Dr. Andrew Alexander McWhan, who died suddenly at his home at Duns on August 6 at the age of 71, was born at Linlithgow on February 14, 1881, and was educated at the University of Glasgow, where he graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1906. Three years later he took the degree of B.Sc. in public health at the University and the D.P.H. of the English Royal Colleges. Dr. McWhan had had considerable war experience. He saw service in the South African war as a sergeant at a field hospital, and in the war of 1914–18 he served in the R.A.M.C. in Egypt with the 2nd Mounted Division, in Salonika with the 22nd Division, and in the Sinai Desert as technical adviser on water reconnaissance for the desert column, attaining the rank of major. For his service in Egypt he was twice mentioned in dispatches. On return to the United Kingdom he became deputy assistant director of medical services, Scottish Command. Dr. McWhan was medical officer of health and school medical officer for Berwickshire from 1911 to 1946, having been previously assistant medical officer of health and school medical officer for Fifeeshire. A member of the British Medical Association for many years, Dr. McWhan was honorary secretary of the South-eastern Counties Division from 1923 to 1936, chairman of the Division from 1938 to 1940, and president of the Edinburgh Branch in 1934–5. He also represented his constituency at the Annual Representative Meetings of the Association in 1930, 1935, 1936, 1938, and 1941. Dr. McWhan was a member of the Scottish Council for Health Education, a member of the council of the Scottish branch of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, and a Fellow of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

Mr. Cuthbert Locker was: Among the many facets of the working-day life of Dr. E. B. Hulbert (Journal, August 2, p. 289) I was surprised to find no mention of his being resident medical officer at the Florence Nightingale Hospital, where, in the days of Sir Lenthal Cheattle, H. J. Paterson, H. S. Clogg, and Morley Fletcher, E. B. Hulbert and his parrot were great favourites.

Medico-Legal

HYPERSENSITIVITY TO MYODIL

[From Our Medico-Legal Correspondent]

On November 27, 1951, Kenneth Dodd, of Hexham, Northumberland, a plateayer aged 23, was admitted to Hexham General Hospital to be treated for sciatica which was resistant to medical treatment. He was admitted to a plaster jacket and a vertebral disk. When he failed to improve with rest he had a plaster jacket fitted and was discharged. On February 5, 1952, he was readmitted and the jacket was removed, but pain occurred again and it was decided to investigate further with a view to operation.

Accordingly on February 14, 1952, 3 ml. of "myodil" was injected into the spinal canal. It was the normal recognised dose, and successful radiographs were taken, the dye having worked satisfactorily. On the morning of February 16, however, the patient complained of a headache, and was found to have stiffness of the back and neck. The appearance of a specimen of fluid taken from the spinal canal suggested either bacterial infection or chemical irritation of the spinal cord. On that day, therefore, 50,000 units of penicillin were injected into the spinal canal and into the muscles. Next morning a further 200,000 units was injected. An hour later he became mentally confused and developed a series of epileptic fits, after two hours of which he died.

Dr. G. J. Laws, consultant pathologist to the Hexham General Hospital, who carried out the necropsy, found no bacterial inflammation and no trace of pus, and believed the patient's death was status epilepticus due to cerebral irritation caused by myodil and penicillin in an abnormally sensitive patient.

This is believed to be the first myodil fatality in Britain.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD

In Congregation on July 19 the following medical degrees were conferred:

D.M.—J. K. Spalding.

The Mary Goddard Scholarship for 1952 has been awarded to Marianne Fillen (Somerville College).

In Congregation on August 2 the degree of B.M. was conferred on C. T. M. Wilson and E. H. Jellinek.

The Radcliffe Scholarship in Pharmacology has been awarded to Roland David Stedeford (Worcester College).

*In absentia.*

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Grants from the Pinten-Darwin Reserve Fund have been made to Dr. Brian William Davy, junior health service officer of the Department of Human Ecology, and to Miss M. Reinhold, of the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.

In Congregation on August 2 the following medical degrees were conferred:


*By proxy.*

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The title of Professor Emeritus of Bacteriology in the University has been conferred on Professor S. P. Bedson, F.R.S., on his retirement from the Goldsmiths Company's Chair of Bacteriology at the London Hospital Medical College which he has held since 1934.

The title of Professor Emeritus of Chemical Pathology in the University has been conferred on Professor J. R. Marrack on his retirement from the Chair of Chemical Pathology at the London Hospital Medical College which he has held since 1934.

