

larly men who smoked, were spreading the disease perhaps more than any other class of persons. Mr. TURTON said he had no separate evidence to support that statement, but he was in entire agreement with the general view expressed by Mr. Hastings.

Alcoholic Beverages Prescribed

Mr. C. GIBSON (Clapham, Lab.) asked the Minister what explanation had been given to his department for the published increases of expenditure on wines and spirits in three leading London hospitals. Mr. TURTON said he assumed the question referred to Dulwich, St. Francis, and St. Giles' Hospitals, which were mentioned in a Sunday newspaper. These hospitals had a high proportion of long-stay cases in chronic-sick, orthopaedic, and tuberculosis units. The alcoholic beverages were principally stout and ale issued to patients on medical prescription. Mr. GIBSON asked if he was satisfied that the increase in expenditure of nearly one-third was justified by a large increase in the number of patients. Mr. TURTON said he understood the hospital management committee was looking into the matter.

B.C.G. Vaccination

Dr. BARNET STROSS (Stoke-on-Trent, Central, Lab.) asked what were the arrangements for making immigrants from Eire and the West Indies aware of the facilities available in Britain for protection against pulmonary tuberculosis; and what steps the Minister proposed to extend the use of B.C.G. vaccine, now manufactured in Britain. Mr. TURTON stated that the same arrangements applied to immigrants as to residents in this country. He was considering what further advice he should give to local health authorities regarding the greater use of B.C.G. vaccination for the protection of schoolchildren before leaving school. Dr. STROSS asked him to consider a further extension of this new preparation, not only for school leavers but for children aged 5 if the parents were willing to have them treated. Mr. TURTON replied that British vaccine was not yet available for general use. He was considering sending a circular to local authorities urging them to offer vaccine for all 13-year-old children.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In Congregation on June 2 the degree of D.M. was conferred on J. C. F. Poole and the degree of M.Ch. on Harold Ellis.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates, having completed the final examination, have been granted the diploma of L.M.S.S.A.:

A. M. Marcus, M. A. C. Lyon, P. L. Pratt, R. S. Kjestrup, S. R. Harris, H. Bezzi, G. Wood, P. J. Sandison, J. B. Middleton, R. A. Harlow, H. Pambakian, J. B. B. Milne, D. H. Brennan, C. L. Wagstaff, B. L. Dodson, W. L. P. Gould, P. G. C. Beney, A. J. D'Souza, D. A. Gilchrist, D. J. Dale, D. G. Thomerson, B. J. P. Wright, G. V. Lewis, E. P. Jackson, A. B. Gilmour.

The following candidates were awarded the Diploma of Mastery of Midwifery:

A. S. H. DeSilva, E. S. Linton, B. G. Pickles, A. H. Saddler, I. H. F. Swain, M. H. Turner.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on May 26, with the President, Mr. Charles D. Read, in the chair, the following were elected to the Council to fill statutory vacancies: *As representatives of the Fellows*, London, Mr. Frank Cook; England and Wales (excluding London), Mr. S. W. Maslen-Jones, Mr. J. A. Stallworthy; Scotland, Professor D. McK. Hart. *As representatives of the Members*, England and Wales (excluding London), Dr. Dorothy M. Shotton; Scotland, Dr. Matthew Garrey.

The following were admitted to the Fellowship:

V. H. Barnett, G. Boyd, J. E. Giesen, A. D. T. Govan, S. W. J. Harbutt, S. Henderson, D. Jefferiss, N. K. B. Kimbell, P. Malkani, K. A.

McGarrity, A. H. McLennan, J. D. Murdoch, E. L. Nicolson, L. B. Patrick, I. M. Robertson, Jane B. Roy, G. J. Stream, W. H. Tod.

