

and reference to the prescription and the chemist who made it up showed that they were Easton's tablets *B.P.C.*, each equivalent to 60 min. (3.6 ml.) of Easton's syrup. The tablets looked like sweets, were sugar-coated, and nothing in the packaging indicated they were dangerous. Dr. A. S. Curry, of the Forensic Science Laboratory, Harrogate, said that deaths of this kind were not infrequent. The coroner, Mr. S. E. Brown, also stressed that there was nothing about the tablets to show that they could be harmful; an adult could take any number. A verdict of death from misadventure was recorded.

FATAL ACCIDENT AFTER TAKING METHYLPENTYNOL

A youth aged 18, Derek Alan Wiltshire, who with John Hogan, 20, took three or four "oblivon" (methylpentynol) capsules to give himself courage to break into a house, was tried at the Kent Assizes, Maidstone, on July 5. Wiltshire, an inexperienced driver, drove away after the burglary on a stolen motor-cycle and crashed, killing Hogan, who was riding pillion. Wiltshire pleaded guilty to driving while under the influence of a drug, and was remanded for a medical report. The judge, Mr. Justice Byrne, learning that oblivon could be bought without a prescription, said he hoped the Home Office authorities would consider it and put it on the dangerous drugs list.

REPORTING OF ACCIDENTS IN HOSPITALS

Accidents or other untoward occurrences which may give rise to complaints and legal proceedings are the subject of a circular (H.M.(55)66) sent to hospital authorities by the Ministry of Health. It asks all hospitals to adopt the practice of obtaining immediate statements, in the form provided, on any such occurrence. The arrangements set out in the circular have been agreed in consultation with the representatives of the medical and dental professions and the defence societies, and they are designed to provide administrative and legal safeguards in the circumstances, often embarrassing, that are apt to surround such accidents.

Medical Notes in Parliament

Poliomyelitis Vaccines

Mr. S. P. VIAN (Willesden, West, Lab.) on July 7 asked the Minister of Health what proportion of the Mahoney strain of poliomyelitis virus was used in the manufacture of poliomyelitis vaccine in this country. Mr. IAIN MACLEOD said he understood that the vaccine so far manufactured in this country contained virus strains of each of the three known types in roughly equal proportions. The strain of Type I virus which had hitherto been used had been the Mahoney strain. None of this vaccine had been used here except for laboratory purposes. The Medical Research Council had advised that no vaccine containing the Mahoney strain should be used in the immunization of children, and investigations were proceeding with a view to replacing the Mahoney strain.

Mr. VIAN asked to what extent animals were being used in the intensive tests being made of the exact effects of anti-polio vaccine; what condition resulted when the vaccine was dangerous or capable of communicating poliomyelitis; and what condition resulted when the vaccine was said to be safe. Mr. MACLEOD told him that, while most of the tests for vaccine were carried out in test-tubes, it was necessary to test each batch for safety by inoculating monkeys. If the vaccine contained the living virus the monkeys might develop poliomyelitis. If the vaccine was safe the monkeys suffered no ill effects.

Mr. VIAN also asked what tissue the two firms manufacturing anti-polio vaccine used as a basis for the preparation. Mr. MACLEOD said he understood that monkey kidney tissue was at present being used for this purpose.

Dental Treatment for Expectant and Nursing Mothers

Mr. R. K. VAUGHAN-MORGAN (Reigate, Con.) asked the Minister of Health on July 7 whether he was satisfied that local health authorities were making adequate arrangements for the dental treatment of expectant and nursing mothers and children under the age of 5 years; and if he would make a statement. Mr. MACLEOD stated that many local authorities had had difficulties in engaging enough dental officers, and he could not yet be satisfied that the arrangements made were generally adequate. There had, however, been a gratifying improvement in the past few years in the number of sessions devoted to this work, the number of mothers and children treated, and the increasing emphasis generally on conservative treatment rather than extraction. He had recently issued to local health authorities a memorandum on dental treatment and health education for mothers and young children, suggesting ways in which these services could be developed, and he was confident that authorities would wish to respond to this lead.