The title of Professor of Pharmacology and Therapeutics in the University has been conferred on Cyril Arthur Keele, M.D., F.R.C.P., in respect of the post held by him at the Middlesex Hospital Medical School.
The title of Professor of Chemical Pathology in the University has been conferred on Nicholas Henry Martin, B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., in respect of the post held by him at St. George's Hospital Medical School.

The title of Reader in Bacteriology in the University has been conferred on Alan Westgarth Lacey, M.B., B.S., in respect of the post held by him at Westminster Medical School.

The title of Reader in Morbid Anatomy in the University has been conferred on Alan Douglas Morgan, M.B., Ch.B., in respect of the post held by him at Westminster Medical School.

The degree of D.Sc. has been conferred on P. C. C. Garnham, M.D., D.P.H., who becomes Professor of Medical Protozoology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in October next.

Mr. P. H. Mitchiner has been reappointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor for 1952-3.

Dr. C. F. Harris has been appointed a representative of the Senate on the Court for five years from October 1.

Following a recommendation of the University as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Mr. J. C. Adams (Orthopaedics); Dr. J. D. W. Pearce (Mental Diseases). Institute of Psychiatry, Dr. E. A. B. Hare (Psychiatry). Medical Post, Dr. J. D. W. Payne (Medical Post Diseases). Institute of Child Health, Dr. Martin Bodian and Dr. I. A. B. Cathie (Pathology); Dr. G. H. Newns (Children's Diseases); Dr. W. W. Payne (Chemical Pathology). General Hospital Medical School, W. K. Clarkson (M.B., B.Ch.); Institute of Cancer Research, Dr. M. Lederman (Radiology, Therapy). Institute of Orthopaedics, Dr. H. J. Seddon (Orthopaedics). Postgraduate Medical School of London, Dr. Sheila P. Silver (Medicine); Mr. S. P. Taylor (Surgery). Dr. W. C. Kesson has been granted probationary recognition as a teacher of children's diseases at St. George's Hospital Medical School for two years from June, 1952.

Following are already recognized teachers at undergraduate medical schools, have been recognized also as teachers in the subjects indicated in parentheses at the Institute of Orthopaedics: Mr. H. Jackson Burrows, Mr. V. H. Ellis, Mr. P. H. Newman (Radiology), Mr. David Trevor (Orthopaedics); Dr. F. C. Gough (Gynecology); Mr. D. N. Matthews (Surgery); Dr. J. R. Nassim (Medicine).

In and after the examination the Academic Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Pathology and for the Diploma in Clinical Pathology to external students will begin on the last Monday in September instead of in the week beginning on the first Monday in October.

Dr. T. H. Sanderson-Wells has made a further gift of £500 towards the University fund for a scholarship in Medicine in the name of Arthur Harris, Dr. Felix Post (Mental Diseases). Institute of Child Health, Dr. Martin Bodian and Dr. I. A. B. Cathie (Pathology); Dr. G. H. Newns (Children's Diseases); Dr. W. W. Payne (Chemical Pathology). General Hospital Medical School, W. K. Clarkson (M.B., B.Ch.); Institute of Cancer Research, Dr. M. Lederman (Radiology, Therapy). Institute of Orthopaedics, Dr. H. J. Seddon (Orthopaedics). Postgraduate Medical School of London, Dr. Sheila P. Silver (Medicine); Mr. S. P. Taylor (Surgery). Dr. W. C. Kesson has been granted probationary recognition as a teacher of children's diseases at St. George's Hospital Medical School for two years from June, 1952.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:


Academic Postgraduate Diploma in Medical Radiology (Diagnosis).—A. T. Broaddlege, R. J. Callander, D. Datt, J. J. Geere, V. Roseverner.


UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER

The amount raised by subscription for the H. S. Raper Prize now totals £491 8s. 10d. The committee of the prize fund proposes that the annual income after investment should be awarded as a prize on the recommendation of the professors of physiology and medicine and the chairman of the faculty board.

they would take into account the aggregate of marks obtained in physiology and medicine in the professional examinations. The subscription list is still open and cheques should be made payable to the bursar, University of Manchester, and crossed "Raper Fund."

UNIVERSITY OF WALES

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.Ch.—C. W. D. Lewis.


UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

Paul Henderson Davis, M.D., M.R.C.P., has been appointed University Clinical Lecturer in Medicine.

