

News and Notes

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Infectious Diseases

Areas where numbers of notifications were high in the latest two weeks for which figures are available.

Dysentery	Week Ending 31 Dec. 6 Jan.	
Cheshire ...	1	25
Bollington U.D. ...	1	22
Gloucestershire ...	19	16
Bristol C.B. ...	11	15
Greater London ...	49	67
Herefordshire ...	25	32
Leominster M.B. ...	24	26
Lancashire ...	36	57
Denton U.D. ...	6	21
Lincolnshire ...	23	18
Boston M.B. ...	23	14
Suffolk ...	9	17
Ipswich C.B. ...	6	12
Warwickshire ...	49	11
Birmingham C.B. ...	23	10
Yorkshire West Riding ...	35	35
Bradford C.B. ...	14	11
Leeds C.B. ...	5	13
Glasgow ...	37	44
Dumfries County ...	85	21

Food-poisoning

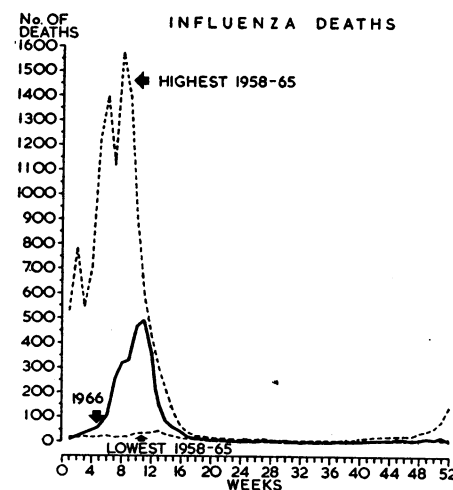
	Week Ending 31 Dec. 6 Jan.	
Greater London ...	14	29
Bromley ...	0	10
Edinburgh ...	6	47

Measles

Gloucestershire ...	243	468
Greater London ...	3,361	5,105
Bexley ...	194	261
Brent ...	241	300
Croydon ...	277	268
Ealing ...	124	212
Greenwich ...	216	277
Haringey ...	96	221
Newham ...	106	244
Southwark ...	106	237
Sutton ...	151	255
Waltham Forest ...	231	339
Hertfordshire ...	357	716
Lancashire ...	2,227	2,502
Staffordshire ...	414	699
Warwickshire ...	613	814
Yorkshire West Riding ...	1,317	2,088
Huddersfield C.B. ...	144	286
Leeds C.B. ...	273	337
Sheffield C.B. ...	126	212

Graphs of Infectious Diseases

The graph below shows the uncorrected number of deaths from influenza in England and Wales. Figures for 1966 are compared with the highest and lowest figures for each week in the previous years shown.



INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending 31 December (No. 52) and corresponding week 1965.

Figures of cases are for the countries shown and for Greater London. Figures of deaths and births are for the whole of England and Wales (London included), Greater London, the 17 principal towns in Scotland, the 10 principal towns in Northern Ireland, and the 14 principal towns in Eire. A blank space denotes disease not notifiable or no return available. The table is based on information supplied by the Registrars General of England and Wales, Scotland, N. Ireland, and Eire, the Ministry of Health and Local Government of N. Ireland, and the Department of Health of Eire.

CASES	1966					1965				
	Eng. & Wales	Gr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Gr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Dysentery ..	381	49	169	1		440	58	114	6	10
Encephalitis, acute ..	1	0		0		2	0		0	
Enteric fever: Typhoid ..	1	0	1	0		0	0	0	0	
Paratyphoid ..	4	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Food-poisoning	72	14	11	0		89	37	7	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years				15	31					9 27
Measles* ..	14,865	3361	317	180	93	3,870	228	41	53	96
Meningococcal infection ..	2	1	3	3	1	6	0	2	3	
Ophthalmia neonatorum	11	3	1	0		12	1	1	0	
Pneumonia† ..	141	16	100	3		176	26	106	6	3
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	2	0	
Non-paralytic ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	1	0	
Puerperal fever‡	60	20	4	0		80	30	4	1	
Scarlet fever ..	333	60	31	13	13	434	46	36	15	9
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	154	28	56	0		216	44	34	1	
Non-respiratory ..	34	4	6	0		39	10	9	0	
Whooping-cough	349	52	31	11	6	233	30	21	17	

