



Infectious Diseases

In England and Wales during the week ending November 24 the largest rises in the notifications of infectious diseases were 562 for measles, from 3,492 to 4,054, and 119 for scarlet fever, from 696 to 815, and the only large fall was 62 for whooping-cough, from 2,089 to 2,027.

The largest rises in the incidence of measles were 202 in Lancashire, from 977 to 1,179, 94 in London, from 220 to 314, 66 in Kent, from 118 to 184, and the largest fall was 50 in Cheshire, from 183 to 133. The largest fluctuations in the returns for whooping-cough were decreases of 56 in Lancashire, from 271 to 215, 45 in Durham, from 153 to 108, and an increase of 33 in Kent, from 83 to 116. A small rise in the number of notifications of scarlet fever was recorded throughout the country; the largest rise was 32 in Yorkshire West Riding, from 62 to 94. Only 2 cases of diphtheria were notified, 5 fewer than in the preceding week, and both cases were recorded in Birmingham C.B.

75 cases of acute poliomyelitis were notified, and these were 10 fewer for both paralytic and non-paralytic cases than in the preceding week. The largest returns were London 19 (Battersea 4, Kensington 3, Fulham 2, Lewisham 2, Shoreditch 2, Wandsworth 2), Lancashire 12 (Manchester C.B. 4, Bootle C.B. 2, Liverpool C.B. 2), Middlesex 6 (Ealing M.B. 2), Sussex 5.

The notifications of dysentery numbered 596, being 15 more than in the preceding week. The largest centres of infection were Yorkshire West Riding 169 (Bradford C.B. 39, Leeds C.B. 33, Colne Valley U.D. 28, Sheffield C.B. 15, Keighley M.B. 10), Lancashire 66 (Liverpool C.B. 17), London 47 (Islington 21), Durham 47 (Gateshead C.B. 15, South Shields C.B. 15, Stanley U.D. 12), Somersetshire 33 (Bath C.B. 32), Essex 30 (Romford M.B. 13), Glamorgan-shire 30 (Aberdare U.D. 27), Surrey 25 (Woking U.D. 11), Middlesex 20, and Lincolnshire 20 (Scunthorpe M.B. 15).

10 cases of diphtheria were notified in Scotland, 7 more than in the preceding week. 6 of these cases were returned from Glasgow.

Week Ending December 1

The notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included: scarlet fever 806, whooping-cough 2,115, diphtheria 7, measles 4,514, acute pneumonia 421, acute poliomyelitis 72, dysentery 727, paratyphoid fever 1, and typhoid fever 3.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

Dr. A. Withnell has been appointed full-time temporary Lecturer in Social and Industrial Medicine and Dr. D. A. Kent full-time Assistant Lecturer in Biochemistry.

Dr. D. M. D. Evans has resigned the appointment of Honorary Demonstrator in Bacteriology.

Medical News

Joan Malleson Memorial Fund.—The fund being raised as a memorial to the late Dr. JOAN MALLESON, whose last medical article appears in this issue (p. 1422), now stands at nearly £250. Dr. Malleson was one of the pioneers of the Family Planning Association, and the fund is to be used to help establish at F.P.A. branches special sessions for those with difficulties arising from the marital relationship. Dr. Malleson was active in this work at the time of her death, and had plans to help the F.P.A. extend this service. The fund is still open, and those who would like to contribute to it should send their donations to the treasurer, the Hon. Mrs. BURRELL, at 64, Sloane Street, London, S.W.1.

Translations of Russian Journals.—The National Institutes of Health of the U.S. Public Health Service are sponsoring an extensive programme of translating and publishing in English selected Russian medical and biological literature. Seven journals are to be translated, and the first issues of *Biochemistry* (January–February, 1956) and of the *Bulletin of Experimental Biology and Medicine* (January, 1956) are already available. These two journals are published by Consultants Bureau Inc., 227, West 17th Street, New York 11, and they may be obtained for sterling through publishers in Britain. The other journals chosen for translation are *Biophysics*, *Journal of Microbiology*, *Epidemiology*, and *Immunobiology*, *Questions of Oncology*, *Questions of Virology*, and the *Sechenov Physiological Journal of the U.S.S.R.* It is also intended to publish a Russian–English medical dictionary, a directory of Soviet research institutes, translations of selected monographs and abstracts, and critical reviews of Soviet literature on subjects of scientific importance. In Britain since 1949 the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research has published a monthly volume of translated contents lists of Russian periodicals, including those in the medical field, and arranges for the translation, on request, of any article whose title it includes in its monthly volume. Details of this scheme may be obtained from the Technical Information Service, D.S.I.R., Charles House, 5–11, Regent Street, London, S.W.1. An important British source of abstracts of Russian medical papers is *Abstracts of World Medicine*, the B.M.A.'s medical abstracting journal, which has provided this service since its inception. During the last six months 4.6% of the abstracts printed in *Abstracts of World Medicine* were from Russian-language journals.

