

Medical News

The Church, Morals, and Medicine.—Writing in the *Canterbury Diocesan Notes*, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. FISHER, referring to the partnership between the Churches and the profession, says:

"I could illustrate this thesis in several ways: at the moment I am thinking of the medical profession especially. There has always been a natural and inevitable affinity between the Church and the medical profession, since their ministries of healing cannot be separated: but it had come to appear to many people that in their partnership the one was scientific and authoritative and the other sentimental and subsidiary. There is in many quarters a renewed sympathy between the two and a recognition that in many ways neither can do the perfect work of healing without the co-operation of the other.

"The medical contribution to and reception of the Report on the Church's Ministry of Healing is evidence of this readjustment, though there are still, of course, many clergymen, many doctors, and particularly many psychiatrists who do not realize the absolute necessity of a full partnership. On neither side of the partnership is there infallibility; neither can dictate to the other; but in their joint pursuit of spiritual and physical health, they need each other. And this is especially so when they deal from either side with questions that are as much or more moral than medical. A doctor is perfectly free to publish an article disagreeing with the Church's view of fornication or other moral aberrations. But great injury to both sides of the partnership results, unless he makes it clear that he does not speak for his profession and that the fact of his being a doctor does not give him any special competence to deliver judgments on moral questions.

"Or again, whatever may be thought of A.I.D., the fact that some doctors had been practising A.I.D., knowing that it involved the parents in a false entry in the birth certificates, and that it raised many other legal, social, and moral questions, without seeking any formal advice from the Church or the legal profession or their own profession, injured the partnership. It is always serious to take the law, moral or civil, into one's own hands.

"However, in spite of failures such as these, I am sure that the sense of responsible and indeed Christian partnership between the Church and the medical profession is increasing most healthily; and I think there are similar signs of renewed co-operation in other spheres of life also. Everything possible should be done by Churchmen and especially by the Church laity to stimulate and encourage hopeful developments."

Nuclear Energy in Medicine.—The Royal Marsden Hospital is to build a branch hospital at Sutton Downs devoted to the application of nuclear energy in medicine, and to research on the effects of radiation on man. It will be closely associated with the Institute of Cancer Research, the South Metropolitan Cancer Registry, and the Radiological Protection Service. The building programme has been planned in two stages, and it is hoped that work on the first, a treatment centre at which supervoltage radiotherapy will be available to a group of hospitals, will begin this summer and be completed in about two years' time. Advantage will be taken of a natural rise at the east end of the site to bury the supervoltage buildings in the side of the hill, using the chalky ground itself as a radiation

shield instead of great thicknesses of concrete. The second stage, for which a detailed programme is not yet available, will be the erection of a radioactive isotopes investigation and treatment unit with research and teaching laboratories. Here, short-term courses in the use of radioactive isotopes in medicine will be arranged for home and overseas visitors. Accommodation is already available at Sutton Downs for the treatment of 12 patients by the first teletherapy unit using caesium 137 in Britain.

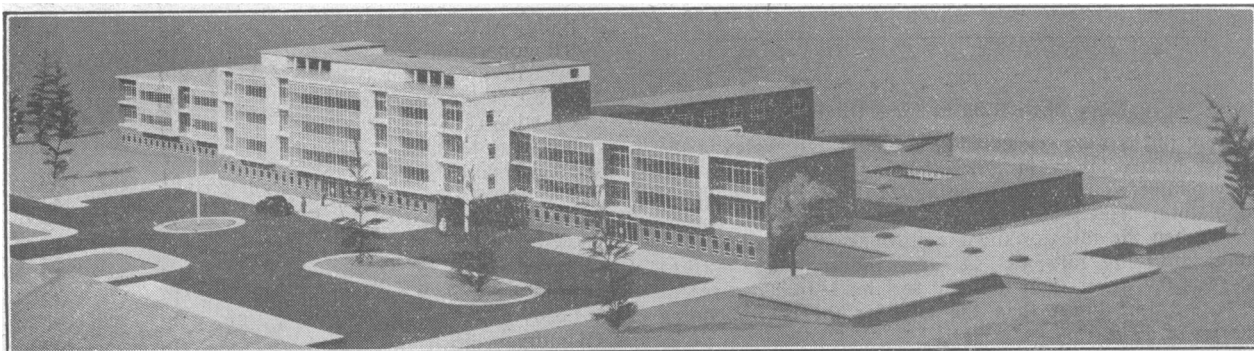
Rockefeller Foundation.—Rockefeller Foundation grants for the first quarter of the year totalled \$2,296,466. Grants for medical education and public health accounted for \$153,480, and biological and medical research for \$780,366. Major grants were provided for research on population problems at Miami University (U.S.A.) and on tropical diseases at the Liberian Institute, Harbel, West Africa. In Britain a grant of \$41,000 over a five-year period has been made for biochemical research into mental disease to be carried out at the University of Oxford under the general supervision of Sir GEORGE PICKERING, regius professor of medicine, to whose research the Foundation contributed \$156,000 in 1955.