DEATHS	1966					1965				
	Eng. & Wales	Gr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng. & Wales	Gr. Lnd	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria ..	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Dysentery ..	0	0		0		0	0		0	
Encephalitis, acute ..					0					0
Enteric fever ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0
Influenza ..	4	1	1	0	4	19	3	1	0	1
Measles ..	0		2	0	2	0		0	0	0
Meningococcal infection ..			1					0		
Pneumonia ..	938	158	28	21	22	969	182	36	31	14
Poliomyelitis, acute ..	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0
Scarlet fever ..	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	48	9	3	0	7	66	14	6	0	1
Non-respiratory ..				0	1				0	0
Whooping-cough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year	313	58	24	12	19	331	57	30	10	5
Deaths (excluding stillbirths)	11,229	1792	656	144	385	12,781	2065	711	172	204
LIVE BIRTHS	12,943	2120	846	214	746	14,197	2467	824	210	305
STILLBIRTHS	213	31	15			231	41	16		

* Measles not notifiable in Scotland, whence returns are approximate.

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

MEDICAL NEWS

Royal Society Vice-Presidents

The President of the Royal Society, Professor P. M. S. BLACKETT, has appointed the following, among others, vice-presidents for the year ending 30 November: Sir ASHLEY MILES, biological secretary of the Royal Society, director of the Lister Institute, and professor of experimental pathology at London University; and Dr. R. D. KEYNES, director of the Institute of Animal Physiology, Babraham, Cambridge.

Committee on Drug Addiction

At the first meeting in London on 12 January of the Advisory Committee on Drug Dependence, set up last October (see *B.M.J.*, 5 November, p. 1147), Miss ALICE BACON, Minister of State, Home Office, announced that Sir EDWARD WAYNE had been appointed chairman in place of LORD BRAIN, who died in December. Sir Edward is Regius Professor of the Practice of Medicine at Glasgow University. He is a past chairman of the British Pharmacopoeia Commission and is chairman of the B.M.A. Committee on Alcohol and Road Accidents.

Sir Arnold France Opens New Hospital

About £75m. will be spent on hospital building in the current year, and for the next 10 years programmes will be based on an average annual expenditure of £100m., said Sir ARNOLD FRANCE, permanent secretary to the Ministry of Health, last week. That would mean spending over 30% above the current level, and in real terms more than double the highest level of capital investment in hospitals achieved this century in Britain up to the last war. If economic circumstances permitted a greater expansion than that now being planned, he was sure the Ministry and hospital authorities would be prepared and anxious to play a full part in speeding up the building programme.

Sir Arnold was opening the first stage of the major redevelopment scheme for Hilling-

don Hospital, near Uxbridge, Middlesex. It provides 210 beds and all the supporting services for the 800-bed hospital it will eventually become. Facilities include an accident and emergency department. The total contract fund for this stage, with equipment, amounts to approximately £3¼m.

Medical Termination of Pregnancy Bill

A campaign to draw public attention to what it considers to be the dangers inherent in sections of Mr. DAVID STEEL'S Bill on abortion, now at the committee stage, is being planned by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. The chairman is LORD BARRINGTON. Other members of the committee include Mr. ALECK BOURNE, Sir ANDREW CLAYE, Professor IAN DONALD, Professor J. C. MCCLURE BROWNE, Dr. ROBERT NEWTON, Professor JAMES SCOTT, and three members of Parliament: Mr. J. HILEY (Conservative), Mr. A. MACKENZIE (Liberal), and Mr. G. OAKES (Labour).

