

study and travel, returned to become a leading physician and professor of medicine in the University of Kansas. His fame as a teacher was equalled only by his skill as an author. His book entitled *The Human Body* (1927), written mainly for non-medical readers, became so popular that the circulation rose to half a million copies. Clendening was then asked to write a daily column, which at the time of his death in 1946 was appearing in 383 newspapers throughout the U.S.A. When he undertook this work he thought it better to withdraw from his private practice, but he continued his academic duties. His column was always informative and often witty, and full of sound philosophy and common sense. He also made valuable contributions to the history of medicine, and his splendid collection of early medical works was bequeathed to the University of Kansas, where it is a cherished possession. It is housed in the Hixon Laboratory, a fine building which Mrs. Clendening (Dorothy Hixon) presented to the university in 1939. The library is known to medical historians throughout the world.

The enthusiasm and dynamic energy of Logan Clendening have done much to raise medical history to its present position as a broad cultural basis of modern medicine. Professor Major, already familiar to so many as the author of *Classic Descriptions of Disease, Hippocrates and the Isle of Cos*, and especially of his two-volume *History of Medicine*, has paid a graceful and well-merited tribute to one who deserves to be remembered and honoured as an erudite historian of medicine, as a devoted and inspiring teacher, and as a cordial and sympathetic friend.

DOUGLAS GUTHRIE.

### ATLAS OF OBSTETRICS

*A Baby is Born. The Picture Story of Everyman's Beginning.* Prepared by Maternity Center Association. French translation by Monique Beljanski; Spanish translation by Dr. Percy Boland. (Pp. 66; illustrated. \$6.) New York: Maternity Center Association. 1957.

The subtitle adequately describes the scope of a book which consists essentially of a series of illustrations. Each is accompanied by an elaborate caption which offers explanation in terms of both anatomy and physiology. The text is, however, so concise that the lay person (for whom the work is intended) may find some difficulty in assimilating and understanding all the facts unless he or she receives some guidance. So far as Great Britain is concerned, the obvious place for this atlas is as a supplement to the instruction given to expectant mothers. For such a purpose it should prove of the greatest help. The illustrations are quite outstanding, many of the photographs of sculptures by Dr. Robert L. Dickinson and Abram Belski having a three-dimensional quality. The reproduction is superb, and it is doubtful whether more simple, accurate, and pleasing illustrations of the anatomy of conception, pregnancy, and labour can be found elsewhere. Any teacher of the fundamentals of obstetrics, to medical students and nurses as well as to the laity, would find them useful.

T. N. A. JEFFCOATE.

*Textbook of Comparative Histology*, by Warren Andrew, of Indiana School of Medicine, is a well-illustrated systematic account of the microscopic structure of invertebrates and vertebrates, intended primarily for students of biology and zoology and pre-medical students. It is available from the Oxford University Press (pp. 652+xix; £6).

### BOOKS RECEIVED

*Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received.*

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*Heavy Metals and the Brain.* By John N. Cumings, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 161+vii; illustrated. 32s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Pain. Problems pertaining to the Transmission of Nerve Impulses which give rise to Pain.* By W. Noordenbos. (Pp. 182; illustrated. 42s. 6d.) Amsterdam, London: Elsevier Publishing Company. 1959.

*The Anastomoses between the Leptomeningeal Arteries of the Brain. Their Morphological, Pathological and Clinical Significance.* By Henri M. Vander Eecken, M.D. (Pp. 160+xvi; illustrated. 57s. 6d.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*La Tuberculose des Houilleurs.* By Jacques Prignot. (Pp. 327; illustrated.) Brussels: Editions Arscia S.A. 1959.

*Current Problems in Allergy and Immunology.* Papers dedicated to Béla Schick on the occasion of his 80th birthday. Edited by William Kaufman. (Pp. 992+xxiv; illustrated. Sw. Fr. 60; \$14.40.) Basle, New York: S. Karger. 1959.

*Odd Man Out: Homosexuality in Men and Women.* By Eustace Chesser. With a foreword by Kenneth Walker. (Pp. 192. 12s. 6d.) London: Victor Gollancz Ltd. 1959.

*Experiment Perilous. Physicians and Patients Facing the Unknown.* By Renée C. Fox. (Pp. 262. \$5.) Glencoe, Illinois: Free Press. 1959.