Engineering for Disabled.—The National Fund for Poliomyelitis Research has set up a committee for research into apparatus for the disabled under the chairmanship of Sir HARRY PLATT, emeritus professor of orthopaedic surgery at the University of Manchester. Its aim is "to tackle the problem of the disabled from a combined engineering and medical point of view." The National Fund has made a grant of £19,120 for an initial three-year period for this purpose, and has appointed a materials handling engineer at the Institute of Orthopaedics in London where prototypes will be made and research undertaken.

Polio Vaccine.—A temporary shortage of poliomyelitis vaccine, due to the increased demand for inoculation following the death of a well-known footballer from poliomyelitis, has now been overcome. The Ministry of Health announced this week that more than one million extra doses have been dispatched in the last 10 days to about 100 authorities, and that the United States is to supply about one million doses of vaccine to replenish the reserve stock.

Holiday Camp for the Handicapped.—The Gorleston Holiday Camp for the Handicapped, under the auspices of the Norfolk Association for the care of the Handicapped, will be run again this year from September 12 to 26, and will accommodate 300 guests a week. Application forms and brochures can be obtained from the Hon. Camp Secretary, N.A.C.H., 29, Thorpe Road, Norwich. Final applications must be returned by June 15.

Transport of Live Animals.—A British Standards Institution Committee under the chairmanship of Dr. W. LANE-PETTER has been formed to study the possibility of laying down British Standard recommendations for the carriage of live animals by air. The committee is giving priority to discussions on the transport of day-old chicks and of monkeys.



Model of Sutton Downs branch of Royal Marsden Hospital.

[Lanchester and Lodge, Architects

Joint B.M.A.-C.M.A. Annual Meeting.—Canadian cardiologists attending the Edinburgh meeting who would like to be put in touch with particular cardiac centres in this country should write to the Secretary, British Cardiac Society (Dr. P. Mounsey, 35, Flood Street, Chelsea, London, S.W.3), who will try to arrange for them to do so between July 8 and 17.

Central Midwives Board.—At a meeting of the Board last month Mr. ARNOLD WALKER was re-elected as chairman, and Professor A. A. MONCRIEFF as deputy chairman for the ensuing year.

COMING EVENTS

Fourth Almoth Wright Lecture.—"The Molecular Basis of Heredity," by Professor G. W. BEADLE. For details see advertisement p. 52 of this week's *Journal*.

National Deaf Children's Society.—The Society's Spring Meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. on May 2 at the Holborn Borough Assembly Hall, John's Mews, Northampton Street, London, W.C.1.

British Red Cross Society.—The society is holding an exhibition illustrating its work throughout the world at 14-15, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1, from May 4 to 8.

National Industrial Safety Conference and Trade Exhibition.—This will be held at Scarborough from May 8 to 10. Details from the Industrial Safety Division, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Artillery Mansions, 75, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1 (ABB 6963).

World Health Organization.—The twelfth World Health Assembly will be held in Geneva from May 12 for three weeks. Details from the W.H.O., Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

London University Convocation.—Dr. C. F. HARRIS, vice-chancellor of the University, will address convocation on "Problems of Medical Education" on May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Senate House, Malet Street, London, W.C.1.

Joint Conference of the College of General Practitioners and the Society of Medical Officers of Health.—This conference will take place at the Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1, on May 23 and 24. Details from the secretary, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency.—A week-end course for psychiatrists on "Assessing the Offender for the Courts" will be held at Moor Park College, Farnham, Surrey, from May 29 to 31. Details from Miss E. SAVILLE, I.S.T.D., 8, Bourdon Street, Davies Street, London, W.1. (MAY 3472.)

Eighth German Postgraduate Medical Congress.—This will be held in West Berlin from May 20 to 24. Details from Kongressgesellschaft für ärztliche Fortbildung e.V., Berlin-Steglitz, Klingsorstr. 21, Germany.

International Association of Gerontology.—The second meeting of the European Clinical Section will be held at Nancy and Vittel from June 25 to 28. Further details from Dr. E. WOODFORD-WILLIAMS, Department of Medicine and Geriatric Medicine, General Hospital, Sunderland.

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.

Saturday, May 2

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Chest Clinic, Castle Hill, Cambridge. Symposium on Respiratory Diseases, 10.30 a.m., Dr. R. A. Bruce: Cough; 11.30 a.m., Mr. C. Parish: Haemoptysis; 12.15 p.m., Dr. E. M. Cheffins: Pain in the Chest; 2.15 p.m., Dr. M. J. Greenberg: Dyspnoea; 3 p.m., Mr. B. B. Milstein: Dysphagia; 4 p.m., film: Treatment of Bronchiectasis, with commentary by Mr. P. R. Slade.