The society makes the following observations:

1. The Bill would confuse the law. Doctors would be required to make decisions on non-medical grounds for which they have no specialist training.
2. There is no evidence that more readily available legal abortions would reduce the number of back-street abortions.
3. Therapeutic abortion, even carried out in ideal hospital conditions, is much more dangerous than normal childbirth.
4. Only in very few cases can doctors diagnose abnormalities in the unborn with any degree of certainty. In no case is this possible in the earliest stages of pregnancy.
5. Supporters of the Bill pay too little attention to the great advances being made in preventive and curative medicine.
6. The most modern scientific evidence goes to prove that the foetus from the moment of conception is not only a human being but an individual with particular characteristics of its own.

A public protest meeting, organized by this society, is being held on 24 January at Caxton Hall, London.

Amendments to the Bill tabled by Mr. N. ST. JOHN-STEVAS, Conservative member for Chelmsford, would delete the proposals that abortion should be authorized if there is a substantial risk that the child would be born

deformed; that the pregnant woman's capacity as a mother would be severely overstrained by the care of a child; and that abortion would be allowed if a pregnant woman is a defective, or became pregnant while under the age of 16, or as a result of rape. He has put down an amendment to include a conscience clause. It would provide that no doctor, nurse, hospital employee, or any other person should be required to take part in an abortion to which they have a conscientious objection. Another clause would require that in all cases the consent of the mother to an abortion should be given in writing and that, for a married woman, the consent of her husband should also be given in writing if he is the father of the child.

The Abortion Law Reform Association has issued a statement commenting on the joint views of the British Medical Association and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (*Brit. med. J.*, 1966, 2, 1649). It supports Clauses 1 (1) (c) and (d) of Mr. Steel's Bill, which the B.M.A. and R.C.O.G. found "objectionable." And it opposes their view that abortion should be carried out only by a consultant and only in a National Health hospital or other place approved by the Minister.

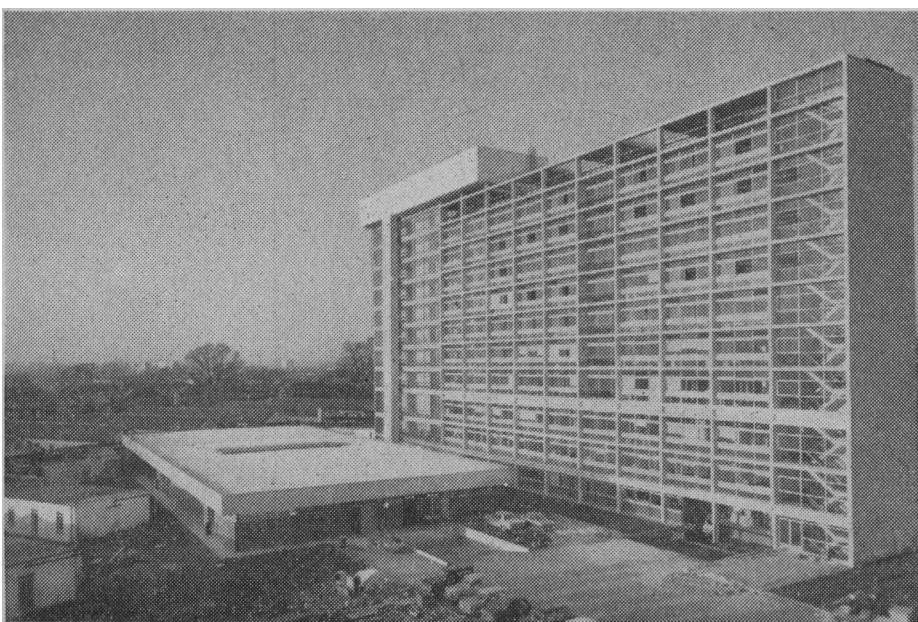
Association of Physicians of Malaysia

At the last annual general meeting of the Association of Physicians of Malaysia, held at Kuala Lumpur in December 1966, the following officers were elected: *president*, Dr. HARBANS KAUR VIRIK; *president-elect*, Dr. T. P. DEVARAJ; *secretary and treasurer*, Dr. SYED M. HAQ.

Overseas Students in U.K. Universities

The Association of Commonwealth Universities has recently published a leaflet ("Students from Other Countries in United Kingdom Universities") giving details of the numbers of overseas students, from Commonwealth and other countries, enrolled for full-time study or research in United Kingdom universities during the academic year 1965-6.