Evidence on Homosexuality

The HOME SECRETARY stated on July 7 that he could not say when the committee appointed to study problems of homosexuality and prostitution would be able to report. He understood that it was likely to be occupied for some time to come in hearing oral evidence. Mr. MONTGOMERY HYDE (Belfast, West, Ulster Unionist) recalled that it was a year since the committee was appointed. In view of the importance of the subject there should be some expedition about it. Major G. LLOYD-GEORGE agreed, but added that he thought too much expedition might be a bad thing. The committee did not start sitting till last September, and people were invited to bring forward all the evidence they had by June; but one or two important witnesses had asked to be allowed a little more time, as their evidence was not ready.

Number of Dentists

Miss PAT HORNSBY-SMITH, the Parliamentary Secretary, stated in answer to Mr. A. BLENKINSOP (Newcastle-upon-Tyne, East, Lab.) that about 9,600 dentists practised under the general dental service in England and Wales. This was some 8,000 short of the estimate made by the Teviot Committee. The numbers of courses of conservative dental treatment had risen from 4,280,000 in 1950 to 5,240,000 in 1953 and 5,900,000 in 1954 (53 weeks).

Mental Hospital Beds.—The number of beds available for use in mental hospitals at the end of 1951 was 119,502, and in mental deficiency hospitals 47,617. At the end of 1954 the numbers were 121,555 and 50,726.

Home Confinements.—Of the 677,529 live births in 1951 the percentage of home confinements was 37.4. In 1953 the figures were 684,372 (35.9%) and in 1954 673,651 (36.4%).

Orthodontic Treatment.—Circulars to local education and hospital authorities on guidance to enable the best use to be made of the limited number of orthodontists were issued on July 12.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *University College Hospital Medical School*, Dr. Kenneth Soddy (Mental Diseases (Psychiatry)), Dr. E. A. B. Pritchard (Medicine). *Institute of Neurology*, Dr. E. A. B. Pritchard (Neurology). *University College*, Dr. S. P. Datta (Biochemistry).

The following scholarships at the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine have been awarded for 1955–6: *Mabel Sharman-Crawford Scholarship*, Miss J. M. Richmond (Girls' Grammar School, Grimsby); *Bostock Scholarship for Women*, Miss S. M. Atherton (Alice Ottley School, Worcester); *MacIntyre Evans Scholarship for Women*, Miss P. A. Gething (Royal Free Hospital

School of Medicine); *Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Scholarship for Women*, Miss L. F. Courtier (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine); *Dr. Margaret Todd Scholarship for Women*, Miss R. Khin Zaw (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine).

The following candidates at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine have been approved at the examination for the Academic Postgraduate Certificate in Public Health:

A. Bukhari, C. Cywinski, A. S. Härö, W. R. Rochester, Y. Sayegh, P. Sirivorasarn.

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

THIRD M.B., B.S.—¹H. B. Anstall, ¹Alison M. Armstrong, ²Kathleen M. Barber, ³D. H. Bergel, ⁴P. S. Boulter (awarded University Medal), ⁴Eileen R. Busby, ¹J. L. Dawson, ³S. Feldman, ²Verna P. Firih, ³R. C. Hallowes, ²B. A. L. Hurn, ¹N. H. Kemp, ³P. McDonald, ³Joyce M. Pallett, ³Hazel M. Price, ³K. P. Robinson, ²N. E. Rust, ³Enid H. Shaw, ³R. A. Stroud, ²Averil M. Walker, W. S. Agran, N. Ahmed, Ann K. Aistrop, R. H. Anderson, B. G. Andrews, J. C. Anthony-Davies, Martine Y. K. Armstrong, D. L. Arnold, M. J. Atwill, M. Aylett, R. D. Bailey, G. C. W. Baker, R. T. Barber, Winifred M. Bartindale, B. J. Bartley, J. F. S. Batson, J. T. R. Bavin, D. G. Belasco, Esther A. Bence, J. B. Benwell, W. M. Berry, R. W. Bewicke, Rosemary H. Blakeney, Enid M. Bewett, P. W. Blower, A. E. Blumenfeld, T. A. Boliston, J. P. Booth, P. J. Booth, G. T. K. Boughey, T. L. Bowen, J. B. Bowes, Dorothy A. Bowman, T. A. Boxall, T. R. Boyde, Jean O. Boyton, Jean M. Bradley, D. Bradshaw, J. D. Brennan, Susan M. Broadbent, B. J. Brooks, J. D. Broome, Margaret E. Broughton, G. C. Brown, W. A. R. Brown, N. L. Browne, Helen M. B. Buckell, R. A. Bugler, E. H. Burgess, D. V. Burke, R. A. Burke, Elizabeth A. Burns, M. F. D. Burton, Brenda J. Butcher, P. R. Butler, C. M. G. Buttery, P. H. Byles, D. A. O. Cairns, J. J. Camp, Gillian M. Cann, P. J. S. Cannon, Sarah Capell, P. J. Carrie, R. P. Carrington, S. J. Carter, G. Cartmel, Anne Chandler, J. A. Chappel, R. W. Clark, Mary D. Clarke, F. G. Clayton, B. J. Clayton Payne, T. Coates, R. G. Congdon, M. A. Cooper, M. D. Coulter, M. J. Cox, Hilary J. Crawford, J. A. B. Crawford, E. A. P. Croydon, G. A. B. Cunningham, I. I. Dainow, Jean G. M. Dalrymple, J. R. Dalton, J. E. Dann Charles-Jones, D. E. Dart, B. I. Davies, D. B. Davies, Gillian M. Davies, H. T. Davies, J. G. Davies, D. J. Davison, J. T. Davy, I. M. Dawson, P. H. G. Dawton, A. G. Day, D. T. F. Deakin, Zaka-Ud Dean, P. Denning-Smithman, E. R. Dingley, A. D. Dixon, Elaine C. Donoghue, K. E. Doran, B. Dunn, Sheila M. Eades, D. G. A. Eadie, D. A. S. Eddie, P. C. E. Edgecombe, C. M. D. Edmonds, Elizabeth B. Edmonds, J. M. Elsie, J. G. Emery, J. P. S. England, Helen Erskine-Murray, C. A. S. Evans, T. A. Evans, L. W. S. Eyars, Joan M. Felce, W. J. Fessel, T. P. Fidgeon, B. H. W. Finlason, Freda M. Fletcher, C. B. Floyd, B. H. Fookes, D. E. Ford, J. Frampton, J. J. Fryatt, R. Garton, D. M. George, M. C. Gie, D. J. Gooding, R. Grahame, B. H. Grant, Philippa F. Grant, A. J. Gray, R. G. Green, R. A. Greig, D. G. C. Griffith, M. N. Griffith, Mary E. Haggood, Patricia Haig, Jennifer J. Haley, Beryl M. L. Hall, R. C. Hamber, R. L. Hargrove, P. G. Harries, W. G. Harris, Elizabeth A. Harrison, D. F. Hawkins, M. F. Hawkins, Anne Heath, Rita Henryk Gutt, B. D. Hick, Rachel S. L. Hood, P. S. Hover, Judith C. Howard, P. J. C. Howe, J. G. J. Howell, A. J. G. Howse, Elizabeth A. Hudson, F. M. Hull, G. S. Humphreys, J. R. H. Humphreys, A. D. F. Hurdle, Rosalinde Hurley, Vera Irving, G. R. Isaac, Celia A. James, I. Janota, E. C. Jelly, Bridget A. Jepson, Caroline M. Jones, H. B. Jones, N. L. Jones, P. M. N. Jones, P. A. Jones, D. A. Kennard, Barbara H. Kerley, R. M. B. Kerr, A. MacL. Kingon, F. A. L. Kircher, R. K. Knight, B. A. Lees, M. H. Lees, M. J. Lefford, P. E. Levers, H. J. Lewis, Rhona Lindup, H. M. Lipman, J. H. Lister, P. M. Lloyd Jones, Patricia A. C. Locken, J. A. London, G. E. Lovatt, K. L. Lowings, F. I. Macadam, B. H. McCombe, P. B. McComish, R. I. Macfarlane, J. K. M. McKay, T. H. R. Macleod, G. Macpherson, E. Mallett, J. S. Malpas, L. J. Marshall, Barbara L. Marston, Annabel J. M. Mason, Dorothy M. Mayall, A. J. Membrey, I. S. I. Menzies, J. S. B. Meyer, Marion V. Miles, C. W. Millar, J. D. Miller, N. H. Mills, Wendy L. Mitchener, B. K. Montgomery, J. C. Moorshead, J. A. Moss, A. I. Munro, D. M. G. Murphy, K. W. Murphy, G. R. Myall, J. M. Nerney, Judith A. Newmark, K. H. Nixon, F. J. O'Connell, G. Okungbowa, F. A. Orhewere, J. G. H. Owen, J. H. Padel, Dolly I. Pakshong, R. Palmer, J. G. Parkes, Muriel Parsons, S. L. Payne, J. E. Pearson, G. D. Pegrum, T. Y. Pemba, B. P. W. Perks, B. M. N. Pitt, Jane Platnauer, Mary S. Plumbly, G. G. Pollock, R. Porteous, C. A. Poulter, R. B. Pridie, Jean M. Pritchard, M. J. Prophet, P. O. Pyle, J. S. Raban, Elisabeth J. Rashid, V. Ratner, Avril E. Reed, E. L. Rees, B. F. Reeves, Hilary Richards, H. Richardson, Margaret A. Riddell, B. Robertson, Jennifer M. Robertson, Margaret R. Robinson, Doreen Rothman, T. Rowan, G. H. Ryder, C. R. Salmon, D. E. Saunders, P. M. Scott, Ann P. Screech, Jane M. Semmens, I. A. Sewell, C. R. Sexton, G. E. Shackleton, Joanna Sheldon, D. A. E. Shephard, D. H. Short, H. R. Simons, P. J. G. Smart, B. S. Smith, B. J. Smits, J. T. Snow, M. Speight, J. D. Spink, Margaret E. Staley, P. P. Stallabrass, Gillian M. Stevens, J. S. Stewart, D. M. Stibbs, J. M. Stratton, T. E. A. Strivens, Kathleen M. Sumner, A. D. Surtees, Nora H. Sutton, D. N. G. Swan, M. Swann, Hilary K. 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Hsien-Chen Hsieh (London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine) has been approved at the examination for the Academic Postgraduate Certificate in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