*Strahlenbelastung Strahlengefährdung und Strahlenschutz in der Röntgendiagnostik.* Edited by Günter Liess, M.D. Assisted by Ernst Dörrfel, M.D., and Dr. Wolfgang Degner. (Pp. 64. DM. 3.10.) Berlin: VEB Verlag Volk und Gesundheit. 1959.

*Grundriss der Bakteriologie und Serologie.* By Dr. Hans Heinrich. (Pp. 134+xi; illustrated. DM. 18.70.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1959.

*Sonderausschuss Radioaktivität Bundesrepublik Deutschland. Zweiter Bericht.* (Pp. 117. DM. 12.60.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Microbiology Yesterday and Today.* Edited by Vernon Bryson. (Pp. 122. \$4.) Rutgers: Institute of Microbiology, The State University. 1959.

*Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Conference on the Nephrotic Syndrome.* Edited by Jack Metcalf, M.D. (Pp. 282+xiii; illustrated.) New York: National Kidney Disease Foundation. 1959.

*Röntgendiagnostik des Magen-Darmkanals.* By Dr. R. Prévôt and Dr. M. A. Lassrich. (Pp. 346+xi; illustrated. DM. 119.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Progress in Hematology.* Vol. II. Edited by Leandro M. Tocantins, M.D. (Pp. 290+vi; illustrated. \$9.75.) London, New York: Grune and Stratton. 1959.

*Pathologie und Klinik des Salz- und Wasserhaushaltes.* By Professor Dr. Edmund Kerpel-Fronius. (Pp. 678; illustrated.) Budapest: Verlag der Ungarischen Akademie der Wissenschaften. 1959.

*Schizophrenia. An Integrated Approach.* Edited by Alfred Auerback, M.D. (Pp. 224+viii. \$5.50.) New York: Ronald Press Company. 1959.

*Les Régulations Physiologiques. Essai de Révision Biométrie du Problème de l'Homéostasie.* By Eugène Schreider. (Pp. 89.) Paris: Office International de Documentation et Librairie. 1958.

*Grundriss der Physiologischen Chemie für Veterinärmediziner, Humanmediziner und Biologen.* By Martin Schenck, M.D., Ph.D., and Erich Kolb. Third edition. (Pp. 333+xv. DM. 23.80.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1959.

*Statistical Methods in Biology.* By Norman T. J. Bailey, M.A., D.S.C. (Pp. 200+ix. 25s.) London: English Universities Press Ltd. 1959.

*The Catarrhal Child.* A Symposium. (Pp. 44; illustrated. 6s.) London, Edinburgh: Chest and Heart Association. 1959.

*The Meaning of Poison.* By Lloyd G. Stevenson, M.D. (Pp. 53. \$2.) Lawrence, Kansas: University of Kansas Press. 1959.

not forgotten his comment to me in 1929 to the effect that in competitive medical practice "there was no room for sentiment but that harmony was essential." The harmony was such that before very long we found we could relieve each other during holidays or illness and never required the services of a locumtenent. I understand that after his hospital work in Edinburgh he was offered the first chair of surgery in the new Cape Town University and also the chair of surgery at St. Andrews University, but decided to devote his service to general practice. In Penrith he had a widespread general and surgical practice, so much so that he had to maintain a stable of six horses, and in the winter he travelled by horse and sleigh.

Dr. Johnston was singularly fortunate in, and happy and proud of, his family, and was blessed indeed in the care, love, and devotion of his wife, Gertrude. This was particularly demonstrated in the last year of his life, when he had to submit to, what was to him, the indignity of the amputation of a leg on account of arterial sclerosis. Bathgate, apart from his many qualifications and medical successes, was a typical Scot, of the sturdy, straightforward, and forthright type, to whom snobbishness, humbug, and pretence were anathema. He was kindly to the point of affection with his patients and upright in all his dealings. His interest in medicine never flagged, and his anatomical knowledge was keen and acute to the last. With his passing there goes from the scene an outstanding figure characteristic of all that is good and worth while in what to him always was a noble profession.

ANNE S. MILNE, M.B., Ch.B.

Dr. A. S. Milne (né McNaughton) died in Blackpool on September 9, aged 35.

