

On August 23, since the baby was still poorly, Mrs. Dovey called in the doctor, and Terence was admitted that afternoon to the Chester City Hospital, where on September 1 he died.

At the inquest held by the Chester city coroner, Dr. Thomas Holliday, consultant pathologist for the Chester area, gave evidence that boron was found in the urine during life and in the urine taken from the bladder at the post-mortem examination. Examinations carried out at the North-western Forensic Science Laboratory at Preston disclosed the presence of boron in the large intestine and in the contents of the small intestine, and traces were also found in the stomach contents and the blood. None was found in the tongue, kidney, brain, or pericardial fluid.

Dr. Holliday's conclusion was that the child's death was caused by boron poisoning, the source of which was the glycerin and borax solution used for the treatment of the thrush from which he was suffering.

A verdict was recorded of death by misadventure.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Dr. C. F. Harris has been re-elected Dean of the Faculty of Medicine for the period October 1, 1954, to September 30, 1956.

Professor P. A. Buxton, F.R.S., has been appointed Heath Clark lecturer for 1956.

The following have been appointed or nominated for appointment or re-appointment as representatives of the University on the governing bodies of the institutions indicated in parentheses: Sir Archibald Gray, Dr. C. F. Harris, and Dr. A. Topping (British Postgraduate Medical Federation); Sir James Paterson Ross and Dr. John Forest Smith (Guy's Hospital Medical School); Dr. J. R. Bignall (Royal Cancer Hospital); Dr. M. I. A. Hunter and Professor J. Whillis (Royal Dental Hospital of London, School of Dental Surgery); Professor J. Z. Young, F.R.S., and Mr. E. G. Slesinger (St. George's Hospital Medical School); Professor W. C. W. Nixon (St. Mary's Hospital Medical School); Professor R. Hare (St. Mary's Hospital Medical School—Wright-Fleming Institute); Mr. J. P. Hedley (St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School); Sir Charles Harington, F.R.S., and Sir Archibald Gray (University College Hospital Medical School); Dr. A. J. W. Beard (King's College School, Wimbledon); Professor S. J. Cowell (National Society's Training College of Domestic Subjects); Dr. H. B. May (Queen Mary College).

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *St. George's Hospital Medical School*, Dr. J. S. Anderson (Medicine); Dr. S. C. Gold (Dermatology); Dr. N. F. C. Gowing (Pathology). *King's College Hospital Medical School*, Mr. R. C. F. Catterall (Orthopaedics). *Charing Cross Hospital Medical School*, Dr. W. E. D. Evans (Pathology). *Guy's Hospital Medical School*, Dr. P. J. Helliwell (Anaesthetics), Dr. K. S. MacLean (Medicine). *Institute of Child Health*, Dr. B. Levin (Pathology).

The William Julius Mickel Fellowship for 1953-4 has been awarded to Dr. Audrey U. Smith (National Institute for Medical Research) in respect of the work on the preservation of living cells and tissues at low temperatures which she has carried out during the past five years.

The following degrees were awarded by the Senate in July:

M.D.—C. O. S. B. Brooke, Josephine M. Lord. *Old Regulations*, Branch 1: Ruth M. Cammock.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on September 25, the following were admitted to the Fellowship:

Sir Stanford Cade, C. F. Krige, Eileen M. Whapham.

The following were admitted to the Membership:

G. J. Arendt, A. L. Baccarini, K. G. Ball, A. W. Banks, J. M. Barrett, A. E. R. Buckle, D. E. Burgess, J. D. Bury, Elizabeth B. Butler, D. J. Cassidy, K. W. Cochrane, J. V. M. Coppleston, J. Crossley, P. H. Crowe, G. T. M. Cummins, B. Danzig, Sheila P. Davidson, D. J. Dooley, Mary M. Essex-Lopresti, R. A. W. Feakes, J. P. B. Fitzgerald, C. B. Gangamma, R. G. Gudex, Muriel S. Hill, M. H. Jameson, E. W. Jeyaratnam, D. Keith, B. L. G. Kneale, Marjorie A. C. Kuck, W. Lees, G. A. Lewis, G. D. R. Lilburne, W. P. McLaughlin, M. C. Macnaughton, Joan Marshall, P. W. Mitchell, Marjorie C. B. Moore, H. O'Hara, D. L. Phillips, H. M. Pretorius, W. L. G. Quinlivan, J. Roper, L. Rubin, B. M. Sandler, S. S. Gupta, K. K. Sharma, Pamela M. Smith, D. Tacchi, J. G. A. Troup, J. Walsh, J. N. Ward, H. W. Wilson.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending September 18 (No. 37) 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 ..	9	1	6	0	0	16	0	7	0	
Dysentery ..	305	34	161	0	2	206	35	76	1	2
Encephalitis, acute	3	0	0	0		2	1	0	2	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid ..	5	2	0	0		1	0	0	1	
Paratyphoid ..	10	1	2(B)	1		16	0	0	0	
Food-poisoning ..	224	9		1		194	15		4	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..				22	27				16	47
Measles*	1,286	87	154	20	35	1,049	20	36	27	22
Meningococcal infection	23	0	11	2		29	5	11	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum	39	0	3	0		20	5	2	1	
Pneumonia†	230	15	109	1		193	8	104	4	
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic ..	58	3		9	2	120	9		10	23
Non-paralytic ..	34	3			2	117	5			7
Puerperal fever‡	201	37	7	1		219	27	14	1	
Scarlet fever	426	20	82	14	29	443	23	115	21	29
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..	740	67	111	43				127	32	
Non-respiratory ..	100	9	22	5				22	4	
Whooping-cough ..	1,688	67	113	8	20	4,170	402	457	29	42

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 ..	0	0		0		0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute		0			0		0			0
Enteric fever	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..	6	1	0	1	1	12	2	1	0	1
Influenza ..	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Measles ..		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Meningococcal infection		0	1				0	2		
Pneumonia ..	122	19	14	4	4	112	16	13	8	2
Poliomyelitis, acute	1	0			0	5	2			0
Scarlet fever		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory ..	69	10	9	3	1	60	10	6	3	3
Non-respiratory ..		0	11	1	1		3	4	0	1
Whooping-cough ..	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	2	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	175	22	17	5	13	217	22	25	8	18
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,340	625	497	78	137	4,075	562	502	98	137
LIVE BIRTHS ..	7,152	1030	804	211	342	7,461	1117	855	218	329
STILLBIRTHS ..	185	22	25			180	15	22		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

COMING EVENTS

London Nursing Exhibition.—October 11–15 at the Seymour Hall, London, W.1.

Scientific Basis of Medicine.—The inaugural lecture in this series of lectures, sponsored by the British Postgraduate Medical Federation, will be given by Professor A. V. HILL, C.H., F.R.S., at 5.30 p.m. on October 19 at the Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, W.C.1. His subject is "Why Biophysics?"

Yorkshire Association of Graduates of Glasgow University.—Annual dinner on October 22 at the Victoria Hotel, Bradford. Inquiries to the secretary, Mr. James Wishart, 33, Manor Row, Bradford, 1.

Langdon-Brown Lecture.—Dr. E. F. SCOWEN will lecture on "Some Endocrine Factors in Breast Cancer" at the Royal College of Physicians on October 26 at 5 p.m.

British Epilepsy Association.—Bazaar to raise £4,000, October 28 at Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.1, 11.30 a.m.–7 p.m.

Semon Lecture.—Professor E. HUIZINGA (Groningen) will lecture on "Bronchological Pneumonology," at the Royal Society of Medicine, London, on November 4 at 5 p.m.

Maudsley Lecture.—Professor WILDER PENFIELD, F.R.S. (Montreal), will lecture on "The Role of the Temporal Cortex in Certain Psychical Phenomena," at the Royal Society of Medicine, London, on November 4 at 2.15 p.m.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

Saturday, October 9

- INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, 11.15 a.m., Professor W. I. C. Morris: Maternal Injuries in Obstetrics.
- OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, 9.15 a.m., Dr. Paul Wood: Mitral Valve Disease.
- SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Grove Park Hospital, Marvells Lane, Lee, S.E., 10.30 for 11 a.m., "Brains Trust." Speakers, Professor H. D. Trimble (California), Dr. R. Y. Keers, Mr. H. Morriston Davies, and Dr. B. A. Dormer (South Africa). Question Master, Dr. M. M. Nagley.