The following candidates at the Institute of Psychiatry have been approved at the examinations indicated:

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—R. W. A. C. Barton, R. H. Gosling, L. A. Hersov. The following have passed in Part I only: H. R. Alderton, A. A. Bartholomew, S. Benaim, A. J. Coppen, D. T. F. MacSorley, C. M. B. Pare, J. M. Pencheon.

¹Distinguished in pathology and bacteriology. ²Distinguished in medicine. ³Distinguished in applied pharmacology and therapeutics. ⁴Distinguished in surgery. ⁵Distinguished in obstetrics and gynaecology.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending June 25 (No. 25) and corresponding week 1954.

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	1955					1954				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	18	4	3	0		18	4	4	0	0
Dysentery ..	862	72	368	25	1	835	130	243	4	2
Encephalitis, acute..	3	0		0		6	0	0	0	
Enteric fever: Typhoid ..	1	0	0	0		4	2	0	0	4
Paratyphoid ..	23	0	1	0		16	2	2	0	1
Food-poisoning ..	278	23		0		210	29		7	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years ..					22	18			15	15
Measles*	20,515	506	181	138	333	2,836	81	125	232	220
Meningococcal infection ..	28	4	9	1		28	3	14	2	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum ..	34	4	6	0		33	3	8	0	
Pneumonia†	358	20	144	2	5	286	13	132	77	
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic ..	34	4				37	3			
Non-paralytic ..	20	4		5	1	16	0		7	0
Puerperal fever§	233	30	6	5	1	270	53	5	1	1
Scarlet fever ..	541	27	63	40	20	770	48	143	19	24
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	746	90	137	29		785	86	173	26	
Non-respiratory..	90	8	30	3		155	10	22	6	
Whooping-cough ..	1,823	95	117	82	46	2,112	102	195	34	29