Anne Sinclair Milne was educated at Glasgow High School and Glasgow University, where, after an outstanding career as a student, she graduated M.B., Ch.B., with honours, in 1947, gaining the Brunton Prize. Later she held resident posts in Ballochmyle Hospital and was eventually medical registrar there. After her marriage in 1950 to Dr. J. Ross Milne she ceased to practise medicine actively, but nevertheless continued to take a keen interest in medical matters, and in fact attended local B.M.A. meetings even after the first major operation of her last illness. She was also actively interested in the affairs of the Medical Women's Federation and was a member of the local committee of the Ladies' Guild of the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund.

A devoted wife and mother of two young daughters, she died at a tragically early age after a long illness. Her passing will be deeply felt by all those who were privileged to be numbered among her friends, and her outstanding courage in the face of an illness, the gravity of which she must have known only too well, will long be remembered.

## Medico-Legal

### FAILURE OF ACTION IN RESPECT OF GAS-GANGRENE

[FROM OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

On June 29 at Bristol Assizes an action for damages for negligence brought by Mr. Reginald Patch against the Board of Governors of the United Bristol Hospitals was dismissed (*The Times*, June 30).

In 1956 Mr. Patch was suffering from a contracture of the little finger of his right hand, which was also affecting the ring finger. In December of that year he went into hospital for the amputation of his little finger. After the operation gas-gangrene developed, and Mr. Patch's ring finger, and subsequently his middle finger, were removed. Mr. Patch made no complaint of the way in which the

operation was performed, but complained that the gas-gangrene developed as a result of overtight bandaging of the hand after the operation and as a result of failure in the post-operative care by doctors and nurses at the hospital. The court found that on the facts there was no evidence of negligence.

The case is not remarkable for the enunciation of any new principle of law, but it is important for the emphatic reminder delivered by Mr. Justice Streatfeild in his judgment that the liability of medical men is not unlimited, and that the standard of care required of them is not that standard shown by exceptional practitioners.

"Surgeons, doctors, and nurses are not insurers. They are not guarantors of absolute safety. They are not liable in law merely because a thing goes wrong. They are not workers of miracles.

"It is as well to remember that the duty of all these professional people is not to have the skill, perception, and knowledge of the topmost specialists in the land, but the law requires them to exercise professionally that skill and knowledge that belongs to the ordinary practitioner."

A doctor must exercise the care of an ordinary reasonable layman. But, in addition, by carrying on practice and holding himself out as a qualified doctor, he becomes bound by a duty not only to use proper care, but also to possess and exercise proper skill. The degree of care and skill required is that which is to be expected of the average practitioner of the class to which the doctor belongs. Greater skill, of course, will be expected of the average specialist than of the average general practitioner.

*Spastic's Death after Falls from Bed.*—At an inquest in Cardiff on a 9-year-old spastic boy who died after twice falling out of bed in hospital the coroner said that some of the evidence was "disquieting" and that the medical arrangements at the hospital needed tightening up. The boy was stated to have fractured his skull when he fell from bed on the first occasion, and to have opened the fracture and had a fatal haemorrhage on the second occasion. The coroner commented on delays in reporting on the radiograph taken after the first fall and in the medical attention after the second fall. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.—*Manchester Guardian*, August 19.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

The Theodore Williams Scholarship in Anatomy for 1959 has been awarded to Geoffrey Raisman (Pembroke College), and the Theodore Williams Scholarship in Physiology for 1959 to David Keith Parkinson (Christ Church).

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following have been appointed, reappointed, or renominated as representatives of the University on the governing bodies of the institutions indicated in parentheses: Dr. E. R. Cullinan and Dr. J. Forest Smith (Guy's Hospital Medical School); Professor F. R. Goldby (King's College Hospital Medical School); Dr. M. I. A. Hunter and Dr. Ka'harine G. Lloyd-Williams (Royal Dental Hospital of London School of Dental Surgery); Mr. E. G. Slesinger and Professor J. Z. Young, F.R.S. (St. George's Hospital Medical School); Professor W. C. W. Nixon (St. Mary's Hospital Medical School); Professor R. Hare (Wright-Fleming Institute of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School); Sir Archibald Gray and Sir Charles Harington, F.R.S. (University College Hospital Medical School); Sir Archibald Gray, Dr. C. F. Harris, and Sir James Kilpatrick (British Postgraduate Medical Federation); Professor M. Weatherall (Owen's Schools, Finsbury).