The title of University Professor has now been given to Brian Nigel Dallas Cruckshank, M.D., D.I.H., in the Department of Experimental Pathology.

At a Congregation on July 5 the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.D.—F. G. W. Marson, H. W. Pooler.


QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:


Certificate in Public Health.—S. S. McCann.

With commendation. With second-class honours.
The Services

A Supplement to the London Gazette has announced the following awards:

First and Second Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Honorary Colonel R. A. Lennie, T.D., retired (Honorary Colonel of a Supplementary Reserve Unit); Lieutenant- Colonel J. Smith, O.B.E., T.D., R.A.M.C.


Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Majors (Honorary Lieutenant-Colonels) R. D. Jones and C. M. MacQ. Murray, Major D. W. Davies, and Captains (Honorary Majors) I. H. Davies and R. G. P. Evans, R.A.M.C.

Medical News

Tuberculosis Educational Institute.—The institute is a body composed of representatives from the Joint Tuberculosis Council and the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis. It organizes refresher courses for doctors, nurses, health visitors, social workers, and administrators, usually held at university centres. Intensive three-day clinical courses for doctors are held throughout the year at Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton; King George V Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Godalming; and the Red Cross Sanatoria of Scotland (Tor-na-Dee and Glen o’ Dee). Particulars of courses may be obtained from the secretary, Tuberculosis Educational Institute, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Singapore Paediatric Society.—The first paediatric society to be formed in Malaya is the Singapore Paediatric Society, which was established this month. Its objects are to advance the knowledge and practice of paediatrics and to promote child health. Membership is open to all doctors registered in the colony of Singapore or in the Federation of Malaya. Office-bearers are: president, Dr. G. Haridas; vice-president, Professor E. S. Montero; hon. treasurer, Dr. W. Heng; hon. secretary, Dr. G. Keys Smith. Further information may be obtained from the honorary secretary at St. Andrew’s Mission Hospital for Children, Singapore.

Society of Apothecaries of London.—The following officers of the society were elected this month for the ensuing year: Master, Sir Wilson Jameson; Senior Warden, Brigadier E. M. Townsend; Junior Warden, Dr. H. Seaward Morley. Sir Wilson Jameson was formerly Chief Medical Officer of the Ministries of Health and of Education. Before the last war he was dean and professor of public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Brigadier Townsend qualified with the diploma of the society in 1915. He served with distinction in the 1914–18 war, and after a period in private practice he rejoined the R.A.M.C. with a regular commission. Dr. Seaward Morley is senior physician to the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester.

New Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—A new monthly journal, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, is to make its appearance next January. It is sponsored by the American Academy of Obstetrics and Gynecology, and will be edited by Dr. Ralph A. Reis with the support of a board of assistant editors. It will publish original articles, reviews, clinical notes, editorials, and book reviews. The publishers are Paul B. Hoeber Inc., of New York, and the annual subscription is $14.00.

Food for Children.—A useful pamphlet, Diets for Babies and Children in Health and Sickness, has just been issued by the National Baby Welfare Council. It is written by the senior dietitian of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great
Ormond Street. It deals with weaning, diets for normal children, and diets for sick children. Copies cost 7½d. (post free), and may be obtained from the Welfare Council's offices at 31, Gloucester Place, London, W.1.

Channel-swimming Doctor.—At the age of 61 Dr. George Brewster has just made his fifteenth attempt to swim the Channel. He started from Gris Nez, but after being in the water for 4½ hours had to abandon the attempt.

**NEW ISSUES**

**British Journal of Ophthalmology.**—The next issue of this journal (Vol. 36, No. 9) will be available in a week's time. The principal contents include:

- **Observations on the Choroidal Circulation.** Norman Ashton.
- **Hexamethonium and Glaucoma.** A. J. Cameron and R. A. Butt.
- **Vitreous Cyst with Retinitis Pigmentosa: A New Syndrome?** J. W. Wagenar.
- **Optic Atrophy with Alititudinal Hemianopsia in Neurofibromatosis.** B. Sheehan.
- **Measurement of Resistance to Aqueous Flow by the Electronic Tonometer.** Weekers and E. Prijot.
- **Cyclothyrosis Combined with Posterior Trephining.** H. J. Flierling.
- **Insertion of Superior Oblique with Superior Rectus Muscle.** I. Lloyd Johnstone.
- **Actinomycosis of Canaliculi, with One Case of Invasion of Tissue.** J. Gibson Moore.

