

Westminster Children's Hospital.—On December 9 THE PRINCESS ROYAL visited the Westminster Children's Hospital, Vincent Square, to mark the fiftieth anniversary of its founding on its present site. The hospital was then known as the Infants' Hospital, having been founded by the Infants' Health Society. Claimed to be the first of its kind in Europe, the hospital's declared aims were "(1) To place the management of infants on a basis of scientific hygiene. (2) To place the treatment of disorders and diseases of nutrition occurring in infants upon a system in harmony with modern investigations. (3) To investigate and demonstrate the means by which the present disease and mortality in infants may be prevented." The present hospital has 108 beds. It was amalgamated with the Westminster Hospital after the passing of the National Health Service Act.

Princess Margaret at R.S.M.—PRINCESS MARGARET visited the Royal Society of Medicine on the evening of December 11 to receive a diploma of honorary fellowship. The



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picture shows Princess Margaret signing the Roll, while the president of the Society, Sir CLEMENT PRICE THOMAS, and members of the council look on. The Princess made a short tour of the Society's house.

Dr. Béla Schick, the discoverer of the Schick test, was honoured by the Collegium Internationale Allergologicum at a dinner in New York last month, when he was made the Collegium's first honorary fellow. It was also announced that a special issue of the *International Archives of Allergy and Applied Immunology* next year would be dedicated to Dr. Schick as a Festschrift. Born in Hungary in 1877, Dr. Schick still participates in clinical conferences and carries out research. He is visiting professor of paediatrics at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, and also attends Mount Sinai Hospital and the Bethel Hospital, Brooklyn.

Perth Medical School.—The following appointments have been made in the new Medical School of the University of Western Australia at Perth: Dr. W. B. MACDONALD, lecturer in paediatrics at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, London, to the chair of child health; Dr. R. B. LEFROY as senior assistant to the professor of medicine; Mr. J. G. BROCKIS, senior registrar at the Royal Infirmary, Cardiff, as senior assistant to the professor of surgery (and assistant surgeon, Royal Perth Hospital); Dr. C. J. PERRET, Ph.D., Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine, London, as senior lecturer in microbiology; Dr. K. E. MORTIMER, from Indonesia, as senior lecturer in anatomy; Dr. J. H. LITTLE as senior lecturer in pathology; Mr. R. PATON as junior assistant in the department of surgery; and Dr. B. KETTERER, Ph.D., as lecturer in biochemistry.

British Cardiac Society.—The autumn meeting of the British Cardiac Society was held at the Royal Society of Medicine, London, under the chairmanship of Dr. RAE GILCHRIST, on November 29. In the morning short com-

munications were given by members, after which the film "William Harvey and the Circulation of the Blood" was shown. In the afternoon further short communications followed. The Society's dinner was held at the Savoy Hotel, at which the president, Dr. MAURICE CAMPBELL, took the chair.

British Association of Otolaryngologists.—At the annual general meeting held on December 6 the following were elected officers of the association for 1957-8: President, Mr. C. GILL-CAREY; immediate past president, Mr. I. SIMPSON HALL; vice-president, Mr. R. R. SIMPSON; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. C. HOGG; and hon. secretary, Mr. MYLES L. FORMBY.

Prize for Radiation Studies.—A David Anderson-Berry medal, together with not less than £100, will be awarded in 1958 by the council of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. The prize will be awarded for recent work on the effects of x rays and other forms of radiation on living tissues. Published work will be taken into consideration if submitted to the Society with the application. In addition to direct application for the prize, proposals may be made on behalf of others. Applications and proposals must be in the hands of the General Secretary, Royal Society of Edinburgh, 22-24, George Street, Edinburgh, 2, Scotland, not later than March 31.

Dr. N. H. Ashton, director of the department of pathology at the Institute of Ophthalmology, has had conferred on him the title of professor of pathology in the University of London. Dr. Ashton and his associates at the institute played a leading part in demonstrating the role of excess oxygen in the aetiology of retrolental fibroplasia.

Tuberculosis Prize.—A prize of £50 is offered in 1958 to members of the British Tuberculosis Association for the best original unpublished paper on tuberculosis. The closing date is October 1. Further details may be obtained from the association's administrative secretary, 59, Portland Place, London, W.1.

COMING EVENTS

Oxford Graduates Medical Club.—Winter dinner at the Royal College of Surgeons, London, January 25, 1958, 7 for 7.30 p.m. Tickets (27s. 6d.) from Mr. SELWYN TAYLOR, F.R.C.S., 3 Roedean Crescent, Roehampton, London, S.W.15.

International College of Surgeons.—Meeting of the College's European Federation will be held in Brussels, May 15-18, 1958. Details from the College's secretariat, 1516, Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, 10, Illinois.

Fluorine and Dental Caries.—Fifth congress of the European Organization for Research on Fluorine and Dental Caries Prevention, May 30 to June 1, 1958, in Brussels. Details from Dr. ARVID SYRRIST, Ecole Dentaire Royale, Malmö, Sweden.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

- **Deacon.**—On December 9, 1957, at the Birmingham Maternity Hospital, to Svhl, wife of A. L. Deacon, F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., a daughter.
- Slovick.**—On November 25, 1957, to Pamela, wife of Dr. David Slovick, a son.

DEATHS

- Agnew.**—On December 3, 1957, Alan Percy Agnew, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P.Ed., of "Ailsa," Mauchline, Ayrshire, late of Padham, Lancs.
- Pinkerton.**—On December 2, 1957, Paul Barrar Pinkerton, M.B., Ch.B., of West Kirby, Cheshire.
- Rhodes.**—On November 26, 1957, at Chester Infirmary, Edward Llewellyn Noott Rhodes, M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H., late of 20, East Castle Street, Bridgnorth, Salop.
- Rushforth.**—On November 28, 1957, in New Zealand, Patrick Frank Findlater Rushforth, M.B., Ch.B., formerly of 5, Greenhill Park, Edinburgh.
- Thornton.**—On December 1, 1957, in hospital, Frank Butler Thornton, M.B., B.S., of 21 Somers Road, Reigate, Surrey, aged 88.
- Watts-Tobin.**—On December 1, 1957, at 62, Hurlingham Road, London, S.W., Oscar Watts-Tobin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
- Wilson.**—On October 31, 1957, at the Waveney Annexe, John Wilson, M.B., B.Ch., D.M.R.E., of Galsgorn, Ballymena, Co. Antrim.