Industrial Injuries Advisory Council.—Dr. D. G. MORGAN, secretary and principal administrative medical officer to the United Cardiff Hospitals, has been appointed to the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council by the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, Mr. J. BOYD-CARPENTER. Other medical men reappointed to the council are Professor R. E. LANE, Mr. A. MILLER, F.R.C.S., and Dr. L. G. NORMAN. The chairman is Sir ERNEST CASSEL, professor of commerce at the London School of Economics.

European Academy of Allergy.—At the Third European Congress of Allergy in Florence this autumn a European Academy of Allergy was founded. It was the result of a decision of the delegates of the various European societies. The object of the Academy is to assist and encourage international co-operation between European workers in the field of allergy, to promote and encourage research, to assist and organize teaching in allergy, and to assist in the organization of the Congress and other meetings. It had been felt for some time that closer European co-operation was desirable than that possible at the Congress meetings previously held every three or four years. The official centre will be at Utrecht, in Holland, and the official journal *Acta Allergologica*. The president is Professor UMBERTO SERAFINI (Italy), and the secretary Dr. W. J. QUARLES VAN UFFORD (Holland); the vice-presidents are Dr. EGON BRUUN (Denmark), Dr. J. F. FARRERONS-Co (Spain), and Dr. D. A.

British Journal of Preventive and Social Medicine.—The new issue (Vol. 10, No. 3) is now available. The contents include:

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ORGANIZATION OF A HOSPITAL WORKSHOP FOR CHRONIC PSYCHOTIC PATIENTS. G. M. Carstairs, N. O'Connor, and K. Rawnsley.
THE USE OF A GENERAL PRACTITIONER'S TIME. D. L. Crombie and K. W. Cross.

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A CASE OF LIPODYSPLASIA FOLLOWING RH FACTOR INCOMPATIBILITY. L. Crome.
ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE ACTIVITY OF THE SERUM IN KWASHIORKOR. Ruth Schwartz.
THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE BLOOD ACID AND ALKALINE PHOSPHATASE VALUES IN CANCER OF THE PROSTATE. Stanley Wray.
COAGULATION DEFECTS IN LIVER DISEASE. D. C. Cowling.
URINARY GLUCOCORTICOID EXCRETION. Audrey Moxham and J. D. N. Nabarro.
ASPECTS OF HYPOPHYSECTOMY. D. N. Baron.
A PRELIMINARY COMMUNICATION ON THE DEGENERATION OF THROMBIN IN SERUM OF NORMAL CONTROLS AND OF PATIENTS BEFORE AND AFTER SURGERY. C. G. Betty.
AN EVALUATION OF TWO COMPOSITE MEDIA FOR PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION OF SHIGELLA AND SALMONELLA. R. R. Gillies.
THE OCCURRENCE OF CANDIDA ALBICANS IN SPUTUM IN DENMARK. P. Helms.
THE ISOLATION OF DERMATOPHYTES FROM THE FLOORS OF COMMUNAL BATHING PLACES. J. C. Gentles.
TECHNICAL METHODS:
A QUICK METHOD OF IDENTIFYING SALMONELLA H ANTIGENS. C. C. Spicer.
THE ESTIMATION OF TRUE LIPASE IN SMALL INTESTINAL CONTENTS. H. G. Sammons, A. C. Frazer, and Margaret Thompson.
THE USE OF BOVINE ALBUMIN IN THE PREPARATION OF MARROW AND BLOOD FILMS. M. C. Berenbaum.
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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.

Monday, December 17

●HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner meeting. 8.30 p.m., Discussion to be opened by Professor W. W. Mushin and Mr. H. C. Edwards: Advances in Anaesthesia—Real or Apparent?