From the figures given the following facts emerge about the numbers of medical students from overseas attending United Kingdom medical schools during this period. The total number of undergraduate students from Commonwealth countries attending medical schools in this country was 651, this figure including 60 students from Ghana, 51 from Kenya, 60 from Malaysia (including Malaya, Sabah, and Sarawak), and 102 from Nigeria, together with smaller numbers from many of the other Commonwealth countries. The total number of undergraduates from countries outside the Commonwealth was 204, this figure including 30 students from Norway, 22 from Persia, 38 from South Africa, and 22 from the United States of America. The total number of overseas postgraduate medical students at United Kingdom universities was 445 from Commonwealth countries (making an overall total of 1,096 medical students from the Commonwealth), and 350 from the countries outside the Commonwealth (making an overall total for these countries of 554 students). The number of graduate students from the Commonwealth countries includes 79 from Australia, 96 from India, and 69 from Pakistan. The figure for the countries out-



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General view of the new Hillingdon Hospital, showing some of the old buildings as well. The hospital, which serves a population of more than 200,000, is the nearest major hospital to Heathrow airport.

side the Commonwealth includes 54 from Egypt, 33 from the Republic of Ireland, 31 from South Africa, and 29 from the U.S.A.

Australian "B.M.J."

The first issue of the Australian printing of the *B.M.J.* was despatched from Melbourne on Wednesday, 11 January, four days after the publication date in Britain.

Members of the British Medical Association can subscribe to the Australian printing, in preference to the seamail *B.M.J.* from London, on payment of an additional "supplement" of \$A.10.50 in Australia or £4 4s. in New Zealand. Non-members of

the B.M.A. can subscribe at the following annual rates: Australia, \$A.21.00; New Zealand, £8 8s. Subscribers in New Zealand can receive copies by airmail from Melbourne on payment of airmail postage. All subscription orders should be addressed to Thomson Publications (Australia) Pty. Ltd., 415 Bourke Street, Melbourne, Victoria.

People in the News

► Dr. ERNANI DE PAIVA F. BRAGA, executive director of the Pan American Federation of Associations of Medical Schools, has been appointed W.H.O. director of the division of education and training.

New Issues of Specialist Journals

Obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

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Contents of the December issue are as follows:

- Coeliac Thoughts. Brian Creamer.
 Carcinoma, Villous Atrophy, and Steatorrhoea. A. Brzechwa-Ajdukiewicz, C. F. McCarthy, W. Austad, J. Cornes, W. J. Harrison, and A. E. A. Read.
 Vitamin E Levels after Gastric Surgery. P. J. Leonard, M. S. Losowsky, and C. N. Pulvertaft.
 Intestinal Colic Caused by Food. Frederick O. Stephens.
 Calculous Disease of the Vermiform Appendix. G. B. Forbes and R. W. Lloyd-Davies.
 Kinetic Studies of the Epithelial Cells of the Rectal Mucosa in Normal Subjects and Patients with Ulcerative Colitis. Roy G. Shorter, Robert J. Spencer, and George A. Hallenbeck.
 Urinary Gonadotrophin Excretion in Patients with Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's Disease Treated with A.C.T.H. and Corticosteroids. G. P. Crean, J. A. Loraine, E. T. Bell, W. I. Card, and W. Sircus.
 Emergency Surgery in Ulcerative Colitis. T. A. Boxall.
 Effects of Oestrogens and Progestogens on Gastric Secretion in Patients with Duodenal Ulcer. S. P. Parbhoo and I. D. A. Johnston.
 Gastric Acid Secretion in Indians with Particular Reference to the Ratio of Basal to Maximal Acid Output. R. K. Goyal, P. S. Gupta, and H. K. Chuttani.
 Histochemical Study of the Effect of Enzyme Inhibitors on Gastric Secretion. G. L. Stoffels, W. Gepts, and J. J. Desneux.
 Gastrointestinal Urease in Man.
 Part I. Activity of Mucosal Urease. Toshio Aoyagi, George W. Engstrom, William B. Evans, and William H. J. Summerskill.
 Part II. Urea Hydrolysis and Ammonia Absorption in Upper and Lower Gut Lumen and the Effect of Neomycin. William B. Evans, Toshio Aoyagi, and William H. J. Summerskill.
 Tetracycline Fluorescence and Cytological Procedures Compared for the Detection of Malignancy. L. J. Sandlow and H. Necheles with the technical assistance of H. Leverette.
 An Electron Microscopic Study of the Epithelium of Normal Human Sigmoid Colonic Mucosa. Fred E. Pittman and Joan C. Pittman.
 Pathology of an East African Megacolon. G. M. Böhm and Barbara Smith.
 Recurrent Gastric Carcinoma Treated by the Geiger Probe Technique. D. J. Martin.
 Bowel Muscle in Diverticular Disease. W. W. Slack.
 Clinical and Radiological Study of Vagotomy and Gastric Drainage in the Treatment of Pyloric Stenosis Due to Duodenal Ulceration. Harold Ellis, F. Storer, C. Venables, and C. Ware.
 Late Results of Antrectomy and Vagotomy. Alan C. B. Dean, Harold C. Edwards, and A. I. Munro.
 ABO Blood Groups in Gastric Bleeding. L. Horwich, D. A. P. Evans, R. B. McConnell, and W. T. A. Donohoe.
 Action of Aldosterone Upon the Intestinal Transport of Potassium, Sodium, and Water. R. Shields, Adele T. Mulholland, and R. G. Elmslie.
 Blocking by Spirinolactone (SC 9420) of the Action of Aldosterone Upon the Intestinal Transport of Potassium, Sodium, and Water. R. G. Elmslie, Adele T. Mulholland, and R. Shields.
 Radiotelemetering Studies of Jejunal pH Before and After Vagotomy and Gastro-enterostomy. W. C. Watson, J. K. Watt, E. Paton, A. Glen, and G. J. T. Lewis.
 International Symposium on Bile Pigments.
 The British Society of Gastroenterology.
 Index. Contents.

Volume 7. No. 6. Yearly subscription (6 numbers) £4 4s., abroad £4 15s.

ARCHIVES OF DISEASE IN CHILDHOOD

The contents of the December issue are as follows:

- Review Article: Intestinal Malabsorption in Childhood. Charlotte M. Anderson.
 The Ductus Venosus and the Mechanism of Its Closure. W. W. Meyer and J. Lind.
 Postnatal Changes in the Portal Circulation. W. W. Meyer and J. Lind.
 Standards from Birth to Maturity for Height, Weight, Height Velocity, and Weight Velocity: British Children, 1965—Part II. J. M. Tanner, R. H. Whitehouse, and M. Takaishi.
 Coxsackie Group B Virus Infection and Acute Diarrhoea Occurring Among Children in Costa Rica. William Pelon, Victor M. Villarejos, John S. Rhim, and Fred J. Payne.
 Metabolism of Tryptophan in Childhood Epilepsy. P. A. M. Hughes, B. D. Bower, D. N. Raine, and N. Syed.
 Effect of Pyridoxine on the Metabolism of Tryptophan and Branched-chain Amino Acids in Two Mentally Retarded Sibs. A. F. Heeley, Diana G. McCubbing, and Jean Shepherd.
 Folic Acid Status in Normal Infants During the First Year of Life. T. M. Vanier and J. F. Tyas.
 Dietary Treatment of Homocystinuria. G. M. Komrower, A. M. Lambert, D. C. Cusworth, and R. G. Westall.
 Fat Babies and Fat Children: The Prognosis of Obesity in the Very Young. Patria Asher.
 Sudden Death in Infancy: A Microbiological and Epidemiological Study. R. N. P. Sutton and J. L. Emery.
 Acid-base Determinations in Normal Premature Infants in the First Two Months of Life. A. F. Malan, A. Evans, and H. de V. Heese.
 A Simple Empirical Formula for Calculating Approximate Surface Area in Children. Hanan Costeff.
 Nephrotic Syndrome in the Course of Treatment of Wilson's Disease with DL-Penicillamine. M. Karp, M. Lurie, and Z. Yonis.
 Congenital Heart Block and Widespread Fibrosis Due to Maternal Lupus Erythematosus. D. Hull, E. A. O. Binns, and D. Joyce.
 Meningeal Irritation Due to Tetracycline Administration. S. G. F. Wilson and W. J. Dally.
 Urinary Tract Infection by *Trichomonas vaginalis* in a Newborn Baby. J. M. Littlewood and H. G. Kohler.
 Book Reviews. Index 1966.