DEATHS in Great Towns	1955					1954				
	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	London	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Dysentery ..	1	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 ..	3	0	0	0	2	5	0	1	1	1
Influenza ..	3	0	1	0	1	4	0	2	0	0
Measles ..		0	1	0	0		0	0	0	0
Meningococcal infection ..		0	0				1	1		
Pneumonia ..	165	23	10	5	3	124	18	11	8	5
Poliomyelitis, acute	2	0			0	1	1			0
Scarlet fever ..		0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	67	8	9	0	9	63	10	5	2	8
Non-respiratory..		0	2	0	3		0	5	0	0
Whooping-cough ..	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	120	16	34	7	8	192	19	29	4	20
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,617	591	541	83	174	4,439	557	496	96	148
LIVE BIRTHS ..	7,654	1086	953	208	502	7,860	1235	892	244	405
STILLBIRTHS ..	183	17	24			218	19	26		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

§ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

Vital Statistics

Infectious Diseases

The chief features of the returns of the notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week ending June 25 were decreases of 1,317 for measles, from 21,832 to 20,515, and 46 for scarlet fever, from 587 to 541, and increases of 157 for whooping-cough, from 1,666 to 1,823, and 25 for acute poliomyelitis, from 29 to 54.

The largest falls in the incidence of measles were 239 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 1,410 to 1,171, 227 in Warwickshire, from 693 to 466, 200 in Essex, from 1,134 to 934, 189 in Staffordshire, from 919 to 730, 164 in Surrey, from 880 to 716, 137 in Sussex, from 814 to 677, and 121 in Lancashire, from 1,032 to 911, and the largest rises were 162 in Devonshire, from 549 to 711, and 150 in Glamorganshire, from 1,193 to 1,343. The largest increases in the number of notifications of whooping-cough were 95 in Kent, from 63 to 158, and 44 in London, from 51 to 95. The rise in Kent was due to an outbreak involving 84 persons in Faversham M.B. No large fluctuations were recorded in the trends of scarlet fever. 18 cases of diphtheria were notified, being 8 more than in the preceding week. Diphtheria was mainly confined to four areas—Birmingham C.B. 5, Liverpool C.B. 4, London 4, Taunton R.D. 3.

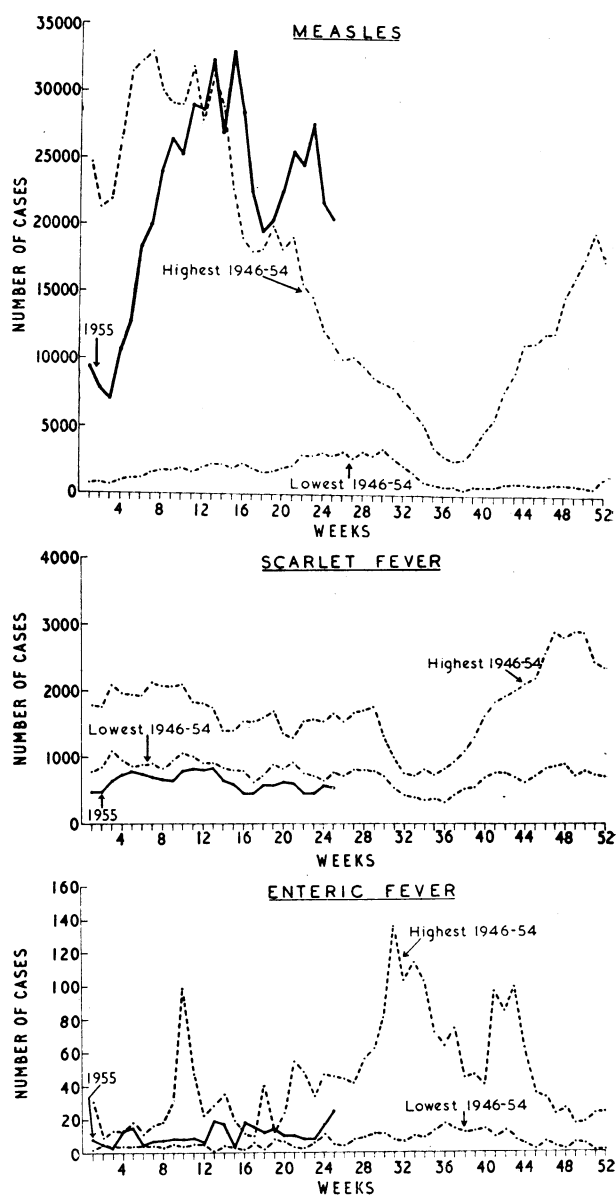
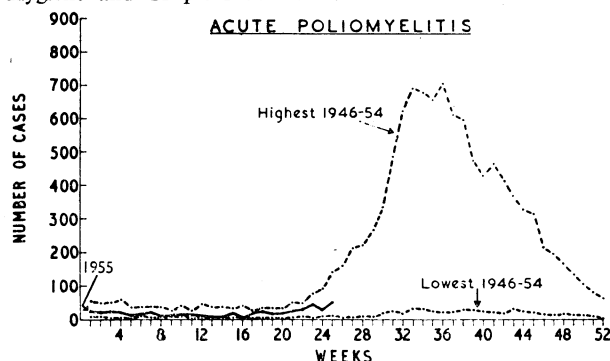
The two main centres of paratyphoid fever were Yorkshire West Riding 12 (Sheffield C.B. 12) and Sussex 7 (Brighton C.B. 2, Hove M.B. 2).

