

problems." The Report of the Commissioners of Prisons for the Year 1957 (H.M.S.O., 9s. 6d.) states this and adds: "Nevertheless the general health of the inmates was well maintained." The daily percentage receiving medical treatment in and out of hospital was 15.5. This relates to an average prison population of 22,602. The percentages in previous years were: 1956, 15.6; 1955, 14.6; 1954, 13.8; and 1953, 13.9. Large numbers of prisoners contracted Asian influenza, so that, apart from this disease, ill-health seems to have been less prevalent than in the previous year. Deaths numbered 60, of which 47 were from natural causes. Of the remaining 13, 8 were due to suicide, 2 to judicial execution, 1 to a fight with another prisoner, 1 to jumping from a moving car, and 1 to asphyxia in an epileptic fit. Of the 47 deaths from natural causes, 12 resulted from malignant disease. In an attempt to assess the results of psychotherapy, some figures for the Wormwood Scrubs psychiatric unit are given. They suggest that sex cases responded better than non-sex cases (success rates 48% and 37%), and that group psychotherapy was more beneficial than individual psychotherapy (success rates 53% and 42%). It is recognized that the selection of patients may influence the validity of these figures.

Society of Apothecaries.—At a meeting of the Court of Assistants on August 19, the following were elected officers of the society: *Master*, Dr. W. S. C. COPEMAN; *Senior Warden*, Dr. RICHARD R. TRAIL; *Junior Warden*, Dr. CHARLES WHITE.

Carbon Dioxide Danger.—The wet harvest has increased the danger of carbon dioxide asphyxiation among farm workers. The Ministry of Agriculture has reminded farmers that accumulation of wet grain generates the gas in a matter of hours. This can happen in any place where grain is stored, and as the gas is heavier than air it will collect in the pits or ducts of a grain-handling plant.

Winning Flautist.—Dr. W. K. VERNON BERNFELD won the solo flute competition, for the second year in succession, at the eisteddfod held recently at Ebbw Vale.

Lord Webb-Johnson.—A cheque for £20 has been sent to the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund as a result of a collection taken in memory of Lord Webb-Johnson at his old school—the High School, Newcastle-under-Lyme.

COMING EVENTS

Occupational Health.—A short intensive course for general practitioners in occupational health will be held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine from September 22 to 26, inclusive. Fees and allowances are provided for National Health Service practitioners on certain conditions. Other practitioners may attend on payment of a fee of 5 guineas. Numbers admitted to the course are strictly limited, and only a few vacancies remain, but applications and requests for further information may still be sent to the Registrar, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, Gower Street, London, W.C.1.

Space Medicine.—The British Interplanetary Society will hold a symposium on this subject at B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, on October 16-17. The symposium is being organized with the co-operation of the R.A.F. Institute of Aviation Medicine. Full details from the secretary of the Society at 12, Bessborough Gardens, London, S.W.1.

Radioactive Risks.—The Scottish Group of the Nutrition Society is holding a symposium on "Nutritional Hazards Caused by Radioactive Contamination of Foods" in Edinburgh on September 27. Those interested who are not already members of the Society are invited to write for further particulars to Dr. J. DAVIDSON, Rowett Research Institute, Bucksburn, Aberdeenshire.

Chartered Society of Physiotherapy.—Conference on "Work Study—Its Application to the Hospital Service," October 17 and 18, at the Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, Westminster Medical School. Details from the secretary, Tavistock House (South), Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

NEW ISSUES

SPECIALIST JOURNALS AND ABSTRACTS

The journals listed below are obtainable from the publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Archives of Disease in Childhood.—Issued six times a year (£4 4s. annually). The new issue, Vol. 33, No. 170, includes:

PAEDIATRICS IN WESTERN NIGERIA. Malcolm Macgregor.
PHLYCTENULAR CONJUNCTIVITIS IN AFRICAN CHILDREN. Harry Stein and Ida Freiman.
HORMONE EXCRETION IN PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY IN GIRLS. R. D. Bulbrook, F. C. Greenwood, and A. H. Snaith.
URINARY EXCRETION OF 17-KETOSTEROIDS IN CHILDREN. Margaret Prout and A. H. Snaith.
THE URINARY EXCRETION OF 17-HYDROXYSTEROIDS IN CHILDREN. R. Gardner and A. Snaith.
THE PROGNOSIS IN JUVENILE OBESITY. A. G. Mullins.
DIABETES INSIPIDUS FOLLOWING TUBERCULOUS MENINGITIS. John Lorber.
DIABETES MELLITUS IN A CHILD SHOWING FEATURES OF REFUSUM'S SYNDROME. J. B. Heycock and J. Wilson.
THE POST-NATAL WEIGHT LOSS OF BABIES BORN TO DIABETIC AND NON-DIABETIC WOMEN. James W. Farquhar and Stanley A. Sklaroff.
JAUNDICE AND INFANTILE DIARRHOEA. R. G. F. Parker.
CONGENITAL SPHEROCYTOSIS IN INFANCY. David Burnman.
CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE IN ONE OF IDENTICAL TWINS. H. Everley Jones.
THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHIC RECOGNITION OF VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY IN CONGENITAL CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE DURING THE FIRST YEAR OF LIFE. J. S. Oldham.
THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF RHEUMATIC FEVER. K. A. Hallidie-Smith and E. G. L. Bywaters.
A SMALL OUTBREAK OF NEONATAL MENINGITIS IN A MATERNITY UNIT. Eric McKay and John Smith.
NEONATAL PERFORATION OF THE COLON. Leonard Haas.
BILATERAL PULMONARY AGENESIS. Albert E. Claireaux and H. P. Ferreira.
ATRESIA OF THE OESOPHAGUS WITH COMMON TRACHEO-OESOPHAGEAL TUBE. R. G. Welch and O. A. N. Husain.
PSYCHOGENIC MEGACOLON IN CHILDREN: THE IMPLICATIONS OF BOWEL NEGATIVISM. Philip Pinkerton.
BRITISH PAEDIATRIC ASSOCIATION: PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

British Journal of Ophthalmology.—Issued monthly (£6 annually). The new issue, Vol. 42, No. 8, includes:

VISUAL DISTORTION IN AMBLYOPIA. M. Pugh.
ATTEMPTED ISOLATION OF THE VIRUS OF TRACHOMA. C. H. Smith, M. J. Gilkes, and J. Sowa.
STAINING OF INCLUSION BODIES OF TRACHOMA AND INCLUSION CONJUNCTIVITIS. M. J. Gilkes, C. H. Smith, and J. Sowa.
TRACHOMA INCLUSIONS AND PENICILLIN. M. J. Gilkes, C. H. Smith, and J. Sowa.
A NOTE ON THE MODE OF ACTION OF TARSORRHAPHY IN NEUROPARALYTIC KERATITIS. P. Sivasubramaniam.
CORNEAL "FLAP" INCISION FOR CATARACT OPERATION. A. Gormaz B.
EXPERIMENTAL ELECTROCHEMICAL REMOVAL OF COPPER SPLINTERS FROM THE ISOLATED VITREOUS. T. Krwawicz and K. Zagórski.
OCULAR MANIFESTATIONS IN IDIOPATHIC HYPERLIPÆMIA AND XANTHOMATOSIS. P. K. Thomas and E. B. Smith.

Abstracts of World Medicine.—Issued in the first week of each month, this journal contains abstracts of important papers selected from the current medical literature of the world. Annual subscription £4 4s.

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.

Friday, September 5

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. G. Scadding: clinical demonstration.

Sunday, September 7

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—10.15 a.m., lecture-demonstration for general practitioners. Clinical demonstration by Mr. G. L. Bunton: Some Aspects of Cases Suitable for Paediatric Surgery. Meet in front hall of main hospital building.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Hinton.—On July 12, 1958, to Rosalind (formerly Elliott), M.B., B.S., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., wife of Lieutenant-Commander J. D. O. Hinton, R.N., of Overbank, Barclays Bank, Littlehampton, a daughter.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Rawson—Hammond.—On August 24, 1898, William Foster Rawson, F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.O.G., to Helen M. Hammond. Present address: "Clevedon," Park Drive, Bradford, 9.

DEATHS

Adam.—On August 11, 1958, in hospital, Robert Stuart Adam, M.B., Ch.B., of 236, Great Clowes Street, Broughton, Salford, Lancs.

Attenborough.—On August 13, 1958, in St. John and St. Elizabeth Hospital, Grove End Road, London, N.W., Keith Edward Attenborough, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 1, Mortimer Court, Abbey Road, London, N.W.

Beddow.—On August 11, 1958, at The Rectory, Nymet Rowland, Lapford, Devon, Harold Josiah Beddow, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Rugby, Warwick, aged 79.

Golden.—On August 11, 1958, Stanley John Golden, M.B., B.S.

Ross.—On August 24, 1958, Henry Ross, C.I.E., O.B.E., F.R.C.S.I., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S. (retired), of The Cottage, Hovingham, York, aged 81.