**Hypermetropia and Myopia in Diabetes Mellitus.** I. Sacks.

Issued monthly; annual subscription £4 4s., single copy 8s. 6d.; obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

**COMING EVENTS**

**General Practice on Television.**—A television documentary programme entitled "Family Doctor" will be transmitted on Wednesday, September 3, from 9.25 p.m. to 10.25 p.m. The script is by Dr. Cormac Swan, assistant editor of the B.M.A.'s popular health magazine *Family Doctor*, and Robert Barr, who is also producer. The programme shows the life and problems of a general practitioner to-day.

**Veterinary Congress.**—The seventieth congress of the British Veterinary Association will be held at Harrogate from September 7 to 13. Papers on "O fever (the domestic animal as a source of infection to man)" and "Modern insecticides and ectoparasite control" are among those included in the programme. Further details may be obtained from the British Veterinary Association at 36, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1.

**Congress of Physiotherapy.**—Medical practitioners will be welcome at the annual congress of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, which is to be held from September 18 to 21 at St. Pancras Town Hall, Euston Road, London, N.W.1. The programme includes lectures on problems of adaptation (Dr. T. F. Main), restoration of function after joint injury and disease (Dr. A. T. Richardson), the care of the injured hand (Mr. R. Guy Pulvertaft), rationale of physiotherapy in vertigo and facial palsy (Mr. Terence Cawthorne), and the elderly patient (Dr. William Morton). The founder's lecture on "The Treatment of the Rheumatic Diseases" will be given by Dr. W. S. C. Copeman. There will also be films, visits to hospitals, demonstrations (including one on the therapeutic use of ultrasonics), a dinner, and a reception and dance. Tickets (price two guineas for the whole congress, or 4s. 6d. for a single lecture) and further information may be obtained from the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, Tavistock House (South), Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

**Postgraduate Courses in Physical Medicine.**—The British Association of Physical Medicine is proposing to hold a postgraduate course in physical medicine at various London hospitals on Saturday mornings during October, November, December, and January. In addition, if there is sufficient support from provincial members, a week-end course will be arranged at the end of January or beginning of February, 1953. The fee for the Saturday morning course will be £3 5s. and for the week-end course £2 2s. Those intending to take part should apply to the Honorary Secretary of the Association, 45, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, by September 15, stating the course in which they are interested.

**Psychiatry Courses.**—The Institute of Psychiatry will again be holding courses for first- and second-year students at the Maudsley Hospital, starting on October 6. Details of the syllabus may be obtained from the Institute, Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.3.

**King's College Hospital Medical School.**—The annual dinner of past and present students of the school will be held at the Savoy Hotel (Embankment entrance), London, W.C., on Saturday, October 4, at 7 for 7.45 p.m.

**London Hospital Old Students' Dinner.**—Notices of this dinner on October 9 have now been given to all Old Londoners whose addresses are known. Any who have not received one should communicate with the Secretary, London Hospital Medical College, Turner Street, E.1.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**

**BIRTHS**

- Baker, on August 11, 1952, to Dr. Hazel (formerly Hill), wife of Mr. T. A. C. Baker, M.A., of Wednesbury, Staffs, a second son—Richard Henry.
- Brown, on August 12, 1952, to Dr. Gwyneth (formerly Wooding), wife of Dr. J. A. Brown, a daughter—Jane Ann Mary.
- Davison, on July 24, 1952, to Maunana, Swaziland, to Gladys, wife of W. G. Davison, M.D. D.T.M.&H., of a daughter—Elizabeth Margaret.
- Macdonagh, on August 13, 1952, to Grimby Maternity Hospital, to Fay (formerly Cull) M.B., wife of Dr. F. M. Macdonagh, a daughter—Joy Helen.
- Neil, on August 18, 1952, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, W.1, to Jean, wife of Kenneth Neil, M.B., Ch.B., of New Zealand, a daughter—Barbara Jane.
- Parkinson, on August 19, 1952, at Luton, to Pat (formerly Bushby), wife of Dr. Thomas Parkinson, a son.—PETER.

**MARRIAGES**


**DEATHS**

- Marks—Bedford. On August 18, 1952, Francis Mausier, M.D., of 230A, Savile Park Road, Hailfax, Yorks, aged 56.
- Tovey—Bedford. On August 20, 1952, at his home, "Anderston," St. Mawes, Cornwall, Claude Edward Tovey, C.B.E., M.D., F.D.P.H., aged 74.