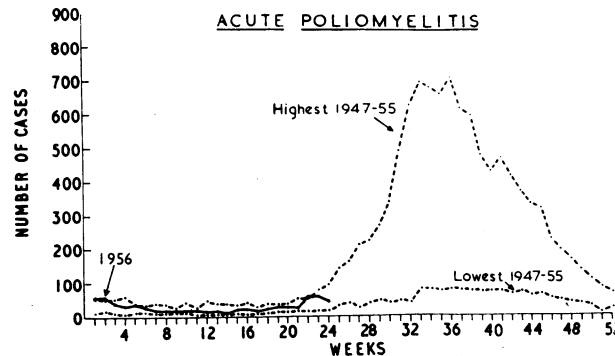
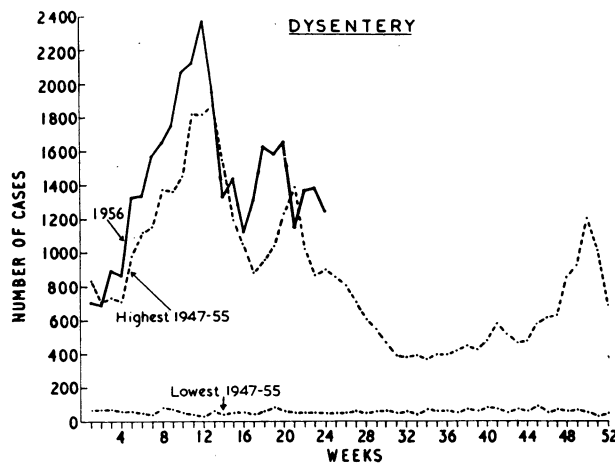
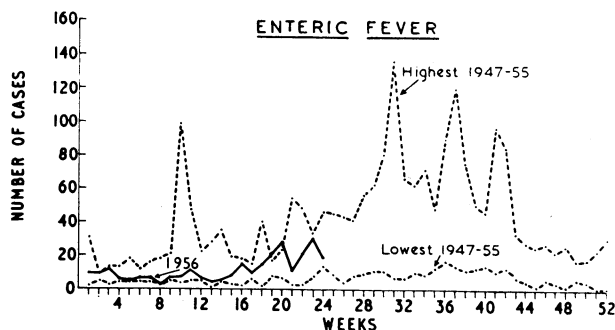
The following were admitted to the Membership:

E. A. Agius, D. G. Bonham, R. Bowman, R. J. M. Byrne, J. K. Craig, C. A. Cussen, R. P. De Bond, R. R. Elvidge, J. W. G. Evans, L. A. J. Evans, J. Eyton-Jones, Winifred J. A. Francis, C. O. Fung-Kee-Fung, J. G. Furber, R. H. Gelb, Anne L. M. Graham, R. G. Harbison, G. F. W. Hossack, G. F. Jolly, Anna R. Kemp, E. Lacy, J. D. Llewellyn-Jones, E. V. Mackay, J. Mander, M. D. Manion, B. Measday, N. P. Nayak, R. W. A. Nel, J. P. O'Neill, G. M. Parkin, H. E. Reiss, L. L. Relf, Freda M. Roberts, S. B. Robertson, A. W. Russell, Jean M. Sharpe, P. F. Venter, L. M. Wolf.

Vital Statistics

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 1947-55 are shown thus ----, the figures for 1956 thus —. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1956, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



thoroughly and easily cleaned, and give adequate protection from contamination. (2) In most cases wash-hand basins, sinks, and constant hot and cold water must be provided in food premises. (3) In certain circumstances there must be accommodation on food premises for outdoor clothing and footwear of those working in the premises. (4) The use of a room communicating directly with a sleeping-place for the handling of open food is prohibited. (5) Requirements are laid down as regards the temperature at which certain foods that provide a particularly favourable medium for food-poisoning organisms shall be kept on food premises where food is supplied for immediate consumption. (6) Washing facilities (including hot water) must be provided on stalls and vehicles where open food is supplied for immediate consumption.

The Regulation dealing with the construction and equipment of vehicles used for the transport of meat also came into operation on the first of the month.

Care of Homeless in War.—Under two Orders in Council the civil defence responsibilities of the Ministry of Health for the care of the homeless in the event of war were transferred to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government on July 1. The Ministry of Housing already includes billeting and evacuation of civilians among its civil defence responsibilities.

"Getting Married."—*Family Doctor* has issued a popular booklet for those about to marry. It takes the form of a 200-page glossy-covered, magazine-style small book, designed and produced by Roger Smithells Editorial and Publishing Services. The price is one shilling. It contains some 40 short articles on such subjects as the factors which make for success in marriage, children, the management of the wedding and honeymoon, and advice for the bride on home-making and cooking.

Queen's Honorary Physicians.—The following were gazetted Honorary Physicians to Her Majesty the Queen on June 29: Dr. H. K. COWAN, C.M.O., Department of Health for Scotland; Professor I. G. DAVIES, M.O.H., Leeds; Dr. G. C. KELLY, S.A.M.O., South-western Regional Hospital Board; Dr. C. G. MAGEE, D.C.M.O., Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance; Dr. F. F. MAIN, C.M.O., Ministry of Health and Local Government, Northern Ireland; and Dr. J. A. SCOTT, M.O.H., London County Council. The appointments are for a period of three years.

R.S.M. Library Regulations.—The Royal Society of Medicine has circularized draft library regulations to take effect from October 1. The principal change is that postage on books and journals would be borne by borrowers, and not by the Society as at present. There would also be some stricter control of admission to the library.

COMING EVENTS

British Association for the Advancement of Science.—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield, August 29 to September 5.

Medical Photography Conference.—The seventh conference of the medical group of the Institute of British Photographers will be held in London in September. Those wishing to submit papers are invited to communicate with the conference convener, Mr. N. K. HARRISON, department of medical photography, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.1.

