

and volume of statistical material collected and in the statistical methods applied to it. An attempt to revise the book has therefore, inevitably led Dr. Benjamin to another completely new text. In writing it he has, however, broadly followed the lines laid down by Newsholme—namely to describe in some detail the available sources of vital statistics, to discuss critically their value and limitations, and to give ample illustrations of their uses by modern workers. Thus his book makes no attempt to be a treatise, elementary or advanced, on statistical methods, though occasionally some such methods may be discussed at length in dealing with certain aspects of vital statistics—for example, life tables, standardization of rates, reproduction indices, and the like. In particular he repeats Newsholme's advice that "the present volume is intended for those not equipped for higher mathematical investigations." In simple terms rather does he set out to describe the general problems of census taking; the registration of births, marriages, and deaths; the various measures of fertility, mortality, and morbidity—including the infectious diseases. More special problems include the statistics bearing on environmental factors affecting mortality, maternity and child welfare, the health of schoolchildren, industrial incapacity, and hospital and general practitioner usage. As diseases of special importance specific chapters are given to the statistics of tuberculosis, cancer, and mental health. To this task Dr. Benjamin brings clear and simple writing, a high standard of accuracy, and evidence of wide reading in the selection of examples and topics for illustration. His book should prove a considerable help to workers in the public health field by giving them instruction, a source of reference, or both, in the derivation and meaning of the vital statistics they must frequently study and use.

A. BRADFORD HILL.

SHAKESPEARE THE PHYSICIAN

Shakespeare and Medicine. By R. R. Simpson, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Pp. 267+vi 25s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone, Ltd. 1959.

Some are illiterate, but everyone is a Shakespearian. In fact, Shakespeare is perhaps the only author affection for whom can survive even the most expensive education. It is not surprising that there should be a book on "Shakespeare and Medicine," for every doctor must some time have considered what kind of practice he would have graced had he chosen to be of our profession.

There are, it seems, 712 references to medical matters in Shakespeare. Judging by this he might have been a psychiatrist (49 references), a gynaecologist (48), or an E.N.T. specialist (42); or, if we consider that the majority of the references lie outside these groups, a general practitioner. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine him being satisfied by anything less than the whole man, or indeed mankind.

Dr. R. R. Simpson's book is really a study of Elizabethan medicine, with special reference to Shakespeare, but also with many side glances at contemporaries such as Ben Jonson and Christopher Marlowe. A nice gift for a medical friend. Many "grateful patients" will be glad it was written. It still remains a mystery, however, what drug aurally administered, killed Hamlet's father, in spite of Shakespeare's interest in oto-rhino-laryngology.

R. J. V. PULVERTAFT.

WOLFF AND WOLF

Pain. By Harold G. Wolff, M.D., and Stewart Wolf, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 121+x. 32s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1958.

Wolff and Wolf have been pioneers in the scientific study of pain and their work has exerted a widespread influence on the present generation of clinical scientists. However, the second edition of this little book lacks the excitement of the authors' earlier work and has a *réchauffé* flavour. The first chapter deals with the anatomy and physiology of pain, its nature, initiation, and perception. The second chapter deals with pain arising from various bodily structures, and the section on headache is perhaps the most interesting in the book. The third chapter deals with the diagnosis and management of pain. It is not possible to deal with all these topics adequately in less than 100 pages and they are handled in a fragmentary way. The references are numbered and arranged in order of appearance in the text, which is not very convenient; only about a fifth of them are dated later than 1950.

L. J. WITTS.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

Exploration in Group Relations. By E. L. Trist and C. Sofer. (Pp. 68. 7s. 6d.) Leicester: University Press. 1959.

Smoking. The Cancer Controversy. Some Attempts to Assess the Evidence. By Sir Ronald A. Fisher, Sc.D., F.R.S. (Pp. 47. 2s. 6d.) Edinburgh, London: Oliver and Boyd. 1959.

