

post-natal clinics. She was elected an honorary associate of University College, Reading, in 1914. Owing to ill health she retired from practice in 1923. In the years since then her kindness to those in need and her generosity became proverbial, and many young people owe their start in life to her good offices. She retained to the last her great interest in world affairs.

#### C. S. GIDEON, M.D.

Dr. Cyril Gideon, who was in general practice in Jamaica for many years, died at Kingston, on that island, on June 20 aged 73.

Cyril Searle Gideon was born at Port Antonio, the son of the late Hon. David Sampson Gideon, C.M.G., *Custos* of Portland. He was educated at Bedford Grammar School, England, and at Toronto University, where he graduated M.B. in 1908. He returned to England and in 1910 obtained his M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Returning to Jamaica, he first entered the Government Medical Service in 1910 as a supernumerary medical officer at the Kingston Public Hospital. Then, after a short temporary appointment at the lunatic asylum, he was appointed district medical officer for Gayle. Two years later he was granted a commission as a justice of the peace for the parish of St. Mary. When the first world war broke out in 1914 he came to England and joined the R.A.M.C., being attached to the King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Later he was given command of an ambulance train, and when he eventually returned to England he served in various capacities before joining the staff of the Ministry of Pensions. In 1928 he proceeded to the Toronto M.D., having in the meantime settled down in private practice in Jamaica. During these years he was an active member of the Jamaica Branch of the British Medical Association. In 1945 he re-entered the Government Medical Service as district medical officer of Stony Hill, a post from which he had recently retired. Since 1910 Dr. Gideon had served the medical department in a variety of ways. He was quarantine officer for eleven years, medical officer to the local forces for sixteen years, and during the second world war he was medical officer in charge of Gibraltar internment camp at Mona. In 1929 he married Melaine Freida, daughter of the late Ernest Beschle, of Switzerland. To his widow, his close relatives, and, indeed, to all his patients, we offer our sympathy.—G. P. F. A.

#### JOHN REID, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., D.P.H.

C. C. writes: Your obituary in the issue of July 4 (p. 23), paid fitting tribute to this kindly and modest man. May I, as one who had the privilege of his friendship, add this passing tribute? John Reid was a great superintendent in those days when a medical superintendent made or unmade his hospital, and he was, as many of these men were, a great physician. It is a truism to say that he lived for his work. He did, and he passed his life in its service and in the service of those who came under his care. His innate modesty masked a profundity of clinical knowledge, and it was perhaps only those who knew him intimately who knew how wide that knowledge was. He hated humbug and cant, self-seeking, and personal aggrandisement, and often deplored to his friends the foolishness of those who attempted to deceive by these methods. But he never failed to listen to what others had to say, and he was at all times courteous: he had no enemies. His home life was simple and happy and the family circle devoted. His passing leaves a great gap in my life and a great sympathy for his widow and for his son who made the home the kindly and hospitable place it was.

#### R. SESSIONS HODGE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

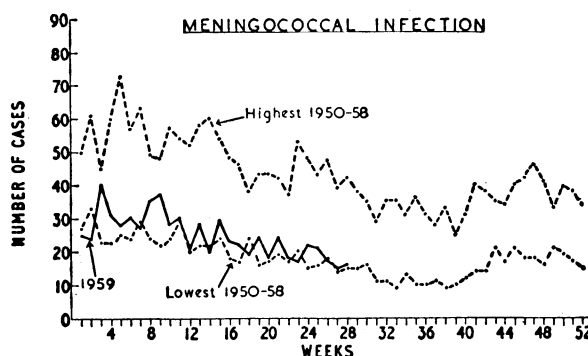
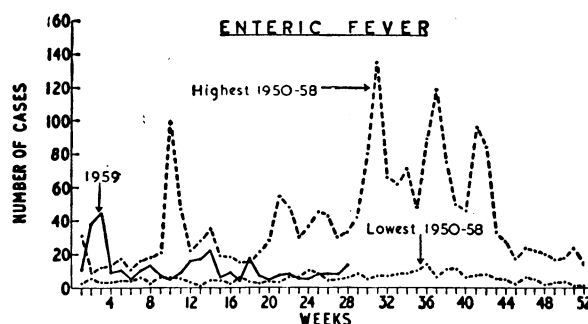
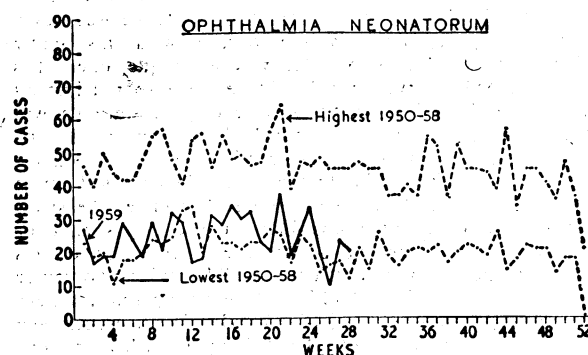
Dr. José Eduardo Fernandes writes from São Paulo, Brazil: It was with great sorrow that I just learned through the *Journal* of February 14 (p. 443) of Dr. R. Sessions Hodge's death. I have always kept a very pleasant recollection of my association with him in my days at the Burden Neurological Institute as a British