Monday, May 4

MARLBOROUGH DAY HOSPITAL.—8.15 p.m., Dr. S. L. Morrison: Epidemiology and Mental Illness.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Mr. Geoffrey Knight: Surgical Treatment of Mental Illness.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute of Microbiology 5 p.m., Almoth Wright Lecture by Professor P. B. Beeson (Yale): Studies on Bacterial Infections of the Kidney.

Tuesday, May 5

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—At British Institute of Radiology, 5 p.m., Dr. E. Wright: Effects of Irradiation on the Skin.
● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 2.30 p.m., Professor J. Walker: Oxygen Supply to the Human Foetus.
LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—5.15 p.m., joint history of medicine lecture by Dr. Robert Cope: Medicine in the early nineteenth century.
LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University College, Gower Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in human anatomy and morphology by Professor V. B. Mountcastle (U.S.A.): Central Nervous Mechanisms in Somatic Sensation—(1) Inter-relations of Structure and Function in the Somatic Afferent System.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. Desmond O'Neill: Tension Pain in Gynaecological Practice.
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. J. Minton: Ocular Manifestations in Clinical Neurology. Part II.
WEST OF ENGLAND CHILD HEALTH GROUP.—At Department of Child Health Lecture Theatre, Children's Hospital, Bristol, 5.30 p.m., Dr. Cecile Hopkins: Problem Families.

Wednesday, May 6

ASSURANCE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 5 p.m., Dr. Francis Bach: Rheumatic Diseases and their Relation to Life Insurance.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Lymphocytic Infiltration of the Skin.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Sir Russell Brock: Present Position of the Surgery of Pulmonary Stenosis with Normal Aortic Root.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. Friedmann, Dr. D. A. Osborn, and Dr. A. L. Jeanes: Clinical pathological conference.
LONDON UNIVERSITY.—(1) At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in hygiene and public health by Professor Jonas E. Salk (Pittsburgh): Waxing and Waning of Epidemics in Our Time. (2) At Bedford College, N.W., 6 p.m., special university lecture in psychology by Professor D. J. van Lenep (Utrecht): Recent Studies on the Personality of the Proficient Research Worker.
MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Physiology Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 5 p.m., annual meeting. Professor M. L. Rosenheim: A Medical Visit to the Antipodes.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Dr. E. J. L. Lowbury: Infection of Burns.

Thursday, May 7

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Professor H. N. Robson: Some Aspects of Leukaemia.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—5 p.m., Professor N. M. Dott: Syndromes of Cerebral Displacement.
LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.15 p.m., clinical meeting.
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NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. Judet: Treatment of Talipes Equino-Varus in Children Beyond the Age of Two Years.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. Raymond Daley: Mechanism and Treatment of Cor Pulmonale.
ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Aspects of Refraction Work—(6) Astigmatism.
ROYAL SOCIETY.—4.30 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Professor W. T. J. Morgan, F.R.S.: Contribution to Human Biochemical Genetics; Chemical Basis of Blood Group Specificity.

Friday, May 8

FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4.30 p.m., Third Knox Memorial Lecture by Dr. S. Cochrane Shanks: Medicine, Radiology, and the Law.
● **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. P. D. Samman.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical lecture by Mr. N. Asherson: Cysts of the Larynx and Pharynx.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Mr. W. T. Irvine: Some Clinical and Experimental Problems of Ureteral Transplantation.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—3.30 p.m., Professor J. B. Kinmonth: Some Aspects of Cardio-vascular Surgery.
WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.30 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference: Aortic Coarctation.

Saturday, May 9

● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Hammersmith Hospital, (1) 9.45 a.m., Professor H. Carey (New Zealand): Conservative Management of Toxaemia. (2) 11 a.m., Professor D. E. Cannel (Toronto): Management of Cardiac Diseases in Pregnancy.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Bass.—On April 15, 1959, in University College Hospital, London, W.C., to Nesta (formerly Shiner), wife of Dr. A. L. Bass, a daughter—Gillian Anne.
Maling.—On April 21, 1959, in Swansea, to Rosemary (formerly Dearden), M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., and Derek Hylton Maling, B.A., Ph.D., a daughter—Heather.
Moody.—On April 20, 1959, to Marion (formerly Lavers) and Dr. W. P. C. Moody, of 48, Chester Road, Northwood, Middx., a brother to Kingsley and Susan—Julian Christopher.

DEATHS

Blackmore.—On April 6, 1959, at 21, Lynwood Close, Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey, Douglas William Nelson Blackmore, M.B., Ch.B., late of Thornton, Bradford, Yorks, aged 60.
Buckley.—On April 10, 1959, at St. Augustine's Home, Brighton, Sussex, Winifred Finimore Buckley, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of 20, Lexham Gardens, London, W.