Handbook of Toxicology. Prepared under the direction of the Committee on the Handbook of Biological Data, Division of Biology and Agriculture, The National Academy of Sciences. Vol. III, Insecticides. (Pp. 854+xxv. 98s.) Vol. IV, Tranquilizers. (Pp. 120+viii. 28s.) Vol. V, Fungicides. (Pp. 242+ix. 38s. 6d.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

Die Behandlung von Hiatushernien und Refluxösophagitis mit Gastropexie und Fundoplicatio. Indikation, Technik und Ergebnisse. By R. Nissen and M. Rossetti. (Pp. 153; illustrated. DM. 49.50) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

Lehrbuch der Krankengymnastik in four volumes. Vol. I, *Einführung in die Krankengymnastik. Physiologie, Krankheitslehre, Grundlagen und Grundtechnik der Krankengymnastik und Massage.* Edited by E. v. Dietze, W. Hardegg, J. Harff, W. Heipertz, K. Lindemann, B. Lück, and H. Teirich. (Pp. 328+xi; illustrated. DM. 32.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

DDT. The Insecticide Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane and Its Significance. Vol. II. *Human and Veterinary Medicine* Edited by S. W. Simmons. (Pp. 570; illustrated. Sw. fr. 66.) Basel, Stuttgart: Birkhäuser Verlag. 1959.

Analgesie Psychologique en Obstétrique. Journée d'Études sur l'Analgesie Psychologique en Obstétrique, Paris, 7 April, 1957. Edited by P. Aboulker, L. Chertok, and M. Sapir. Introduction by H. de Watteville. (Pp. 172+xii; illustrated. 3,500 fr.) Paris, London: Pergamon Press. 1959.

Surgery of the Ear. By George E. Shambaugh, Jr., M.D. (Pp. 669+viii; illustrated. £7 12s. 6d.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

Volume XVI of the *Transactions of the Hunterian Society*, for the year 1957-8, contains the text of the presidential address on "The Vagaries of Haematuria," delivered by Mr. J. C. Ainsworth-Davis; the Hunterian Society Lecture on "Biological Systems and Atomic Radiation," delivered by Sir Ernest Rock Carling; and the Society's Oration on "Animal Communication" by Dr. MacDonald Critchley. This volume also includes Dr. C. A. H. Watts's Gold Medal Prize essay on the diagnosis and management of coronary disease, and an account of some of the Hunteriana in the possession of the Society, by its honorary curator, Mr. C. R. Rudolf.

Correspondence

Addiction to Drugs

SIR,—I have just read with great interest Dr. Maurice Partridge's excellent article on "Addiction to Drugs," which appeared in the *Journal* of March 28 (p. 850) and April 4 (p. 915). I was disappointed, however, to find no mention of *Cannabis indica*, which is otherwise known, depending on the country and the preparation, by such names as hashish, marihuana, reefers, dagha, bhang, ganja, and chalsa, to mention but a few.

This drug must number its addicts to-day in tens of millions. In certain parts of India, for example, the majority of the people either smoke or eat it, whilst in Africa, South America, and the Far East it is scarcely less popular. It is a hardy and fertile plant, growing wild and profusely in many places, and this makes its control by authority almost impossible. Nothing, in fact, is easier to grow in one's tropical back-garden. Its use appears to be spreading, too, amongst Europeans and Americans, not only in their own countries but also in those countries where the plant is indigenous. The present expense and difficulty in obtaining abroad the more traditional alcoholic stimulants may have induced Europeans to adopt this pernicious drug, which can be obtained merely by the effort of snatching some leaves as one drives along a country road.

Perhaps Dr. Maurice Partridge would like to publish an addendum to his article about this drug. I am sure it would be of the greatest interest, and very much appreciated.—I am, etc.,

Assam, India.

STEPHEN LAING.

Results of Cancer Education

SIR,—I was interested to read in Mr. Malcolm Donaldson's letter (*Journal*, May 16, p. 1303) that the object of cancer education is "not to teach the public how to diagnose cancer but to encourage patients to go to the doctor when he or she notices certain symptoms." May I put in a plea for earlier recognition of malignant changes in benign congenital moles? In these cases, although the patient often notices a change in appearance of his mole, it holds no significance for him. While great steps are being taken to educate the general public in such things as smoking as a possible carcinogenic agent, are we not losing sight of the other common premalignant states, changes which can be so readily observed by the patient?