Dr. Macdonald Critchley has been appointed representative of the University at the Darwin Centennial Celebration to be held on November 26, 1959, by the University of Chicago to mark the hundredth anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*.

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College*, Dr. R. I. W. Ballantine, Dr. R. A. Bowen, and Dr. G. H. Ellis (Anaesthetics), and Mr. W. D. Coltart (Orthopaedics). *St. Mary's Hospital Medical School*, Mr. G. L. W. Bonney (Orthopaedics) and Dr. K. A. Porter (Pathology). *Middlesex Hospital Medical School*, Dr. A. C. Boyle (Physical Medicine). *Postgraduate Medical School of London*, Mr. D. G. Melrose (Surgery). *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine*, Dr. W. E. Ormerod (Pathology (Medical Protozoology)) and Dr. B. B. Waddy (Tropical Hygiene). *Institute of Basic Medical Sciences*, Mr. R. J. Last (Anatomy); and Dr. J. B. Walter (probationary recognition for two years from July, 1959, as a teacher of pathology).

#### ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF IRELAND

On July 3 the following candidates were admitted Licentiates in Medicine and Midwifery, having passed the final examinations in medicine, surgery, and midwifery of the Conjoint Board in Ireland:

Adrienne M. Grahame-Ballin, P. J. Breen, S. M. Bridburg, Deirdre M. Burns, J. F. Butler, P. Caplan, M. H. Compion, O. O. Dervish, Bozena H. M. Docherty, D. J. G. Docherty, J. Fernando, D. E. Fitzgerald, Carmin H. Grange, E. E. Gulland, E. I. Simon-Hart, N. B. Hershfield, M. T. Huxley, E. A. Jangda, D. A. W. Johnson, P. R. Kachan, N. S. Khamballa, K. Kaneshwaran, W. C. Lee, M. Leser, F. E. A. Lesi, J. C. R. Lincoln, J. Y. K. Lip, Anne Llewellyn, J. G. Madden, G. S. Mangat, K. T. Mapathe, M. S. Matharu, Y. Minty, Pandora M. Moorhead, C. L. Neilmeyer, Jit Seng Ng, P. F. Noone, P. T. Odeghie, H. E. Ofowitz, Elizabeth C. Oaden, A. Rosenberg, A. E. T. Stewart, P. A. Tan, N. H. Vallani, Constance M. Y. Wong.

#### COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

On June 7 Theodore Bliss, M.B., B.S.(London), graduated from the Wythe-Marshall School of Law, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, U.S.A., with the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law.