Council scholar. He was then a delightful companion, full of humour and appreciation of everybody's remarks. As a foreigner, or a friendly alien as I was technically classified in war-time Britain, it was a cheerful experience for me to watch his imperturbable gentlemanliness amidst the rather unorthodox conversations of our round-table during lunch at the Institute. In fact, the most vivid memory I keep of Hodge is that of a warm and friendly colleague, the very image to me of the British gentleman-doctor. I felt I ought to send to you this belated tribute to show that such a fine man as Sessions Hodge will be remembered also in distant lands.

#### DEATHS

- Pelle.**—On May 26, 1959, at 134, Cooden Drive, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, Harry Diamond Pelle, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S., retired, aged 86.
- Pickett.**—On May 29, 1959, at his home, "Fairfield," Newton Solney, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, Francis Lionel Pickett, M.B., Ch.B., aged 66.
- Proctor.**—On May 26, 1959, at Ingleby Cross, Northallerton, Yorkshire, Samuel Percy Palmer Proctor, M.B., Ch.B.
- Sullivan.**—On June 9, 1959, at 15, Neville Courte, St. John's Wood, London, N.W., Benjamin Sullivan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.F.A.R.C.S., aged 43.

## Vital Statistics



## Any Questions?

### Ocular Symptoms after Radioactive Iodine

**Q.**—Is lacrimation and swelling of the upper eyelids, giving a hooded appearance, common after radioactive iodine treatment for thyrotoxicosis, and what can be done to alleviate it?

**A.**—Lacrimation and circumocular oedema, the latter often masking exophthalmos, may arise after treatment of thyrotoxicosis whether by subtotal thyroidectomy, antithyroid drugs, or radioactive iodine. It is due to rapid lowering of the level of the blood thyroxine which causes an increased secretion of an exophthalmos-producing factor by the anterior lobe of the pituitary gland. The condition is sometimes alleviated by the administration of prednisone or prednisolone in doses of 10 mg. four times daily, but in the writer's experience a more effective treatment is deep x-ray therapy to the orbits.<sup>1</sup>

#### REFERENCE

<sup>1</sup> Jones, A., *Brit. J. Radiol.*, 1951, 24, 637.

### Eustachian Catarrh

**Q.**—What treatment is recommended for head noises apparently due to catarrh in the Eustachian tube?

**A.**—Properly applied, the term "Eustachian catarrh" indicates a swelling of the tubal mucous membrane which is nearly always inflammatory in origin, though it may occasionally be allergic. If excessive and prolonged the tube may become impermeable, which will lead to rarefaction of the air in the tympanic cavity and consequent indrawing of the tympanic membrane, and even at times a transudation of sterile serous effusion (serous otitis). In all such cases there will be a conductive deafness and tinnitus which usually dates from an upper respiratory tract infection. It is much commoner in children than adults and usually subsides spontaneously. If it persists after any acute infection has subsided inflation of the Eustachian tube, which is most conveniently carried out by means of the Politzer bag, will often re-establish the patency of the Eustachian tube and effect a cure. In the case of serous effusion it may be necessary to draw this off via the tympanic membrane by a needle syringe or by an incision. This may have to be repeated if permeability of the Eustachian tube cannot be re-established. In children adenoids may need removal, and sometimes only irradiation of the Eustachian tube will reduce the swelling.

A nasal spray or drops designed to shrink swollen mucous membrane may help, and if there is a definite history anti-allergic measures may help. It sometimes happens that the term "Eustachian catarrh" is applied somewhat loosely to any form of deafness or tinnitus, so it is clearly important to ensure, by means of a detailed otological examination, that the cause of the symptoms is a blocked Eustachian tube before establishing a diagnosis of Eustachian catarrh.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Sir Francis Fraser has been reappointed representative of the University on the governing body of Queen Elizabeth College.