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Coming Events

Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases.—Address, "Venereal Diseases Among the Great," by Mr. A. DICKSON WRIGHT, 27 January, 7.30 p.m., 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London W.1.

Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and British Academy of Forensic Sciences.—Joint meeting, "Forged Prescriptions," 17 February, 6 p.m., School of Pharmacy, Brunswick Square, London W.C.1. Tickets (£1) from Mr. E. L. ROBINS, Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 17 Bloomsbury Square, London W.C.1.

University of London Institute of Child Health.—Postgraduate course on developmental paediatrics and child assessment: Part I, "The Normal Child" (20 February–16 March); Part II, "Children with Problems" (3–28 July); Part III, "Management" (6 November–1 December). Further details from director of the course, Dr. K. S. HOLT, Institute of Child Health, 30 Guilford Street, London W.C.1.

Association of Medical Advisers in the Pharmaceutical Industry.—Symposium, "Evaluation of Drugs for Tropical Diseases," 17 February, 9.15 a.m., Royal Society of Medicine, London. Tickets of admission from Dr. D. M. BURLEY, Ciba Laboratories Ltd., Horsham, Sussex.

Sheffield University Faculty of Medicine.—Course in dermatology for general practitioners, 3–7 April. For details see advertisement on p. xli.

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, 23 January

- INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. J. A. Dudgeon: Virus Diseases of the Skin—II.
 INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., combined staff consultation clinical meeting.
 MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF GENERAL PRACTICE.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 9 p.m., Professor H. Schneiden: Population Control as seen by a Pharmacologist.
 ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor P. Harris: Pulmonary Circulation in Chronic Bronchitis.

Tuesday, 24 January

- ANGLO-CONTINENTAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, London W., 8.15 for 8.45 p.m., Professor L. Eitinger (Oslo): Late Mental and Physical Effects of Severe Stress in Former Concentration Camp Inmates.
 BUTE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, Bute Medical Buildings, St. Andrews, Fife, 5.15 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Professor D. A. K. Black: Living With and Without Kidneys.
 INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. W. C. Noble: The Cutaneous Flora.
 NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE MEDICAL INSTITUTE.—1.20 p.m., Dr. E. M. Donaldson: Contact Eczema.

Wednesday, 25 January

- INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—12 noon, Professor Leo Eitinger (Oslo): Norwegian Concentration Camp Survivors.
 MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF MEDICINE.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 5 p.m., Dr. E. J. Watson-Williams: Management of Sickle-cell Anaemia.
 OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Nuffield Maternity Home Lecture Theatre, Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Professor E. Goldwasser (Chicago): Erythropoietin and Red Cell Differentiation.
 ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnot demonstration by Mr. W. R. Le Fanu: John Hunter's Papers in Relation to his Museum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Professor R. Cairns: Kidney Transplantation.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—(1) 10.15 a.m., medical staff round; (2) 11.45 a.m. clinicopathological conference; (3) 2 p.m., Professor W. M. Davidson: Inherited Leucocyte Abnormalities.
STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL.—(1) 12.15 p.m., Dr. M. L. T. Lea Thomas: Ischaemic Colitis; (2) 6 p.m., Dr. L. C. A. Nunn: Endocrine Function Tests.
WHITTINGTON HOSPITAL.—At Academic Centre, Archway Wing, 11.30 a.m., Dr. E. J. Moran Campbell: Respiratory Failure.