## Vital Statistics

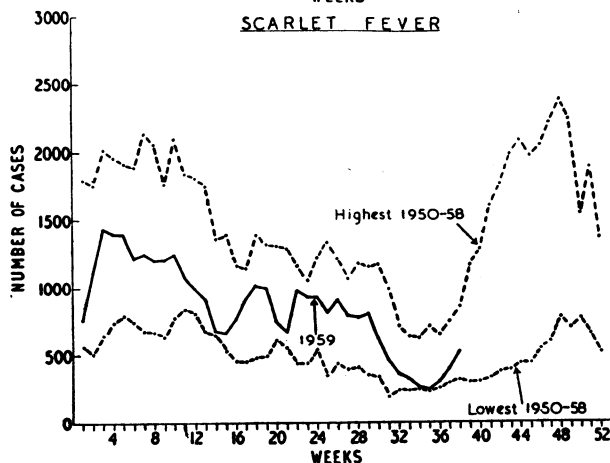
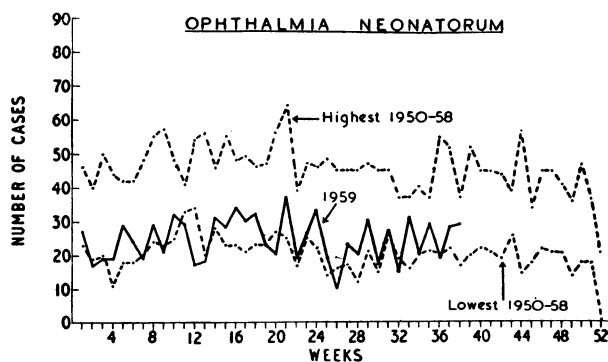
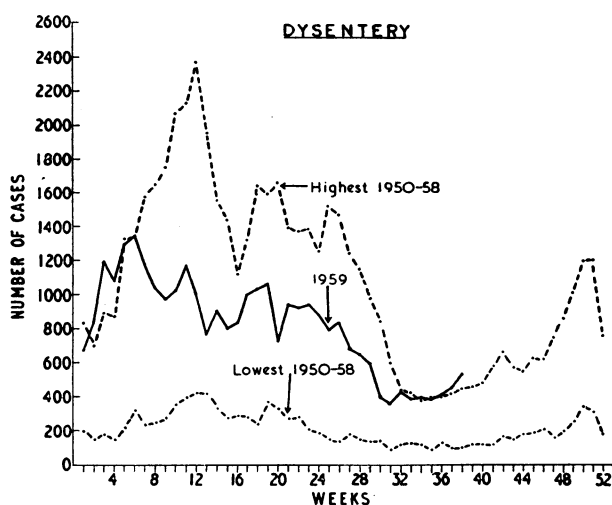
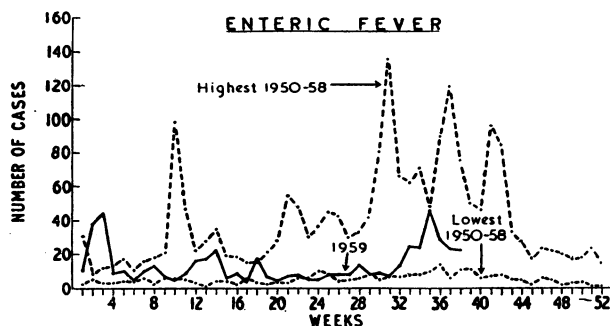
#### Industrial Accidents and Diseases

The number of workpeople (other than seamen) in the United Kingdom whose deaths from accidents in the course of their employment were reported in August was 51, compared with 90 in the previous month and 56 in August, 1958.

The numbers of cases of industrial diseases in the United Kingdom reported during August were as follows: Lead poisoning 2, mercurial poisoning 1, chronic benzene poisoning 1, compressed air illness 1, epitheliomatous ulceration 23, chrome ulceration 12; total 40. There were 2 deaths from epitheliomatous ulceration due to mineral oil. —*Monthly Bulletin of the Ministry of Health*, September, 1959.

#### 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 1950-8 are shown thus -----, the figures for 1959 thus ———. Except for the curves showing notifications in 1959, the graphs were prepared at the Department of Medical Statistics and Epidemiology, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.



#### Scotland in First Quarter

The birth rate for the first quarter of 1959 was 19.9 per 1,000 population, being 0.8 above the average of the five preceding first quarters, and, with the exception of 1947 and 1948, the highest rate in any first quarter since 1928. The infant mortality rate was 33 per 1,000 registered live births, and was 1 above the rate for the preceding March quarter. The stillbirth rate was 22 per 1,000 total births and was the lowest rate recorded in any quarter since registration started in 1939. The neonatal death rate was 22 per 1,000 live births, being 3 above the rate for the first quarter of 1958. The death rate was 16.5 per 1,000 of the population, being 2.2 above the average for the five preceding first quarters, and the highest rate for any quarter since the first quarter of 1951.

Deaths attributed to the principal infectious diseases numbered 525. These were 436 more than in the first quarter of 1958. They included 510 from influenza, 8 from measles, and 7 from meningococcal infections. The 233

## 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, October 12

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—(1) At Senate House, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in dietetics by Dr. E. G. Holmes (East Africa): Aspects of Human Body Composition Related to Diet and to Some Endocrine Factors. (2) At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University College, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in the history and philosophy of science by Professor C. D. O'Malley (California): Andreas Vesalius—The Development of a Scientist—(i) The Student: Paris and Louvain.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—4 p.m., Benzed Memorial Award Lecture by Dr. Denis Hill: Role of Psychiatry in Medicine.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—In Barnes Hall, 2.30 p.m., 1st Nuffield Lecture by Sir Clement Price Thomas.

## Tuesday, October 13

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—At 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, 8 p.m., Dr. C. W. Gordon: Hospital Facilities for Psychiatry in the Birmingham Region.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SPORT AND MEDICINE.—At Arthur Stanley Institute, Peto Place, Marylebone Road, London, N.W., 5 p.m., Dr. J. M. Tanner and Dr. J. Fletcher: Results of Individual Research at the Empire Games.