Among many similar cases presented to me in the past few years, one remains prominent as a typical case in which the patient could, if only furnished with some knowledge, have helped himself, and the prognosis would have been hopeful rather than hopeless. The patient, who knew he had a mole on his buttock, felt it enlarging with associated irritation. This he attributed to a boil developing from his mole and applied kaolin poultices. It was to all intents and purposes presenting eventually as a carbuncle, and not until this stage did he seek medical advice. He was subsequently admitted to hospital, and on examination was found to have a typical melanocarcinoma. At this stage only palliative treatment could be offered.

—I am, etc.,

Kingston Hospital,
Surrey

P. W. SEARGEANT.

Preparation for Hysterectomy

SIR,—Recent correspondence has drawn attention to various complications of hysterectomy (*Journal*, March 28, p. 859). I feel the following may be of interest.

I was asked to see a woman, 38 years old, who was supposed to have had recurrent episodes of diarrhoea every 28 days following hysterectomy six years ago. She had been fully investigated physically, but no cause had been found.

I elicited the following story from her. She had been married in 1949 and after two years developed dysmenorrhoea and menorrhagia. This became pronouncedly more severe, and in 1953 she was advised to have a myomectomy. At operation it was found that hysterectomy was necessary, and this was performed, although the patient had no child. The day following operation she was told, without any preparation, that her whole uterus was gone, and this apparently came as a great shock to her.

Three months later she developed "indigestion" with copious belching. Soon afterwards she had an attack of diarrhoea which lasted a few days. She soon began to notice that every month she would have all the feelings that she used to have before menstruation, and these would be followed by an urge to "pass something." She would then pass large quantities of wind per rectum, and eventually a few loose stools. She actually kept a calendar, on which the dates of all these episodes were recorded every month.

She was a good hypnotic subject, and it was simple to remove the results of the psychic trauma, and to give her an insight into the psycho-dynamics of her condition, since when she "feels as if a great weight has been lifted off her mind," and needless to say she no longer has "diarrhoea."

I feel there are two lessons to be drawn. First, the necessity for careful mental preparation of the candidate for hysterectomy, particularly if childless. Second, the danger of taking symptoms at their face value without careful mental as well as physical investigation.—I am, etc.,

Mandeville, Jamaica.

L. D. LORD.

Community Care of Mentally Ill

SIR,—I share Dr. Richard Bell's concern at the contents of memorandum E.C.N. 297, from which he quotes (*Journal*, June 6, p. 1474), and also those of similar memoranda recently issued to hospitals and local authorities, particularly in so far as they concern the mentally subnormal patient. Surely, it is better that a subnormal patient should live in happiness in the sheltered environment of a hospital and his relatives full and normal lives, knowing he is well cared for, than that the lives of both should be made miserable by a state of perpetual conflict in the home, due to the patient's behaviour disorders, arising, as they so often do, from an unsuccessful attempt to compete with those of normal intelligence in the outside world.

By all means let us try to resolve the difficulties of the mentally subnormal without their entering hospital and return selected cases to the community after hospital care, but let us not deceive ourselves that this will be possible or desirable in all cases, or imagine that "community care" has, of itself, some magic therapeutic significance.—I am, etc.,

Bristol, 8.

W. ALAN HEATON-WARD.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on April 9, with Sir James Paterson Ross, President, in the chair, Mr. J. A. Shepherd (Liverpool) was admitted as a Fellow elected *ad eundem*. The following were elected Fellows of the College without

examination as being medical practitioners of 20 years' standing: Dr. A. H. Bennett (Northwich), Dr. S. F. Logan Dahne (Reading), Sir Joseph Pierre (Trinidad), Dr. C. MacPherson (Newfoundland), Mr. A. T. Britten Jones (Adelaide), and Professor A. J. E. Cave (St. Bartholomew's Hospital).

A diploma of Membership was granted to Gordon Taylor.

The following were elected Fellows in the Faculty of Anaesthetists without examination: Dr. R. H. P. Fitzpatrick (Sidcup), Dr. A. Goldblat (Brussels), Dr. T. Gordh (Stockholm), Dr. G. A. Haydock (York), and Dr. E. Nilsson (Lund, Sweden). A diploma of Fellowship in the Faculty of Anaesthetists was granted to P. J. Armstrong by examination.

Diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, as follows:

DIPLOMA IN OPHTHALMOLOGY.—M. M. Ahmad, Y. H. Barnard, A. Cameron, M. J. Chapman, M. I. Choudhury, J. L. Colvin, S. I. Davidson, P. D. A. Durham, Jean R. Ellis, P. N. Gay, R. M. Ingram, M. A. U. Khan, W. M. Levy, F. R. Lippay, Una K. Merritt, D. H. Nicceman, Margaret M. O'Connell, M. D. O'Riordan, G. G. K. H. Parsons, Gillian D. Paterson, L. N. Prasad, S. Prasad, M. Schaffer, Sikander, B. Sinha, P. H. Smith, H. Tin.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIODIAGNOSIS.—A. F. Barrett, C. J. Barton, J. B. Crowe, A. D. Gentle, P. W. Gilman, J. H. Gough, W. Granger, W. B. James, H. I. Jory, B. E. Kendall, J. G. Kenney, D. R. Knapp, P. R. Kossick, M. Lea Thomas, D. R. McDonald, Mala May, R. A. Mian, G. H. Moss, J. T. Patton, H. W. Perera, A. Ramishvili, E. H. Rickard, J. R. Sesel, B. L. Shapiro, D. H. Sutherland, S. E. Trickey, R. Whitaker.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOTHERAPY.—A. T. Abdel-Messieh, M. J. T. Adams, J. D. Bradshaw, J. M. Brindle, Irene M. S. Cade, P. J. Fitzpatrick, L. del R. Lopez, V. Pasupati, G. R. Prager, W. J. K. Simpson, M. E. Tulloh.

DIPLOMA IN CHILD HEALTH.—Safia M. Ahmad, R. U. Ahmed, M. R. Alderson, P. L. Aston, A. Banerji, D. Bartrop, J. B. Benwell, N. C. Bhandari, Cynthia A. R. Bray, Jill M. Buddin, Maureen V. Burrage, Ann C. Butler, Sarah Capell, Anne J. Caro, M. A. Casson, Jocelyn O. P. Chamberlain, Hin-Wing Chan, J. E. Charlewood, K. M. Chorian, Mary Chorian, Momota Chowdhury, B. S. Clarke, Priscilla A. Clark-Maxwell, R. H. L. Cole, G. Z. Cooper, Jean E. Cree, J. E. Cullis, D. C. Curtin, Zarina Deobhakta, Charmaine M. D'Souza, Barbara B. Dunlop, Nula M. Durcan, Ola E. P. Durning, G. H. Fowler, Pattiyage K. M. Gomes, Joan T. Graham, R. H. E. Grant, Doreen Greene, G. M. Hadjiminas, T. M. Hardiker, Pauline F. Haswell, Rita Henryk-Gutt, Sheila Hingston, Maureen J. Hodgson, L. P. J. Holt, Barbara K. Howells, Joan P. Ingham, C. H. Ip, M. Don D. Jayamanne, Jane G. Jenkinson, K. Jitpatima, Winifred M. Jones, J. V. Joshi, Anusuya Kalyanaraman, H. C. Keshavjee, A. Khan, P. J. Koblenzer, Elaine V. Laycock, Marian E. Le Couillard, H. J. Liebeschuetz, E. C. De H. Lobo, R. D. Lockhart, Jane Lodwick, R. B. Lowry, Margery C. McKinnon, June M. McLeod, B. G. P. Macnamara, R. S. McWilliam, N. M. Mathai, D. Mathuranayagam, P. K. Matthew, P. C. Matthews, S. K. Mehra, V. N. Menon, A. C. Metten, W. R. Moore, J. G. Morris, A. Omololu, T. P. Ormerod, E. P. O'Sullivan, Freda M. Paul, U. Pillay, T. B. Prasad, Azima I. Qureshi, F. Rahman, Juliet S. Rajaratnam, Gwyneth Richards, Ethel A. Richardson, Gillian P. Roach, D. Robinson, Jean E. Rotherham, Jean Rowley, Elspeth M. Russell, N. Sabokbar, Anne Savage, J. W. Scopes, Doreen Set, J. Sharan, J. S. Shephard, Pamela M. Sherman, B. A. M. Smith, F. Smith, U. Sreenivasan, J. P. Stanfield, G. M. Steiner, Tin U. A. J. M. Tudor-Hart, T. H. Vanarase, Shirin A. Visram, S. A. Wahid P. Wellings, J. L. Wilkins, Marian A. Wilkinson, Mary E. Wood, D. J. Woods, T. Woodward, H. J. Wright.

