondents should give their names and addresses (not for publication) and include all relevant details in their questions, which should be typed. We publish here a selection of those questions and answers which seem to be of general interest.*

### Myxomatosis

**Q.**—What is the cause and method of spread of myxomatosis? Is there any risk of human infection?

**A.**—Myxomatosis is caused by a filterable virus. The multiple lesions which are formed are rich in the infective agent. Transmission by direct contact can occur under both laboratory and natural conditions, but it is somewhat irregular if infected and normal animals are separated by a relatively short distance. The rapid spread of the disease under natural conditions is attributed to the activity of various species of mosquitoes and possibly other biting vectors which act as mechanical transmitters of the virus. Myxoma virus is very strongly species specific for the rabbit, and there is no evidence whatever that man is susceptible.

### Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> and Growth of Children

**Q.**—Is vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, or other preparation, of any value as a means of increasing the growth of a child otherwise normal?

**A.**—First, it is important to be clear about what is meant by an "otherwise normal child." If this means a child in good general health, but small for its age, we may simply be dealing with a child of small or slow-growing stock. In that case we should leave well alone. On the other hand, if faulty nutrition is responsible for the failure to grow, then the diet should obviously be reviewed. So far as vitamin B<sub>12</sub> is concerned, it is well established that this vitamin will often increase the rate of growth in normal pigs and poultry. The same effect is sometimes given by antibiotics, such as aureomycin, which probably exert their action by modifying the bacterial flora of the intestines. It seems possible that the action of vitamin B<sub>12</sub> may also partly depend on its action in the intestines. There have been claims that the growth of undersized human children may be increased by vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, but opinions are divided about its efficacy. Recently rather different claims, not specially related to undersized children, have been made by J. Yudkin for a special form of liver extract.<sup>1</sup> After being found valuable for the reproduction and growth of rats the extract was tested for about three months on groups of normal school-children. Small additions in the increases in weight and height were recorded as compared with children in a control group. The growth-promoting factor was presumably not vitamin B<sub>12</sub>. However, more substantial evidence of the reality of the increased growth, and of its significance, is needed before any final decision is reached on the value of this treatment.

### REFERENCE

<sup>1</sup> *British Medical Journal*, 1952, 1, 1388.

### Hexachlorophene Soap

**Q.**—What are the advantages of using soap containing hexachlorophene for "scrubbing-up"? Is there any danger of skin sensitization?

**A.**—Hexachlorophene ("G11," 2,2'-dihydroxy-3,5,6,3',5',6'-hexachlorodiphenylmethane) is a powerful antiseptic with a remarkably persistent action. According to Cade<sup>1</sup> its regular use results after some days in a reduction of 90–98% in the numbers of bacteria recoverable from the skin of the hands; after its use is discontinued these numbers reach normal only when a week has elapsed. Fahlberg, Swan, and Seastone<sup>2</sup> found a 1% liquid soap containing it