FOUNTAIN HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., subject: Community Care of the Mentally Subnormal and the New Mental Health Act. Dr. D. H. H. Thomas: Hospital's Role in the Future Service; Dr. G. S. Wigley: Local Health Authority and the Future Service.

HEATHERWOOD ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL.—8.30 p.m., Mr. J. P. Jackson: Joint Fusion in Children.

LEEDS NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM, 1959-60.—At Littlewood Hall, General Infirmary at Leeds, 5.15 p.m., Dr. J. M. Roberts: Use and Abuse of Tranquillizers.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Riley Smith Hall, University Union, 3 p.m., Inaugural Lecture by Mr. Norman Fisher, M.A.: Culture and Allergy.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF SURGERY.—At Staff House, Manchester University, 7.45 for 8 p.m., Presidential Address by Mr. I. M. Orr: Surgical Problems of the Upper and Lower Extremities of the Oesophagus.

## Wednesday, October 14

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. A. Tickner: The Biochemistry of Exfoliative Dermatitis.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. D. T. Carr: Pleural Fluid Glucose: with Particular Reference to Effusions in Rheumatoid Arthritis.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. A. H. Harkness: Non-gonococcal Urethritis.

LONDON ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION.—At Royal Free Hospital Medical School, 8.30 p.m., Dr. Patricia Shaw, Dr. Marjory Warren, and Mr. D. C. R. Munro: Problems of Old Age.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University College, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in the history and philosophy of science by Professor C. D. O'Malley (California): Andreas Vesalius—The Development of a Scientist—(ii) The Teacher: Padua and Bologna.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF PATHOLOGY.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Medical School, Manchester University, 4.30 for 5 p.m., Dr. P. J. L. Sequeira: Serology of Venereal Diseases.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—7.30 p.m., Dr. A. M. Cook, B.Pharm., Ph.D.: Evaluation of Disinfectants and Preservatives.

## Thursday, October 15

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—(1) At Anatomy Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 1.15 p.m., Dr. H. Kalmus: Sensations and Stimuli. (2) At Senate House, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in dietetics by Dr. E. G. Holmes (East Africa): Aspects of Human Body Composition Related to Diet and to Some Endocrine Factors. (3) At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University College, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in the history and philosophy of science by Professor C. D. O'Malley (California): Andreas Vesalius—The Development of a Scientist—(iii) The Fabrica.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF ANAESTHETICS.—At Staff House, Manchester University, 7.45 for 8 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. E. F. Hill: 50 Years of Anaesthesia.

NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.—At Winkfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Professor C. Casuccio: Some Observations on the So-called "Senile" Osteoporosis.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Normal Vision and "Refraction Patients."

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At 26, Portland Place, 7.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Sir William MacArthur: Identification of Some Pestilences of the Past.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. Denis Williams: demonstration in neurology.

## Friday, October 16

FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS.—At University College Hospital Medical School, 4.30 p.m., Professor M. Rosenheim and Dr. C. J. Hodson: Radiology in Hypertension of Renal Origin.

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. F. R. Bettley: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. N. Lloyd Rusby: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., clinical discussion for general practitioners. Mr. A. S. Walker: Management of Deaf Children.

INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—4.45 p.m., Dr. R. T. C. Pratt: Genetics.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—8 p.m., clinical meeting.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Senate House, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in dietetics by Dr. E. G. Holmes (East Africa): Aspects of Human Body Composition Related to Diet and to Some Endocrine Factors.

MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—At County Hall, S.E., (1) 1.15 p.m., 38th annual general meeting; (2) 2.30 p.m., general meeting in conjunction with the General Assembly of the International Union Against the Venereal Diseases and the Treponematoses.

PLYMOUTH MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Freedom Fields, 8.30 p.m., short papers by Mr. D. A. Bailey, Dr. M. E. Gordon, Dr. H. Greenburgh, and Dr. R. Simpson-White.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: FINE CHEMICALS GROUP.—At Westminster Medical School, 6.30 p.m., Professor J. N. Davidson: Chemistry and Biochemistry of the Nucleic Acids.

