

Medical Notes in Parliament

Booster Doses of Polio Vaccine

Mr. SOMERVILLE HASTINGS (Barking, Lab.) asked for what proportion of children under 15 years of age, who had had two injections of poliomyelitis vaccine, the parents had agreed to a third some months later; what proportion of children had already had a third injection; and what steps were being taken to urge parents to agree to this boosting dose. Mr. WALKER-SMITH replied on December 1 that third injections started only this autumn, and by the end of October nearly 250,000 had been carried out. This represented about a tenth of the children who had had their second injection seven months or more before that date. He had so far had no evidence of parents refusing to allow their children to have third injections when their turn came. Appropriate references to the value of the boosting dose would, however, continue to be made in the publicity about the vaccination scheme.

Medical Care Abroad

Miss ALICE BACON (Leeds, South-east, Lab.) asked with which countries the Ministry of Health had reciprocal arrangements for hospital treatment. Mr. WALKER-SMITH stated on December 1 that the Government had reciprocal social security agreements containing health service provisions which were open to all British residents in Sweden, Norway, and Yugoslavia, including tourists, and to limited classes of British nationals in Belgium, France, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. In all cases hospital treatment was available for the persons covered. He added that discussions were in progress for a social security agreement with Federal Germany, but it was unlikely to provide medical benefit for British nationals other than pensioners resident there, and British workers.

Milk Consumption.—Consumption of liquid milk in the United Kingdom in the first ten months of this year amounted to 1,264 million gallons—about 12½ million gallons more than in the corresponding period in 1957.

Marriage Guidance.—The Home Secretary attaches great importance to the work of the National Marriage Guidance Council and the other organizations engaged in marriage guidance, and intends to propose to Parliament in due course that the grants shall be increased by 50% in the financial year 1959-60.

Chiropodists.—The registration of chiropodists is provided for in the draft scheme for the statutory registration of professions supplementary to medicine, which is under consideration.

Hearing-aids.—If there are no unexpected production difficulties, it is hoped to begin issues to adults towards the end of 1959 of transistor hearing-aids.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

At a meeting of the University Court on October 20 the title of honorary senior lecturer in the department of radiodiagnosis was conferred on Dr. Eric Samuel, and that of honorary assistant in the department of medicine on Dr. Jerome Rotstein, of the New York College of Medicine. Dr. Katherine M. Levy was appointed assistant in the department of public health and social medicine. The resignations of Mr. H. A. F. Dudley (lecturer in clinical surgery) and Dr. J. W. Galloway (lecturer in dentistry) were received.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following degrees were awarded during September:

M.D.—L. S. Sacker, E. Parry-Jones.
M.S.—M. A. Birnsmingh.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL PATHOLOGY.—Fatima S. Ahmed, M. Y. Ali, E. F. Bowers, R. Carroll, Betty M. Clark, C. H. Coetzee.

D. M. Gomez, J. W. Hill, D. O'B. Hourihane, E. B. La'Brooy, Ma Than Myint, N. Parameshwaran, L. Sefton, J. M. Uku, H. I. Williams.
DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL PATHOLOGY.—M. S. Israel, T. K. Narayanan.

Vital Statistics

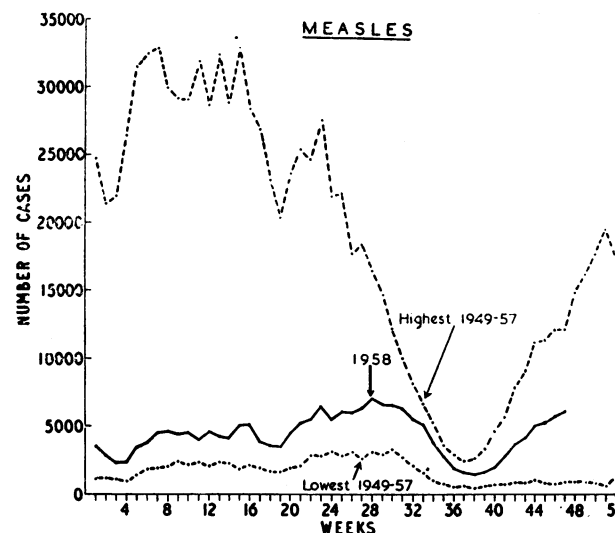
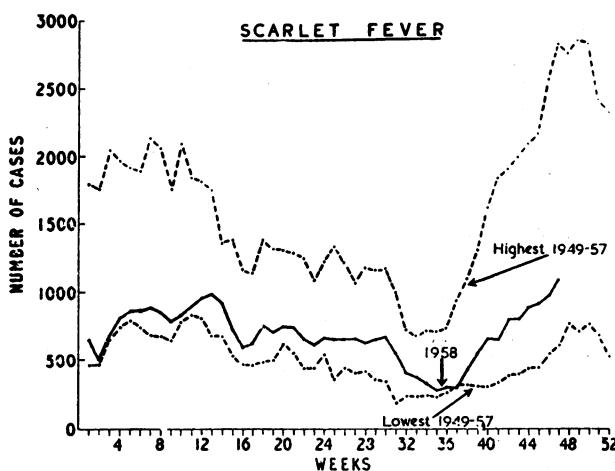
Industrial Accidents and Diseases

The number of workpeople (other than seamen) in the United Kingdom whose deaths from accidents in the course of their employment were reported in October was 73, compared with 102 in the previous month and 107 in October, 1957.