DIPLOMA IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE.—D. C. Beatty, J. B. Brennan, N. Cardoe, A. C. Jayasuriya, Joyce J. P. Lomas, I. A. Williams.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—A. S. A. A. Abbasi, S. A. Ahmed, I. R. Bahrani, W. B. R. Beasley, M. K. Bedarkar, E. I. Bengtsson, A. T. C. Bourke, M. Crkvenac, G. C. Das, B. Deka, B. Dhole, G. C. B. Downie, F. P. T. Fok, B. H. Ganatra, R. G. B. Graham, Nicole C. Grasset, A.-R. Hossein-Pour, B. D. J. Leary, A. M. O. Ljunggren, F. Mills, A. G. Motiwale, H. Mumtaz Husain, S. Nagaswami, D. Narayan, J. L. Norquist, M. K. T. Nyunt, Nora V. O'Brien, R. H. Oram, C. R. Ramanathan, P. Roy, J. Sharp, N. K. P. Singh, B. Sri-Aroon, A. R. Taylor, M. P. Thakur, Tin Ohn, Kin Tint, L. Van Ieperen, T. Varughese, K. S. Warren, Dona P. Wijesinghe, R. L. Wild.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—C. P. B. Brook.

DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC HEALTH.—Mildred M. E. Barnard.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON

At a quarterly comitia of the College held on April 30, with President, Professor Robert Platt, in the chair, licences to practise were conferred upon the following 152 candidates who have passed the final examination in medicine, surgery, and midwifery of the Conjoint Board, and who have complied with the by-laws of the College:

A. T. Abdel-Messieh, B. H. Ackers, S. O. Adenle, Margaret J. Alderton, A. S. Ali, Jennifer A. Alcock, M. G. Askew, P. R. Barton, Mary H. Bell, P. M. J. Bennett, A. M. Birt, M. R. Boundy, J. K. Brennand, Margaret J. Briant, P. L. Brooks, J. N. Burgess, R. Burrows-Parkin, W. H. Butler, P. G. C. Calverley, R. C. Catty, P. C. S. Chapman, F. R. Cianchi, W. H. Clegg, J. H. Cole, Catherine M. M. Cordiner, W. G. R. Couldrick, A. J. Cox, Felicity C. A. Cox, D. D. Craig, A. Curd, R. Davidson, Ann Davies, D. Davies, P. W. Davis, G. H. Dickson, Pudith Dimock, J. W. Dubery, R. Dukhi, C. S. Dutton, Marie L. Ellis, J. Farmer, M. A. Fayyad, Elizabeth A. Featheby, Dorothy J. O. Foulkes-Crabbe, T. G. Giffillan, J. M. Glaisyer, M. Glasser, A. Gooding, Dulcie G. Gooding, A. J. Gould, L. H. Grove, D. R. Groves, A. W. Harris, Joan P. Hill, Ann Hodgson, Judith A. Houghton, K. A. Howlett, R. B. Huddy, Ursula S. James, W. F. Jaworski, D. M. Jennens, M. Johnson, A. F. Johnston, B. C. Jones, D. C. Jones, W. M. Jones, H. O. Karoun, N. R. M. Kay, E. D. Keen, J. B. Kelly, Pamela M. Kendall, F. I. D. Konotey-Ahulu, P. J. Lacey, M. H. Lader, C. G. Lake, Astrida Lambers, K. D. E. Lawrey, O. C. Legg, F. J. J. Letemendia, G. M. Levene, I. H. Lewis, Diana J. M. Lister, Doreen M. Lovern, P. McErlan, R. S. McFarlane, D. C. McNeil, G. S. Makin, B. S. Mantell, K. C. Markwick, R. Marsch, J. C. Marwood, C. J. M. Maxwell, V. Melikian, C. C. Merry, J. D. Monger, Margaret J. Moody, M. R. R. Moore, T. J. Mott, J. T. Mucklow, P. J. Mullin, C. D. Neal,