Monday, October 11

- INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. M. J. F. McArdle: Disorders of Ocular Movement of Infra-nuclear Origin.
- INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 4.30 p.m., Professor W. C. W. Nixon: Tumours Complicating Pregnancy.
- MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8.30 p.m., general meeting. Presidential Address by Sir Horace Evans: Bedside Bias.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. G. H. Macnab: Congenital Abnormalities of the Gastro-intestinal Tract; 6.30 p.m., Mr. R. J. Furlong: Repair of Tendons.

Tuesday, October 12

- CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY.—At Rembrandt Hotel, Thurlow Place, S.W., 8.30 p.m., discussion to be opened by Mr. Kenneth Walker: Sex Problems in General Practice.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. C. O. Carter: Genetics in Dermatology.
- LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At St. Mary's Hospital Medical School (Wright-Fleming Institute Lecture Theatre), 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in physiology by Dr. Arpad Csapo (Washington): Myometrial Function and its Endocrine Regulation.
- OXFORD UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Maternity Department, Radcliffe Infirmary, 8.15 p.m., Dr. T. C. N. Gibbens: Psychiatric Aspects of Murder.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. A. W. Badenoch: Tumours of the Kidney; 6.30 p.m., Professor R. P. Jepson: Ischaemia.
- WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. G. Minton: Ocular Manifestations in Nervous Disease (Part I).

Wednesday, October 13

- BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—At 154, Great Charles Street, 6 p.m., joint meeting with Midland Branch of the British Psychological Society. Dr. H. J. Eysenck, Ph.D.: A Theory of Anxiety and Hysteria.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. W. Whimster: Normal and Abnormal Embryology in the Skin (Part I).
- INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. A. R. C. Higham: Enuresis.
- MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Grand Hotel, Birmingham, Centenary dinner and inaugural meeting.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. A. Neuberger: Porphyrin Metabolism.
- SCOTTISH EASTERN ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION.—At Pharmacology Lecture Theatre, Edinburgh University, Teviot Place, 8 p.m. Open meeting. Dr. Margaret MacK. Methven will show film on "A Two-year-old Goes to Hospital."

Thursday, October 14

- BOURNEMOUTH PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.—At Grand Hotel, Bournemouth, 7.30 p.m., Mr. Harold Davies, Ph.D., F.R.I.C.: Prescribing and the National Health Service. Members of the Bournemouth Division, B.M.A., are invited.
- BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—8 p.m., Dr. M. Lederman: Some Applications of Radioactive Isotopes in Ophthalmology; Dr. N. G. Trott, Ph.D., and Dr. W. K. Sinclair, Ph.D.: Construction and Measurement of Beta-Ray Applicators for use in Ophthalmology; Mr. G. S. Innes, B.Sc., and Dr. I. G. Williams: Physical and Clinical Applications of Cobalt 60 in the Treatment of Glioma of the Retina.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Structure of Pathogenic Fungi.
- LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE.—At Bearsted Theatre, 5 p.m., Schorstein Memorial Lecture by Mr. A. C. Perry: Some Surgical Aspects of Anaemia.
- LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Westfield College, 5.15 p.m., Inaugural Lecture by Sir Lionel Whitby: Devils, Drugs, and Doctors.
- NORTH-WESTERN TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Clinical Theatre, Manchester Royal Infirmary, 5 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. E. H. W. Deane: Some Problems of Primary Infection.
- NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE, Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, Oxford.—8.30 p.m., Professor W. Mercer: Paget's Disease of Bone.
- ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. J. R. Rees: Significance of Psychiatry.
- ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Moynihan Lecture by Dr. Oswaldo P. Campos (Brazil): One Thousand Cases of Bone and Joint Tuberculosis.
- ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department, Medical School, Small's Wynd, Dundee, 5 p.m., Professor E. G. T. Liddell, F.R.S.: Control of Muscle.
- ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Sir Paul Mallinson: psychiatry demonstration.
- SURREY INTER-HOSPITAL PSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION.—At Manor Hospital, Epsom, Surrey, 5.30 p.m., clinical meeting.
- WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL STUDENTS' UNION.—At Westminster Medical School, 8 p.m., joint meeting of Osler Club and Westminster Medical School Guthrie Society. Subject: Can and Should Public Speaking be Taught to Medical Students. Speakers, Dr. W. R. Bett, Mr. N. A. Punt, and Sir Adolphe Abrahams.