Tuesday, December 18

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. A. Tickner: Fats and the Skin.
SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth Common, S.W., 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. C. Ainsworth-Davis: Investigation and Treatment of Some Urological Diseases.
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. L. C. Oliver: Surgical Aspects of Intracranial Aneurysm.

Wednesday, December 19

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., Dr. P. M. Jeavons and Dr. P. B. Bradley, Ph.D.: Scope and Limitations of Electroencephalography.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. A. D. Porter: Light Sensitivity.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—3.15 p.m., visit to the Middlesex County Council Rehabilitation and Sheltered Workshops for Tuberculous Men (The Lido, Lordship Lane, Tottenham, N.).

Thursday, December 20

EDINBURGH CLINICAL CLUB.—At Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 8 p.m., Dr. J. J. R. Duthie: Medicine in the Soviet Union.
HILL END HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY, St. Albans.—9 p.m., soirée and medical film.
LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—3 p.m., clinical meeting.

Friday, December 21

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. B. Russell: clinical demonstration.
ROYAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW.—At Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 8.30 p.m., Professor G. Pontecorvo: Alpine Plants.

APPOINTMENTS

KEITH, MICHAEL J., M.B., B.S., Psychiatrist-Director, Norfolk Mental Hygiene Center, Norfolk, Virginia, U.S.A.

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WILLIAMS, JOHN OLIVER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Regional Medical Officer, Welsh Board of Health, Cardiff.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Batt.—On October 8, 1956, at King George V Hospital, Sydney, Australia, to Betty (formerly Spedding), M.B., B.Chir., wife of Eric H. Batt, M.B., Ch.B., of Uralla, New South Wales, a son—Christopher Stuart.
Ellis Jones.—On December 5, 1956, to Rosemary, wife of Dr. Edward Ellis Jones, 22, The Crescent, Shrewsbury, a son.
Hogarth.—On December 2, 1956, to Harriette, wife of Dr. J. C. Hogarth, a daughter.

DEATHS

Annan.—On November 14, 1956, at 202, Colinton Road, Edinburgh, John Laing Annan, M.D.
Bousfield.—On November 14, 1956, at 99, Seymour Place, London, W. Arthur Bousfield, M.D., aged 90.
Edwards.—On November 11, 1956, at Bloemfontein, South Africa, Constance Maude Edwards, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
Holman.—On November 13, 1956, at Plymouth, Devon, Alec George Holman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Howie.—On November 25, 1956, Laurence James Howie, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., of 4, Marchhall Road, Edinburgh.
Jones.—On November 15, 1956, William Edmund Jones, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Graycourt, West Byfleet, Surrey.
Laval.—On November 17, 1956, Evariste Laval, M.B., C.M., aged 82.
McCausland.—On November 14, 1956, at 30, Brynmawr Place, Maesteg, Glam., Joseph McCausland, M.B., B.Ch.
McRobbie.—On November 20, 1956, Towie House, Turriff, Aberdeenshire, Donald Graham McRobbie, M.B., Ch.B., aged 41.
Mandel.—On November 16, 1956, at the Manor House Hospital, London, N.W., Leopold Mandel, M.D., M.R.C.P.
Marshall.—On November 17, 1956, in hospital, James Hay Marshall, M.B., Ch.B., of the Clifton Hotel, Southampton.
Martin.—On November 14, 1956, at Nurses Cottage, Comrie, Perthshire, John Howie Martin, M.D., late of Glasgow, aged 88.
Meade.—On November 23, 1956, at Fordingbridge Cottage Hospital, Fordingbridge, Hants, Charles Graham Meade, M.C., L.M.S.S.A., late of Portslade, Sussex, aged 81.
Neill.—On November 17, 1956, at 1, Conway Road, Hucclecote, Gloucester, Thomas Neill, M.B., Ch.B., aged 81.
Philp.—On November 14, 1956, at Leslie House, Eventide Home, Leslie, Fyfe, Horace Robert Andrew Philp, M.B., Ch.B.
Vost.—On November 2, 1956, at Brighton, Sussex, Arthur Vost, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., late of Stirling and Glasgow.
Wells.—On November 11, 1956, at Billericay, Essex, Joseph Douglas Wells, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., aged 75.
Wilks.—On November 16, 1956, at Headley Down, Hants, Elizabeth Wilks, M.D., aged 95.