

growth and acceleration of the Government's hospital building programme. These projects represented in terms of money £10m. in 1955, £13m. in 1956, £18m. last year, £20m. this year, and £22m. next year.

**Medical Society of London.**—Sir CECIL WAKELEY, president of the Medical Society of London, appeals on behalf of the society for the loan of portraits of former presidents so that they may be photographed for permanent record. The society has an almost complete list of its presidents since its foundation in 1773, and would be glad to hear of portraits of any of the following:

John Millar, M.D., 1773	Theophilus Thompson, M.D., F.R.S., 1844
George Edwards, M.D., 1779	Walter Cooper Dendy, 1846
George Pinckard, M.D., 1811	Edward Headland, 1854
Thomas Walshman, M.D., 1817	Francis Hird, 1857
David Unwins, M.D., 1821	William Hughes Willshire, M.D., 1858
William Shearman, M.D., 1823	Francis Sibson, M.D., F.R.S., 1862
John Burne, M.D., 1831	Peter Marshall, 1869
John Whiting, M.D., 1835	John Cockle, M.D., 1879
Thomas Egerton Bryant, 1837	
Leonard Stewart, M.D., 1839	
George Pilcher, 1842	

Information about portraits of these past presidents should be sent to Sir Cecil Wakeley at the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

**Medical Photography.**—The ninth annual conference of the Medical Group of the Institute of British Photographers was held at the Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, from September 18 to 21. Sir JAMES PATERSON ROSS, P.R.C.S., opened the conference, which then proceeded to discuss such topics as the routine production of colour prints, the design of hospital photographic departments, the relationship between the medical photographer and his medical colleagues, and the presentation of demonstration panels. During the conference the Group held its annual meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. NORMAN K. HARRISON. On the last day there were demonstrations of the Land polaroid camera and of the photography of dermatological and orthopaedic conditions.

**Changes at the Ministry.**—Dr. G. A. CLARK, one of the two deputy chief medical officers at the Ministry of Health, is retiring on September 30. He will be succeeded by Dr. DANIEL THOMSON.

## COMING EVENTS

**Institute of Dermatology.**—Semi-permanent exhibition, October 1–28, on "The Sweat-retention Syndrome."

**Casualties Union Day.**—Casualties Union is holding a civil rescue contest (starting 11 a.m.) and the finals of its annual open competition in first aid and diagnosis (starting at 2 p.m.) on October 5 at the George Cohen 600 Group Depot, Wood Lane, London, W.12. Tickets (2s. 6d.) are obtainable from Miss E. E. JOHNSON, 8, Woodcote Park Avenue, Purley, Surrey.

**London Hospital.**—Old Students' dinner, October 9, at the Trocadero. Tickets 37s. 6d. (27s. 6d. for those qualified less than five years) from Dr. R. R. BOMFORD, London Hospital, E.1.

**Glasgow Graduates in Yorkshire.**—Annual dinner, October 17, in the senior common room, Leeds University. Details from Mr. JAMES WISHART, 33, Manor Row, Bradford, 1.

**Leeds School of Medicine.**—Annual dinner of past and present students, October 31, at the Griffin Hotel, Leeds. Details from the hon. secretary to the medical dinner, Leeds Medical School, Leeds, 2.

**Hand Clubs.**—The Hand Club of Great Britain and the Second Hand Club are holding a meeting on November 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Royal College of Surgeons. Any surgeon interested who would like to speak or attend should write to Mr. GRAHAM STACK, 150, Harley Street, London, W.1.

## 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, September 29

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. H. J. B. Atkins: Fibroadenosis of the Breast; 6.30 p.m., Mr. R. F. Guymer: Surgeon and the Injured Worker.

### Tuesday, September 30

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor C. J. Kaplan: An Appraisal of Conservative Therapy in Skeletal Tuberculosis.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—6.30 p.m., Mr. R. Belsey: Carcinoma of the Oesophagus.

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY.—At New Small Lecture Theatre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. Tizard: Prevalence of Mental Defect.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. F. Swann: Vertebral Arteriography.