54 cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified during the week, and these were 13 more for paralytic and 12 for non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The largest returns were Yorkshire West Riding 22 (Barnsley C.B. 7, Spenborough M.B. 3, Leeds C.B. 2, Rawmarsh U.D. 2, Worsborough U.D. 2), London 8 (Stepney 4), and Lancashire 6 (Liverpool C.B. 3, Manchester C.B. 2).

The notifications of dysentery numbered 862, being 3 more than in the preceding week. The largest returns were Lancashire 300 (Liverpool C.B. 58, Blackpool C.B. 56, West-houghton U.D. 37, Manchester C.B. 20, Ulverston R.D. 20, Blackburn C.B. 18, Swinton and Pendlebury M.B. 12, Salford C.B. 10), Yorkshire West Riding 91 (Huddersfield C.B. 39, Leeds C.B. 16, Sheffield C.B. 12), London 72 (Stepney 11), Durham 48 (Stanley U.D. 12), Surrey 40 (Croydon C.B. 35), Warwickshire 37 (Birmingham C.B. 20, Coventry C.B. 15), Northumberland 29 (Seaton Valley U.D. 13), Glamorganshire 24 (Swansea C.B. 10, Rhondda M.B. 10), and Suffolk 20 (Blyth R.D. 16).

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 1946-54 are shown thus -----, the figures for 1955 thus ———. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1955, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



Week Ending July 2

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 585, whooping-cough 1,833, diphtheria 6, measles 17,716, acute pneumonia 295, acute poliomyelitis 73, dysentery 807, paratyphoid fever 17, and typhoid fever 5.

The Services

Colonel A. A. G. Flemming, O.B.E., T.D., R.A.M.C., T.A., has been appointed Honorary Physician to the Queen in succession to Colonel G. J. V. Crosby, C.B.E., T.D., who has been transferred to the T.A.R.O.

A *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* has announced the following appointments and mentions in dispatches in recognition of distinguished service in Malaya during the period July 1 to December 31, 1954:

C.B.E. (Military Division).—Colonel E. J. Curran, late R.A.M.C.

M.B.E. (Military Division).—Majors A. J. Moss-Blundell and D. E. S. Steele, R.A.M.C.

Mentioned in Dispatches.—Lieutenant-Colonel (Temporary) S. Mackenzie, O.B.E., and Captains N. C. Frame, P. Honan, M. Dulake, and G. G. Thomas, R.A.M.C.

Emeritus Professor John Cruickshank, formerly professor of bacteriology at Aberdeen, had conferred on him the honorary LL.D. of Aberdeen University at the summer graduation ceremony on July 8.

Scottish Medical Golfing Society.—The competition on June 23 for the Treasurer's Thistle, presented to mark the society's coming of age, was held at Highgate Golf Course, being won by Dr. A. R. ANDERSON, with Dr. ALEXANDER FINLAY second. There are some vacancies in the society, and inquiries would be welcomed by the hon. secretary, Dr. IAN M. ANDERSON, 152, Harley Street, London, W.1.