## Saturday, October 17

FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 10 a.m., Dr. I. Yentis: Radiodiagnosis; 10.30 a.m., Dr. J. F. Bromley: Radiotherapy; 11.30 a.m., Dr. R. C. S. Poinson: Chemotherapy.

NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN THORACIC SOCIETY.—At Broomfield Hospital, near Chelmsford, Essex, 10.30 for 11 a.m., joint meeting with East Anglian Thoracic Society. Dr. M. Barry: Experience in Finding Congenital Heart Disease from Chest X-rays; Mr. Geoffrey Flavell: The Treatment of Hiatus Hernia; Mr. B. B. Millstein: Atrial Septal Defects; Dr. E. G. Sita-Lumsden: Chronic Berylliosis.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OTOLARYNGOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Liverpool, 2 p.m., 13th Annual and 37th Ordinary Meeting.

## Sunday, October 18

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—10.15 a.m., seminar for general practitioners. Mr. Anthony Radcliffe: Common Ear, Nose, and Throat Conditions.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: NORTH-WEST ENGLAND FACULTY.—At Theatre 1, Clinical Sciences Building, York Place, 11 a.m., Dr. W. Brockbank, Mr. J. B. Lloyd, and Dr. Basil Lee: Cost of Prescribing.

## APPOINTMENTS

EVANS, R. G., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., C.P.H., County Medical Officer of Health for Breconshire.

HOSPITALS FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—J. C. W. MacFarlane, M.D., Whole-time Clinical Pathologist, London Chest Hospital; M. Paneth, B.M., B.Ch., F.R.C.S., Part-time Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, Brompton Hospital.

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## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

## BIRTHS

Benwell.—On September 28, 1959, at North Walsham Hospital, Norfolk, to Jean (formerly Crist), R.S.C.N., wife of John Benwell, M.B., B.S., D.C.H., a daughter—Elizabeth Helen.

## DEATHS

Ainsworth.—On September 5, 1959, at his home, Lytham House, Kirkley, near Liverpool, Richard Ainsworth, M.B., aged 87.

Becket.—On August 28, 1959, at 187, Park Lane, Macclesfield, Cheshire, Jeremiah Christopher Becket, M.B., B.Ch., formerly of Ebbw Vale, Mon., aged 39.

Bennett.—On September 9, 1959, at 19A, King Edward Parade, Devonport, Auckland, New Zealand, Francis Lionel Percy Garnet Bennett, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., late of Glandore, St. Mary's, Isles of Scilly, aged 70.

Campbell.—On September 11, 1959, at Glen Tachur Hotel, Pinwherry, Ayrshire, John Campbell, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., of Chipstead House, Birtley, Co Durham.

Currie.—On September 11, 1959, at Edinburgh City Hospital, James Grant Currie, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., Surgeon Commander, R.N., retired, of 5, Rothesay Terrace, Edinburgh.

Davis.—On September 9, 1959, at Greenbank Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, William Herbert Davis, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 23, Church Street, Woodbury, Devon, aged 85.

Durnin.—On September 3, 1959, at 83, Morley Road, Chaddesden, Derby, Charles Durnin, M.B., B.Ch., aged 59.

Edmonds.—On September 1, 1959, Mary Therese Edmonds, M.B., B.S., of 18, Gigg's Hill Gardens, Thames Ditton, Surrey.

Macaskie.—On September 7, 1959, at Melbourne, Australia, Frank Bertram Macaskie, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., late of Seahouses, Northumberland.

McKibbin.—On September 10, 1959, at his home, Lierre, Daleside Gardens, Chigwell, Essex, Noble McKibbin, M.B., B.Ch.

Milne.—On September 9, 1959, at Blackpool, Lancs, Anne Sinclair Milne (formerly McNaughton), M.B., Ch.B., aged 35.

Miskin.—On September 5, 1959, in a nursing-home, Hove, Sussex, Ernest Miskin, M.B., of 101, Holland Road, Hove, aged 89.

Mitchell.—On September 2, 1959, at Edinburgh, Alexander Philip Mitchell, M.D.Ed., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed.

Steel.—On September 6, 1959, at Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, the result of a riding accident in May, 1956, Anne Margaret Steel, M.B., Ch.B., aged 39.

Waller.—On September 1, 1959, Arthur Beaumont Waller, M.B., of Ellenslea, Station Street, Kirkby-in-Ashfield, Notts.