The numbers of cases of industrial diseases in the United Kingdom reported during October, 1958, were as follows: lead poisoning 10, phosphorus poisoning 2, epitheliomatous ulceration 16, chrome ulceration 14; total 42. There were 2 deaths from epitheliomatous ulceration due to mineral oil.—*Ministry of Labour Gazette*, November, 1958.

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 years 1949-57 are shown thus - - - - -, the figures for 1958 thus ———. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1958, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



Medical News

Nuffield Committee for the Advancement of Medicine.—

A decree reconstituting the Nuffield Committee for the Advancement of Medicine was approved last week by the Congregation of Oxford University. The object of the change is to meet Lord Nuffield's wishes that the income (about £110,000 per annum) from the trust fund given by Lord Nuffield in 1936 to finance medical research at Oxford University shall be restricted to expenditure on research, including expenditure on the training of postgraduate students in methods of research. The new committee for the advancement of medicine will be composed as before, but its duties will be to formulate policy and to prepare an annual report and accounts for submission to the trustees. The decree adds: "In making such annual reports the committee shall be required to satisfy the trustees that the time spent by the Nuffield professors of clinical medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, anaesthetics, and orthopaedic surgery, and by the director of the Nuffield Institute for Medical Research in the instruction for students reading for the degree of B.M., shall not be such as to impair their prosecution of research and of the training of postgraduate students in methods of research." Explaining the new decree in Congregation, Mr. J. C. MASTERMAN said that a smaller special committee would be set up which would have the single function of administering the funds of the benefaction (*Daily Telegraph*, December 3). The proposals have been accepted by the United Oxford Hospitals and by the board of the faculty of medicine at Oxford.

Travelling Scholarship for G.P.s.—Details of a travelling scholarship offered by the trustees of the Claire Wand Fund are printed in the Association Notices this week (*Supplement*, p. 254). The purpose of the scholarship is to enable a general practitioner to study what is done for the further education of general practitioners in Canada and the U.S.A. The last date for the submission of applications is January 31.

Iron in the Home.—The danger of iron preparations to children in the home is again evident from figures published by the *Pharmaceutical Journal* (November 29, 1958). They refer to England and Wales in 1956 and were specially extracted by the General Register Office. Out of 15 children aged under 5 who died of accidental poisoning, 7 were poisoned by preparations containing iron. By contrast, among the remaining 341 cases of poisoning of persons aged 5 and over none was caused by an iron preparation.

Mr. H. J. Seddon, director of studies at the Institute of Orthopaedics, has been elected an honorary member of the Société Française d'Orthopédie and of the Société de Chirurgie de Lyon, having been a corresponding member of both societies for some years.

NEW ISSUES

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

Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery and Psychiatry.—Issued four times a year (£3 annually). The new issue, Vol. 21, No. 4, includes:

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS ON SUBARACHNOID HAEMORRHAGE. Wylie McKissock, Kenneth Paine, and Lawrence Walsh.
LEUCOTOMY FOR PAIN. Alick Elithorn, Eric Gliethero, and Eliot Slater.
A CONTROLLED STUDY OF THE EFFECTS OF LEUCOTOMY. A. A. Robin.
THYROTOXIC MYOPATHY. Ragnar Hed, Lennart Kirstein, and Curt Lundmark.
INDIVIDUAL VARIATION IN THE SIZE OF THE TENTORIAL OPENING. J. A. N. Corsellis.
ARTERIES OF THE SPINAL CORD IN THE CAT. Peter Bradshaw.
ACCOMMODATION IN THE HOLMES-ADIE SYNDROME. G. F. M. Russell.
THE EFFECT OF RESERPINE ON THE DURATION OF MANIC ATTACKS. David C. Watt.
A CONTROLLED TRIAL OF MEPROMAMATE IN ANXIOUS OUT-PATIENTS. John M. Hinton.
MYELOID CELLS IN CEREBROSPINAL FLUID. A. I. Spriggs.
TWO HUNDRED AND ONE CASES OF INTRACRANIAL TUBERCULOMA TREATED SURGICALLY. C. Arseni.

