

## Medical News

**Too Few Beds.**—According to the Emergency Bed Services's Annual Report (1955), there are too few beds in Battersea, Putney, and the neighbourhood of the Royal Northern Hospital for the population in these areas, and "it is most distressing to have to insist on the admission of cases to these hospitals when they are already full." The E.B.S. also comments on the steadily rising proportion of cases which have had to be admitted to hospitals through medical referees. These are regional medical officers of the hospital boards. The boards have been carrying out an inquiry into why hospitals had refused urgent cases at the first request, and the E.B.S. reports that the situation has eased considerably.

**Animal Experiments.**—According to the Home Secretary's return, *Experiments on Living Animals* (H.M.S.O., 4d.), about 2½ million experiments were performed in 1954. Of these, 30,461 were performed under anaesthesia throughout, 266,235 were performed under anaesthesia from which the animals were allowed to recover, and 2,136,791 were performed without anaesthesia. These were mostly inoculations, external applications, modifications of diet or environment, or the administration of a drug or toxin. Throughout the year 4,947 persons held licences for such experiments, but 1,364 of the licensees performed no experiments.

**Pakistan Anaesthetists.**—A Pakistan Association of Anaesthetists has been formed with the following officers: president, Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander F. N. TARAPORVALA; vice-president, Dr. A. M. ATTAR; secretary and treasurer, Surgeon Lieutenant-Commander SHAIKH REHMAN; committee members, Major ABDUL MAJID, Dr. M. MUNEERUDDIN, and Dr. ESSANULLAH.

**Working Party on Social Workers.**—The Working Party set up by the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Scotland, under the chairmanship of Miss EILEEN YOUNGHUSBAND, is now ready to receive written evidence concerning the field of work, recruitment, and training of social workers at all levels in the local authority health and welfare services. Persons or organizations who wish to submit evidence should do so in writing to the Joint Secretaries of the Working Party, Mr. G. I. CRAWFORD and Miss E. L. HOPE-MURRAY, at the Ministry of Health, Savile Row, London, W.1.

**Journal Index.**—The half-yearly indexes to Volume I of the *Journal* and the *Supplement* for 1955 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.

**Thyroid Prize Essay.**—The American Goiter Association offers the Van Meter Prize Award of \$300 and two honourable mentions for the best essays submitted concerning original work on problems related to the thyroid gland. Details from Dr. JOHN C. MCCLINTOCK, 149½, Washington Avenue, Albany, New York.

**Dr. Roger Warwick**, lecturer in the University of Manchester, has been appointed to the university chair of anatomy tenable at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

**Dr. R. H. Gorrill**, senior lecturer in bacteriology at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, has been appointed to the university readership in bacteriology tenable at Guy's Hospital Medical School.

### COMING EVENTS

**Middlesex County Medical Society.**—Dr. T. ROWLAND HILL will give the John Tate lecture on "The National Health Service and Its Problems—Lessons Learned Since

1948," on Wednesday, September 14, at 5.30 p.m. in the Middlesex Guildhall, London, S.W.1. All doctors are invited.

**Nutrition Society: Scottish Group.**—Symposium on "Cholesterol and Fat Metabolism in Relation to Diet and Disease" at Aberdeen on September 17. Further details from Dr. A. M. THOMSON, Department of Midwifery, University Medical School, Foresterhill, Aberdeen.

**Fédération Internationale Pharmaceutique.**—The sixteenth General Assembly will be held at London University from September 19 to 23, the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain acting as hosts. There will be symposia on the pharmacy of blood, blood products, and blood substitutes; recent advances in pharmaceutical analysis; ion exchange; and tests for the sterility of pharmaceutical preparations. Congress office: Senate House, University of London, Malet Street, London, W.C.1.

**World Medical Association.**—The ninth general assembly will be held in Vienna from September 20 to 26. The president elect, who will be inducted by Professor A. SPINELLI (Italy), the retiring president, is Dr. KARL NIEDERBERGER (Austria). One of the items on the agenda, besides regular items such as medical education, medical ethics, and finance, is the question of relations between the medical profession and the lay press.

### NEW ISSUES

**Medical and Biological Illustration.**—The next issue (Vol. 5, No. 3) is now available. The contents include:

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### APPOINTMENTS

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STENNER EVANS, T., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Senior Administrative Medical Officer, Welsh Regional Hospital Board.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

**Harwood.**—On August 5, 1955, at Marston Green Maternity Hospital, to Elaine, wife of Dr. K. A. Harwood, of Sutton Coldfield, Warwicks, a second son.

#### DEATHS

**Horder.**—On August 13 peacefully at Ashford Chase, Petersfield, Hampshire, Thomas Jeeves, first baron, G.C.V.O., dearly loved father and grandfather. Memorial service, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Monday, September 5, at 12 noon.

**Kennedy.**—On July 20, 1955, at Burbage House, Chapel-en-le-Frith, Derbyshire, Neil Kennedy, M.B., Ch.B.

**Kirk.**—On July 24, 1955, Dudley Dalter Kirk, M.B., Ch.B.

**Miller.**—On July 21, 1955, at 22, Madeley Road, Ealing, W.5, Alfred Miller, M.B., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S. (retired).

**Murray.**—On July 23, 1955, at Viceroy Close, Birmingham, William Murray, M.D., aged 86.

**Osborne.**—On July 23, 1955, at Lindville, Cork, John Carr Osborne, M.B., B.Ch.

**Purcell.**—On June 24, 1955, Muriel Elizabeth Purcell, M.B., Ch.B., of 42, Beadesert Road, Birmingham, 20.

**Skeen.**—On July 27, 1955, Donald Trench Skeen, M.B., Ch.B., late of Didcot, Berks, and Malayan Medical Service.

**Tallent.**—On July 18, 1955, John Henry Tallent, M.B., B.C., of Pond House, Upton Grey, Basingstoke, Hants, formerly of Chislehurst, Kent, aged 83.