Friday, October 15

- BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At National Institute for Medical Research, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, N.W., 2.30 p.m., scientific papers.
- BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—5 p.m., meeting of medical members.
- INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. N. C. Oswald: clinical demonstration.
- CHICHESTER AND DISTRICT HOSPITALS CLINICAL SOCIETY.—At St. Richard's Hospital, 8.15 p.m., Dr. G. D. Read: Natural Childbirth.
- FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS: RADIOTHERAPY SECTION.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 5 p.m., papers by Sir Harold Boldero, Dr. Phyllis Wade, and Dr. Ralston Paterson: Teaching of Radiotherapy.
- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. J. E. M. Wigley: Eczema.
- INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., annual address by Mr. R. H. Franklin: Some Advances in the Surgery of the Oesophagus.
- POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—(1) 2 p.m., Mr. L. N. Pyrah: Uses of the Ileum in Genito-urinary Surgery. (2) 4 p.m., Dr. A. F. Foster-Carter: Applied Anatomy of the Bronchi.

Saturday, October 16

- BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At National Institute for Medical Research, The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, N.W., 11.30 a.m., scientific papers.

APPOINTMENTS

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—K. A. Taylor, M.B., B.Chir., Surgical Registrar, Peterborough Memorial Hospital; R. D. Laloo, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Registrar, County Hospital, Dordington; W. B. Wright, L.M.S.S.A., Registrar in Mental Deficiency and Child Psychiatry, Little Plumstead Mental Deficiency Hospital Group; E. G. Perry, M.B., Ch.B., Surgical Registrar, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital; N. A. Green, M.B., B.S., and F. G. O. Burrows, M.B., B.Ch., Surgical Registrar, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital; E. J. C. Wynne, M.B., B.Chir., Surgical Registrar, West Norwich Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Robins.—On August 29, 1954, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, to Shirley (formerly Winter), wife of Robert H. C. Robins, F.R.C.S., a daughter—Elizabeth Mary.

Ward Platt.—On September 28, 1954, to Patricia (formerly Prodham), B.M., B.Ch., D.C.H., wife of Walter E. Ward Platt, A.I.Mar.E., of Akaroa, 11, Deeside, Whitby, Wirral, Cheshire, a son—Martin Peter.

MARRIAGES

Eustace—Musgrave.—On June 26, 1954, at St. Alban's Church, Bournemouth, Hants, Philip Faulder Eustace, M.B., B.Ch., to Jean Musgrave, M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G.

DEATHS

Coke.—On September 26, 1954, at the County Hospital, Hertford, Herts, William Francis Harriott Coke, F.R.C.S., aged 78.

Kerrigan.—On September 18, 1954, at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, Owen Joseph Mary Kerrigan, L.R.C.P.&S.I.&L.M., Surgeon Commander, R.N., retired.

MacIntyre.—On September 25, 1954, in hospital, Glasgow, Marion MacIntyre, M.B., Ch.B., late of Belfast, and Manchuria.

Marshall.—On September 21, 1954, at Tree Tops, Woolton, Liverpool, Charles McIntosh Marshall, M.B., F.R.C.S.

Matthews.—On September 26, 1954, at Ashfield, Mill Lane, Heatley, near Warrington, Lancs, George William Matthews, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 67.