### Wednesday, October 1

FOUNTAIN HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., subject: Care of the Mentally Retarded Child. Dr. S. Yudkin: Paediatric Aspects of the Care of Mentally Retarded Children; Miss Jacqueline Grad: Home Care of the Mentally Retarded Child.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Fungi as Saprophytes and Parasites.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Sir Russell Brock: Surgical Treatment of Pulmonary Stenosis.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. Friedmann, Dr. D. A. Osborn, and Dr. A. Jeanes: clinico-pathological conference.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Dr. W. N. Mascall: Gonococcal Urethritis.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF MEDICINE.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Medical School, Manchester University, 4.30 for 5 p.m., "Hashimoto's Disease." Dr. R. W. Luxton: Clinical Aspects. Dr. Deborah Doniach: Immunological Aspects.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Dr. Wilfrid Oakley: Surgery in Relation to Diabetes; 6.30 p.m., Mr. D. J. Waterston: Surgery in the Newborn.

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—At General Infirmary at Leeds, 8.30 p.m., Dr. Michael Johnstone: Respiratory Function During Halothane Anaesthesia.

### Thursday, October 2

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. H. R. S. Harley: Subphrenic Abscess.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.—At Town Hall, Colchester, 10 a.m., Dr. J. D. Kershaw: Practical Integration of Health Services; Mr. W. A. Rapier: New Houses for Old: An Experiment in the Modernization of Ancient Houses.

### Friday, October 3

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. B. Dowling: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. E. H. Hudson: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., clinical discussion for general practitioners by Dr. Norman Hulbert: Blood Disorders in Association with Ear, Nose, and Throat Diseases.

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. R. B. Welbourn: Surgery of the Adrenal Glands.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., Dr. George Somerville: Changes in Psychiatric Disorders During the Past 25 Years.

### Saturday, October 4

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL BIOCHEMISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 9.30 a.m. and 2 p.m., scientific meeting (with Association of Clinical Pathologists) including symposium on quantitative paper chromatography; 5 p.m., annual general meeting.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Preston, 2 p.m., annual general meeting.

### Sunday, October 5

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—10.15 a.m., meet in Front Hall of main hospital building, lecture-demonstration for general practitioners. Clinical demonstration by Professor C. E. Dent: Dwarfism. An Obvious Feature Sometimes of Diagnostic Importance.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

Armitt.—On September 11, 1958, at Farley House, Farnborough, Hants, to Dr. Marion (formerly Jenkins) and Dr. J. M. Armit, a sister for Gillian—Rosemary Ann.

Clements.—On September 15, 1958, at Poole, Dorset, to Sheila Mayer, wife of Dr. P. W. Clements, a brother for Gillian and Stephen—Christopher.

### DEATHS

Ker.—On September 3, 1958, at Halstead, Essex, William Perceval Ker, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 83.

Laslett.—On September 6, 1958, at 1, Albert Road, Farnworth, Bolton, Lancs, William Henry Laslett, M.C., M.B., Ch.B.

Mackenzie.—On September 8, 1958, at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, John Cossarat Mackenzie, M.B., Ch.B., of 67, Mountcastle Drive South, Portobello, Midlothian.

Macnicol.—On September 4, 1958, at 97, Greenbank Road, Edinburgh, Roderick Reid Macnicol, M.B., Ch.B., late of Tynan, Argyllshire, aged 87.

Rutherford.—On September 2, 1958, Henry Ireland Gascoyne Rutherford, M.B., B.Ch., of 100, Widdicombe Way, Moulsecoomb, Brighton, Sussex, aged 73.

Schonberger.—On August 12, 1958, Elisabeth Schonberger, M.D., of Greenbanks, Springwell Road, Durham.

Webster.—On August 10, 1958, in a nursing-home, William John Alexander Webster, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., of Redbrook Gate, Cradley, near Malvern, Worcs, aged 82.

Wilson.—On August 27, 1958, Fergus Falconer Wilson, M.B., Ch.B.