Thursday, 26 January

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Large Lecture Theatre, University Medical Buildings, Foresterhill, 5 p.m., Professor W. A. Mackay: Selection of Cases for Major Cardiac Surgery and their Biochemical Management.
FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—5 p.m., Miss Wendy E. Lewington: Diagnostic Pitfalls in Gynaecology.
GLASGOW UNIVERSITY MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Glasgow University Union, 7.30 p.m., B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. W. Sargent: Mechanisms of Brainwashing and Conversion.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. W. C. Noble: Bacteriology of Diseased Skin.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor G. J. Cunningham: On Cancer.
LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At 11 Chandos Street, London W.1, 8.15 p.m., annual oration by Sir Ronald Bodley Scott: Recent Advances in Blood Diseases.
LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Lecture Theatre, Guy's Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture in human anatomy and morphology by Professor R. Amprino (Bari University): Histophysiology of Bone.
ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department Lecture Theatre, Queen's College, 5 p.m., Professor W. S. Foulds: Ophthalmic Aspects of Haematological Disease.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. C. Hiron: Subclinical and Clinical Diabetes in Pregnancy.
WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m., surgical conference by Lord Brock: Basic Principles in Thoracic Diagnosis.

Friday, 27 January

BROOK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—At Postgraduate Centre, 5.30 p.m., discussion: Kyphoscoliosis and other Chest Deformities. Speaker, Dr. P. A. Zorab.
KENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE AT CANTERBURY.—At Kent and Canterbury Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. A. G. Searle: The Genetic Challenge of Radiation.
ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4 p.m., Professor D. L. Mollin: Sideroblastic Anaemia.

Saturday, 28 January

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, 10.15 a.m., all-day symposium on Malignant Diseases.

Births

Garland.—On 27 December 1966, to Lore, wife of Dr. J. M. Boyd Garland, 58 Pusey Blvd., Brantford, Ontario, Canada, a brother for Jessie, Edward, Veronica, and Valerie—Eric Boyd.

Universities and Colleges

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At an extraordinary meeting of the Council held on 11 January Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to the following candidates:

C. D. Farrier, Margaret T. Challis, J. S. Ferguson, J. H. Taylor, M. D. Sanders, W. M. Jones, M. R. Gooding, C. E. P. Clarke, M. S. Wirk, J. D. Wonham, M. A. Barnett, W. Ursell, J. L. Grogono, F. Cheng, W. Bunting, S. L. R. Stanton, M. F. Sullivan, D. R. Thomas, J. R. Weatherill, T. G. J. Brightmore, Carol L. Wenraf, R. R. Hall, H. F. Jeffery, J. O. S. Okeke, B. J. Stoodley, J. P. Ward, J. A. S. Caruth, B. J. Main, T. A. M. Stoker, A. E. S. Richards, M. Singh, B. T. Jackson, E. J. G. Milroy, A. T. P. R. Aluwihare, J. McN. Beaugié, R. H. Whitaker, M. Nasser-Sharif, F. K. Abou-Keer, N. M. Mustapha, C. J. Luke, S. M. A. Khalik, M. Ahmad, S. Pothalingam, G. P. Christian, T. A. Casey, S. K. Gupta, P. K. Biswas, K. A. H. El Hamshary, S. H. Limaye, M. M. Moustafa, M. Sabetian, J. D. Salmon, N. S. Abdul-Hadi, S. K. Bose, J. K. Choudhury, B. Cobb, D. S. Hopton, D. Ll. Owen, M. R. Qamar, J. A. Rumble, S. J. Stephen, K. R. Visvanathan, M. K. Ahmed, I. S. Chathra, P. Dube, S. L. Javett, V. Majzoub, W. F. Millner, A. C. Nield, G. S. Parwani, K. Sarma, R. M. Tiwari, G. S. Willetts, J. E. Wright, H. A. R.

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At a quarterly meeting of the Council held on 12 January the death of Lord Brain, Honorary Fellow, was reported with deep regret.

Professor R. Milnes Walker was appointed the Bradshaw Lecturer for 1967.

Mr. D. W. Hill (Royal Postgraduate Medical School and Institute of Ophthalmology) was appointed research professor of ophthalmology.