Tuberculosis Educational Institute.—Postgraduate course for doctors on "Tuberculosis in Children and Young Adults," September 10-14. Details from the Institute, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

High-speed Photography.—Third international congress on high-speed photography will be held from September 10 to 15 at the Government Offices, Horseguards Avenue, London. The applications group will include biology and medicine, and an exhibition will demonstrate the latest cameras and flash equipments. Details from the congress secretariat, D.S.I.R., Charles House, 5-11, Regent Street, London, S.W.1.

NEW ISSUES

Abstracts of World Medicine.—The July issue (Vol. 20, No. 1), which is now available, contains abstracts of important papers drawn from medical and other scientific journals published in some 20 different countries and in all five continents. The subjects covered range over the whole field of clinical medicine and include pathology, pharmacology, and chemotherapy; there are also sections dealing with physical medicine, medical genetics, public health and industrial medicine, anaesthetics, and radiology. Issued monthly; annual subscription £4 4s., single copy 8s. 6d.; a specimen will be sent free on request.

Ophthalmic Literature.—Two new issues are available, Vol. 8, No. 6, and Vol. 9, No. 3. On June 23 (p. 1498) we wrongly stated that the new issue available was Vol. 9, No. 2; this issue was published last December.

Thorax.—The new issue (Vol. 11, No. 2) is now available. The contents include:

VENTRICULAR FIBRILLATION DURING HYPOTHERMIA SUCCESSFULLY TREATED BY REWARMING AND ELECTROSHOCK. E. Husfeldt and O. Secher.
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THE PATHOLOGY OF HONEYCOMB LUNG. A. G. Heppleston.
WEGENER'S GRANULOMATOSIS. P. O. Leggat and E. W. Walton.
IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY HAEMOSIDEROSIS IN AN ADULT. N. Wynn-Williams and R. Douglas Young.
PULMONARY HAEMOSIDEROSIS ASSOCIATED WITH BRONCHIECTASIS. A. H. Cameron.
SPONTANEOUS PNEUMOTHORAX IN SCLERODERMA. M. S. Israel and B. J. S. Harley.
ANOMALOUS PULMONARY AND SYSTEMIC VENOUS DRAINAGE. A. A. Fitzgerald Peel, K. Blum, J. C. C. Kelly, and T. Semple.
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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.

Tuesday, July 10

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor S. S. Anand: Hypertrophic ileo-caecal Tuberculosis in Indian Patients.

Wednesday, July 11

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—3.30 p.m., Sir James Paterson Ross: Nodular Goitre.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Bernhard Baron Lecture by Professor D. Slome: The Buckston Browne Research Farm.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.—6 p.m., Dr. W. G. Senior: Role of the Public Health Nurse in Preventive Dentistry.

Friday, July 13

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Biochemistry, University of Leeds, 11 a.m., symposium: Metals and Enzyme Activity.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Freeman.—On June 30, 1956, at Lancaster Royal Infirmary, to Mary (formerly Naunton), wife of Granville Freeman, a son.

Reford.—On June 20, 1956, at Lincoln, to Monica (formerly Murphy), M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.O.G., wife of Anthony J. H. Reford, M.B., B.Ch., D.R.C.O.G., a sister for Marjorie, Catherine, and Peter John.

DEATHS

Archer.—On June 17, 1956, at Westport Road, Wareham, Dorset, Charles William Archer, M.B., F.R.C.S., J.P., aged 71.

Ehrmann.—On June 17, 1956, at Herne Bay, Kent, Albert Ehrmann, O.B.E., T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 92.

Goldfoot.—On June 17, 1956, at St. Andrew's Hospital, George Goldfoot, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., of London, N.W., formerly of Cork.

Haydon.—On June 18, 1956, at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, Maurice Willoughby Haydon, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired, of The Chalet, Dukes Wood Drive, Gerrards Cross, Bucks, aged 79.

Hopkins.—On June 25, 1956, William Edward Hopkins, M.C., M.D., F.R.C.S.I., of Garth, Newstead Road, Southbourne, Bournemouth, Hants.

Preston.—On June 23, 1956, John Campbell Preston, M.B., Ch.B., Major, R.A.M.C., retired.

Selous-Jones.—On June 22, 1956, at Jersey, Charles Robert Selous-Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., of Durrant House, Western Road, Canford Cliffs, Bournemouth, Hants.

Stephen.—On June 23, 1956, at the Northern Hospital, Dunfermline, Alexander Stephen, M.B., Ch.B., of Strathmore, 30, Windmill Road, Kirkcaldy, late of Lochgelly, Fife.

Woodcock.—On June 15, 1956, Henry Chadwick Woodcock, M.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 7, Cannon Road, Southgate, London, N., and Leicester.