R. G. Notley, B. W. Oakley, H. L. Parfitt, Adiline W. Patterson, M. J. L. Patterson, J. E. Perrin, Jean S. Pilkington, Janet A. Pinner, A. Plews, V. Promitavethi, Hazel M. Rawlinson, A. Rhodes, P. Robson, B. K. Rogers, B. S. Rose, V. N. T. Roy, P. Sadler, M. D. Sanders, P. Saywood, J. S. Seaton, Anne Seymour, M. O. Sime, B. J. G. Skeet, R. B. D. Skidmore, Joyce I. Skinner, A. W. Sollom, Neilma J. Staunton, Caryle A. Steen, J. H. Stiff, D. J. Strath, R. M. Swinburne, E. Tapp, Ann P. Taylor, G. Taylor, A. J. Thomas, W. K. Thomas, Pamela I. Tinslay, Winifred M. Tully, Janet B. Tyler, J. L. Verbov, J. A. Wall, G. G. Ward, Rosemary V. H. Ward, Joyce Wardle, G. S. Welch, P. T. Whitehead, K. L. Williams, M. K. Williams, M. L. S. Woods, M. J. F. Woolmore, R. G. Wrangham.

Diplomas in Child Health, in Medical Radiodiagnosis, in Ophthalmology, in Psychological Medicine, and in Public Health were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England, to the successful candidates whose names are printed below in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England held on April 9.

The following diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Surgeons of England:

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOTHERAPY.—J. M. Brindle, and to the other successful candidates whose names are printed below in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England held on April 9.

DIPLOMA IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE.—D. C. Beatty, J. B. Brennan, N. Cardoe, R. Full-r, A. C. Jayasuriya, Joyce J. P. Lomas, I. A. Williams.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—J. F. Ainslie, A. Husain, and to the other successful candidates whose names are printed below in the report of the meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of England held on April 9.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on May 2 the following degrees were conferred:

M.D.—I. R. McWhinney, P. T. Annesley.

M.CHIR.—C. Shaldon (by proxy), J. D. Marsh, J. P. Williams.

M.B.—D. D. Craig.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

The following degrees were conferred on April 25:

M.D.—James Crooks (with honours), H. R. F. Macdonald, W. G. Manderson, S. P. Smith (with commendation).

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Professor A. A. Moncrieff has been appointed representative of the University at the ninth International Congress of Paediatrics to be held in Montreal from July 19 to 25, in place of Dr. C. F. Harris, who is unable to attend.

Dr. Charles Wilcocks, director of the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, has been appointed Heath Clark Lecturer for 1960.

Professor R. V. Bradlaw has been appointed and Professor M. A. Rushton reappointed representative of the University on the General Dental Council and Dr. R. S. F. Schilling reappointed representative on the governing body of the Slough Industrial Health Service Ltd.

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *Middlesex Hospital Medical School*, Dr. O. P. Dinick (Anaesthetics) and Mr. Douglas Ranger (Oto-rhino-laryngology). *Westminster Medical School*, Mr. E. H. Miles Foxen (Oto-rhino-laryngology). *St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School*, Dr. G. W. Garland (Obstetrics and Gynaecology). *Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, Miss Kathleen M. Robinson (Obstetrics and Gynaecology). *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College*, Dr. F. J. Aumonier (Physiology (Histology)) and Dr. J. G. Widdicombe (Physiology). *University College and University College Hospital Medical School*, Dr. D. R. Laurence (Pharmacology). *King's College*, Dr. R. S. Snell (Anatomy).

UNIVERSITY OF SHEFFIELD

The following appointments are announced: Dr. C. F. I. Sparling and Dr. G. M. J. Fenton, full-time Demonstrators in Anatomy; Dr. A. G. Cox, full-time Research Assistant in Surgery; Mr. F. Masina and Mr. W. J. Fraser, part-time Clinical Teachers in Surgery.

Dr. D. Verel has resigned the post of Senior Lecturer in Medicine on his appointment as Regional Cardiologist under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board and the board of governors of the United Sheffield Hospitals, and Dr. Margaret M. Platts her appointments as J. G. Graves Medical Research Fellow and Honorary Lecturer in Medicine on her award of a Rockefeller Travelling Scholarship.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

Dr. Francis Raymond Wells has been elected to the Schorstein Research Fellowship in Medical Science for 1959.

Mrs. Ann G. Taylor, B.M., B.Ch., Lecturer in Physiology, has been elected to an Official Scholarship in St. Anne's College.