Journal of Clinical Pathology.—Issued six times a year (£4 4s. annually). The new issue, Vol. 11, No. 6, includes:

SYMPOSIUM IN HONOUR OF THE CENTENARY OF VIRCHOW'S "CELLULAR PATHOLOGY" (1858-1958):
1858. Sir Roy Cameron.
DIAGNOSIS FROM CELLS. J. Bamforth and G. R. Osborn.
THE BACTERIAL CELL. Robert Cruickshank.
THE CELL IN CULTURE. Honor B. Fell.
CYTOCHONDRIAL ASPECTS OF CELLULAR PATHOLOGY. John W. Harman.
TWO BIOCHEMICAL ASPECTS OF CELL NECROSIS. N. H. Martin.
EXTENSION OF THE LIMITS OF CELLULAR PATHOLOGY: THE ROLE OF ENZYME HISTOCHEMISTRY. A. G. Everson Pearce.
THE EFFECT OF REDUCED OXYGEN TENSION ON PLATELET FORMATION IN VITRO. R. J. V. Pulvertaft.
THE ANTIBODY CONTENT OF SINGLE CELLS. M. C. Berenbaum.
THE CHAIRMAN'S SUMMING-UP. G. J. Cunningham.

Medical and Biological Illustration.—Issued four times a year (£3 annually). The new issue, Vol. 8, No. 4, includes:

MYXOEDEMA. J. H. Briggs.
MAX BRÖDEL, 1879-1941. Sylvia Treadgold.
THE ILLUSTRATION OF BRAIN SECTIONS FOR REPRODUCTION. W. Hewitt.
SILHOUETTES. C. E. Engel.
A METHOD OF PRODUCING MODELS OF HOLLOW ORGANS. J. A. E. Gleave.
FLASH PHOTOMICROGRAPHY OF LIVING ORGANISMS. B. A. Jarrett.

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.

Monday, December 15

GUY'S HOSPITAL.—At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m., lecture-demonstration in endocrinology by Dr. P. M. F. Bishop: Anomalies of Sex Differentiation. Guest speaker, Dr. P. E. Polani. A clinical exhibition will be on view before the lecture.
● HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner meeting. 8.30 p.m., discussion: Human Endurance. To be opened by Sir Vivian Fuchs and Dr. O. G. Edholm.
MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF GENERAL PRACTICE.—At Clinical Sciences Building, York Place, 8.30 for 9 p.m., medical film programme.

Tuesday, December 16

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Dr. J. G. Scadding: Sarcoidosis—Diagnostic Aspects.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.—5 p.m., Sydney Watson Smith Lecture by Professor R. Platt: Some Consequences of Renal Inadequacy.
SOUTH-WEST LONDON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Bolingbroke Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Mr. R. S. Lawrie: Some Surgical Cases.
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. L. C. Oliver: Contributions of Surgery to the Treatment and Understanding of Parkinsonism.

Wednesday, December 17

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., Sir John Wolfenden, Kt.: Homosexuality and the Law.
BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY: MEDICAL SECTION.—At Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m., papers by Dr. S. I. Abrahams, Dr. V. J. Marmery, Dr. H. S. Pasmore and Dr. M. Balint: The Integrating Role of the General Practitioner.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Guest lecture by Dr. J. M. Barnes: Experimental Study of Toxic Substances.
INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. J. G. Sandrey: Epididymitis.

Friday, December 19

ROYAL MEDICO CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW.—At Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 8.30 p.m., Professor P. Alexander: Hamlet and the Psychoanalyst.

APPOINTMENTS

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—Rosalie E. B. Eastwood, M.B., Ch.B., House-physician; V. Ratner, M.B., B.S., Resident Officer to Neurological and Neurosurgical Department; E. P. Berwick, M.B., B.Ch., D.A., Resident Anaesthetist, Tadworth.
LIVERPOOL REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Cynthia J. Discombe, M.D., part-time Consultant Pathologist giving six sessions per week to Ormskirk and District Hospital Management Committee group.
WOLLEN, W., M.B.E., Med.Dip., D.P.H., D.P.M., consultant psychiatrist and deputy physician superintendent, Darenth Park Hospital.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

DEATHS

MacLean.—On November 10, 1958, at Arichat, Nova Scotia, Iain Malcolm MacLean, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Isle of Skye, and Sierra Leone, aged 41.
Male.—On November 20, 1958, at Dorchester, Dorset, Maurice Taylor Male, M.B., D.P.H., Surgeon Commander, R.N., retired, of Upwey House, near Weymouth, Dorset, aged 83.
Robb.—On November 19, 1958, at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, John Robert Beith Robb, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., B.L., J.P., of Torkillie House, by Carnoustie, Angus, formerly of Lenzie, Dunbartonshire.
Vlasto.—On November 17, 1958, at "Sherwoods," Hartley Wintney, Hants, John Alexander Vlasto, M.C., M.B.
Withew.—On November 10, 1958, Thomas Nicholson Withew, L.R.C.P. & S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., of Low Fell, Gateshead, Co. Durham, aged 83.
Wotherspoon.—On November 15, 1958, at Bow End House, Betley, near Crewe, Cheshire, Allan Wotherspoon, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., late of Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs, aged 68.