Mr. A. E. Stevens (Reigate) was elected to the Fellowship *ad eundem*.

The following were re-elected to the Court of Examiners for the ensuing three years: Mr. D. Annis (Liverpool), Mr. H. H. G. Eastcott (St. Mary's Hospital), Mr. L. C. Oliver (Charing Cross Hospital), and Mr. A. S. Till (Oxford).

The Begley Prize was presented to Dr. O. J. A. Gilmore (St. Bartholomew's Hospital Medical College).

The award of the Nuffield Prize to Dr. C. M. A. Bell (Westminster Hospital) was reported.

A Diploma of Fellowship was granted to V. P. Chang.

A Diploma of Membership was granted to M. K. Chater-House.

The following diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, as follows:

DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—A. J. H. Al-Obaidi, D. S. G. Bath, H. Chatterjee, S. R. Chowdhury, R. W. M. Downie, A. Z. M. Ghander, R. K. Hingorani, R. D. Kapadia, T. R. Kapur, M. D. Karanjia, G. T. Liou, A. K. M. Mohammed, B. Nondy, C. Nsamba, M. L. Rahman, I. J. Sindhu, R. G. L. Smith, B. M. Soueissi, A. M. Steward, S. B. Talukder.

DIPLOMA IN ANAESTHETICS.—S. C. Acharyya, Y. Ahmed, S. K. Ahuja, M. Akhtar, A. S. Al-Shahwani, Harkirat M. Anand, I. F. Anderson, J. L. L. Anderson, M. M. Anderson, W. J. Atkinson, P. C. B. Babington, E. J. Balkissoon, M. H. Ball, J. M. B. Barker, G. W. Barwise, D. F. Birnie, G. A. Biro, G. R. Boyd, A. A. Brand, C. E. Briscoe, Nan H. Bruce, P. G. C. Calverley, E. Carden, J. E. Chapman, Mary M. Chatfield, S. N. S. Choudhury, A. E. Chow, I. J. Dagli, Valerie J. Dallin, M. S. Desai, Brenda P. De Souza, Mona Drion, D. M. Evans, J. F. Fitzpatrick, Barbara D. Ford, C. J. France, R. B. Franklin, A. Galea, H. A. Goodwin, A. I. Gurubatham, N. S. Gurulingayya, W. D. Habbosh, Judith S. Haddleton, C. G. Hallward, I. B. Hayter, V. R. Herekar, C. Hodgson, R. M. H. Hodgson, P. E. H. Howarth, Mary W. Huggins, J. E. Hutson, A. H. Iskandar, O. F. James, Sujatha Jayaram, A. H. Kaines, R. J. Kanagasundaram, S. Kaushik, M. P. Kelly, H. J. Khambatta, S. Kumarasamy, Kathleen Lewin, Alma Luna, C. R. Maddock, J. M. Makhija, E. I. Massad, Leela Menon, M. W. A. Moore, R. H. Morgan, Sriyalatha I. Nadaraja, W. A. Norman, Mary E. O'Connell, B. P. O'Herlihy, Margaret W. Peters, Pamela

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DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOTHERAPY.—Joan D. Brookshaw, Eileen R. Busby, Shirley R. Drake, C. L. Harmer, M. N. Huda, D. G. Jenkins, C. H. Paine, M. A. Quraishi, Margaret F. Spittle, J. C. Wallace.

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DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—K. Semmens, K. K. Kalraiya.

Corrections

We regret that in the letter by Dr. W. Barrie Brownlie (*B.M.J.*, 26 November 1966, p. 1329) the phrase "pathologically changes of the eyes" was printed in error for "especially after the age of 50 when pathological changes of the eyes are more likely."

In the issue of 7 January (p. 62) under the heading of Universities and Colleges, it was stated that Dr. G. B. ANSELL had been appointed acting head of the Department of Experimental Neuropharmacology at Birmingham. Dr. Ansell has been appointed for one year during Professor P. B. BRADLEY'S leave of absence from 1 October 1967 to 30 September 1968.

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