COMING EVENTS

International Conference of Medical Librarians and Reference Librarians.—A conference will be held on September 10 at the University Hall, Brussels. Further details from Miss CH. DE LOOZE, Librarian, c/o Œuvre Nationale Belge de Défense contre la Tuberculose, 56 rue de la Concorde, Brussels.

11th International Congress of Dermatology will be held in Stockholm, July 31 to August 5, 1957.

NEW ISSUES

British Journal of Venereal Diseases.—The new issue (Vol. 31, No. 1) is now available. The contents include:

NEISSER AND NEISSERIAN PRINCIPLES IN VENEREOLOGY. L. W. Harrison.
CARDIOVASCULAR SYPHILIS. John F. O'Brien, Clarence A. Smith, and M. A. Fisher-Keller.
EVALUATION OF CARDIOLIPIN ANTIGEN IN ROUTINE WASSERMANN REACTIONS. Sidney Shaw.
COMPARISON OF OXYTETRACYCLINE AND CHLORTETRACYCLINE IN THE TREATMENT OF NON-GONOCOCCAL URETHRITIS. R. R. Willcox.
A STUDY OF NON-GONOCOCCAL URETHRITIS, PRESUMABLY VENEREAL IN ORIGIN, BASED UPON 588 INFECTIONS IN 529 PATIENTS. Edward Gartman and Albert Leibovitz.
URETHRAL STRICTURE IN THE MALE. G. O. Mayne.
ANTICOMPLEMENTARY REACTIONS IN SYPHILIS. F. Rappaport and G. J. Stark.
FURTHER STUDIES ON THE EFFECT OF SOME ANTI-COAGULANTS UPON SERODIAGNOSTIC TESTS FOR SYPHILIS. Roger D. Coleman, Milo D. Appelman, and Harrison M. Kurtz.
PROSTITUTION. Eleanor French.
EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY V.D. PUBLICITY. Helen Macgregor.
LOCAL TREATMENT OF TRICHOMONAS VAGINITIS. R. D. Catterall and Mary Williamson.

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Archives of Disease in Childhood.—The new issue (Vol. 30, No. 151) is now available. The contents include:

BLOOD FORMATION IN INFANCY: PART IV. THE EARLY ANAEMIA OF PREMATURITY. Douglas Gairdner, John Marks, and Janet D. Roscoe.
THE SCHÖNLEIN-HENCH SYNDROME (ANAPHYLACTOID PURPURA) COMPARED WITH CERTAIN FEATURES OF NEPHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM. Ian C. Lewis.
THE CLINICAL ASSESSMENT OF HAEMOLYTIC DISEASE OF THE NEWBORN. Karel Poláček.
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Gordon—Lewis.—On July 11, 1955, in London, William Fleming Gordon, F.R.C.S., to Nesta Lewis, M.B., B.Ch.

DEATHS

Adam.—On May 18, 1955, at Esher, Surrey, John Adam, M.B., Ch.B., D.M.R.D., formerly of Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire.
Batt.—On May 22, 1955, John Dorrington Batt, M.C., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Wickhambrook, near Newmarket, Suffolk.
Burner.—On May 23, 1955, at Woodfield, Ditchling, Sussex, Laurence Henry Burner, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 72.
Cole.—On May 25, 1955, Bernard Hedley Cole, M.B., B.Ch., of Beer Hill Cottage, Seaton, Devon, formerly of Stoneleigh, Surrey.
Dalglish.—On May 24, 1955, John Williamson Dalglish, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., of Dalveen, Durisdeer, Dumfriesshire.
Gurney.—On May 25, 1955, at Downside Hospital, Eastbourne, Sussex, Alexander Cecil Gurney, M.D., of 10, Ratton Road, Eastbourne, aged 87.
Trevithick.—On May 23, 1955, at Hove, Sussex, Henrietta Kate Trevithick, M.D., late of Cairo, Egypt.
Wallace.—On May 21, 1955, at St. Gall, Gerrard's Cross, Bucks, James Wallace, M.D., formerly of Tain, Ross-shire, aged 86.
Walton.—On May 13, 1955, at St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, London, S.E., Louis Walton, M.B., Ch.B.