Mr S Gnessen has been nominated for appointment as representative of the University on the advisory committee of the New School for Boys, Upper Clapton Road, Hackney

On March 17 the degree of Ph.D. in the Faculty of Medicine was awarded to S C Agarwal (St. Mary's Hospital Medical School) and Ranjit Sen (University College, Ibadan)

The following degrees were awarded by the Senate on March 25:

M.D.—W. Brumfit, J. Pryse-Davies, H C Smellie, N. A. F. Young.  
M.S.—Irene M S Cade, D B Griffiths.

### UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

The degree of M.D. was conferred on A. J. S. McFadzean, *in absentia*, on March 23.

### UNIVERSITY OF WALES

The following candidate at the Welsh National School of Medicine has satisfied the examiners at the examination for the D.P.H.: F. W. Nash.

### UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

The title of Reader in Experimental Pathology has been conferred on Dr. K. W. W. Walton, Senior Lecturer in Experimental Pathology.

The title of Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Medicine has been given to Dr. J. N. M. Chalmers and Dr. M. J. Meynell, consulting clinical pathologists in the United Birmingham Hospitals and University Clinical Lecturers in Pathology; of University Research Fellow to Dr. A. T. Spencer, Endowment Fund Research Fellow, United Birmingham Hospitals, during the tenure of his present award; and of Clinical Tutor in Dental Surgery to Dr. Emily L. Brown and Dr. Doris E. Quinet.

The following appointments are announced: Dr. J. M. Bishop, Lecturer in Medicine, to be Senior Lecturer and First Assistant; Dr. P. C. Harris, Lecturer in Medicine, to be Senior Lecturer; and Dr. J. Butler, University Research Fellow in Medicine, to be Lecturer, all from April 1, 1959.

The title of Emeritus Professor has been conferred on Professor J. M. Smellie, who retired from the chair of paediatrics and child health on September 30, 1958.

Professor A. V. Neale has been appointed representative of the University on the court of governors of Bristol University, and Professor A. B. MacGregor has been reappointed representative on the General Dental Council.

The board of governors of the United Birmingham Hospitals has granted honorary status to the following members of staff: Mr. Frank Ashton and Mr. G. T. Watts (honorary senior registrars in surgery); Dr. S. H. Taylor (honorary senior house officer in medicine); Dr. E. M. Little (honorary senior registrar in obstetrics and gynaecology); Drs. H. A. Ellis, D. A. Heath, and D. J. Parish (honorary senior registrars in pathology).

Dr. F. N. Garratt resigned from his appointment as research fellow in social medicine on February 28.

### UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN

#### SCHOOL OF PHYSIC, TRINITY COLLEGE

At the recent examination held by the University, the following were awarded the Diploma in Gynaecology and Obstetrics:

J. F. Ackary, S. G. Bari, R. Bashir, J. Basu, M. C. Botha, R. Kachan, M. Mphahle, G. M. J. Pais, U. A. Patel, J. W. Redmond, S. K. Seal, S. Shabbir, Ba Thein, Sein Tin.

### ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on March 12, with Sir James Jaterson Ross, President, in the chair, diplomas of Membership were granted to B. H. Ackers and M. D. Sanders, and of Fellowship in the Faculty of Anaesthetists to D. B. Benzon, F. W. Pais, and W. M. Wilkinson. The Macloghlin Scholarship was awarded to Peter Beck, of Wyggeston Boys' School, Leicester

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on May 14 a diploma of Fellowship was granted to G. S. D. Goel.

A diploma in Physical Medicine was granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to R. Fuller, and diplomas in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene to Dr. J. F. Ainslie and A. Hussain.

### CONJOINT BOARD IN SCOTLAND

The following candidates, having passed the final examinations, have been granted the diploma of L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.&S.Glasg.:

A. S. Affara, G. Antony, M. J. Carter, M. M. Choonara, G. I. Constantinescu, J. Derjanecz, Magdolna Erdohazi, F. S. Freisinger, L. Ifly, I. B. Krintzky, J. R. Lorenz, R. E. M. Macdonald, Z. Mera, G. Meszaros, N. O. Mohammed, Margaret E. Pawson, H. S. M. Perera, E. J. Pick, I. I. Ponnampalam, R. Randall, Theresa Sebestyen, A. de Toszeghi, Anne M. Urquhart, Apollonia B. Weber, Dragana White.

### ROYAL AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

At a meeting of the New Zealand Fellows and Members of the College, held in Dunedin on February 18, the following candidates, who were successful at an examination by the New Zealand board of censors, were admitted by the Vice-President to Membership of the College: R. T. Bush, J. M. Costello, A. E. Dugdale, G. S. McL. Kellaway, A. V. Kurta, J. H. McIntyre, R. B. I. Morrison, R. G. Park, P. J. Scott, I. D. Todd, and J. C. P. Williams.