Doctors’ Lists

Mr. VAUGHAN-MORGAN informed Mr. S. AWBERY (Bristol, Central, Lab.) that on July 1, 1956, the number of general medical practitioners with lists of over 1,500 was 13,582, while 8,364 had over 2,500 patients and 2,979 had over 3,500; at the same date the average list was 2,272.

Senior Registrars

Mr. KENNETH ROBINSON (St. Pancras, North, Lab.) asked what was the total number of fourth-year and fully trained senior registrars in the Health Service; and what was the number of additional consultant appointments, in terms of whole-time equivalents, made in the last 12-months period for which figures were available. Mr. VAUGHAN-MORGAN gave him the following information. At June, 1956, the number of senior registrars in England and Wales other than those in first- to third-year posts were as follows: In fourth-year training, 136. Completed four years of training and awaiting higher posts, 90. Holding fifth- and sixth-year training posts in certain specialties, 13. Holding part-time posts (most hold also other part-time posts as consultants or senior hospital medical or dental officers), 26. Holding, before July, 1948, hospital posts of unlimited tenure graded as senior registrar in July, 1948, 17. University staff holding honorary appointments in hospitals, 78. Others holding miscellaneous appointments of a kind not included above, 40. Doctors from overseas temporarily in this country and holding posts graded as senior registrar, 8. Total, 408. It was estimated that in the year ending June 30, 1956, paid consultant appointments in England and Wales increased by about 65 whole-time equivalents.

Patients in Broadmoor

DR. DONALD JOHNSON (Carlisle, Con.) asked the Home Secretary on July 18 whether he would include the Criminal Lunatics Act, 1800, the Criminal Lunatic Asylums Act, 1860, and the Criminal Lunatics Acts of 1883 and 1884 in the revision of mental health legislation on which the Government proposed to embark. Mr. R. A. BUTLER stated that he would consider how far the principles embodied in the legislative proposals resulting from the Government’s consideration of the report of the Royal Commission on Mental Health could be reflected in the practice and legislation relating to Broadmoor patients. But it would not in his view and at present be advisable to incorporate the revision of the law relating to Broadmoor patients with the revision of mental health legislation arising out of the Royal Commission’s report.

Veneral Disease in Dominica

Mr. DAVID JONES (The Hartlepools, Lab.) asked the Secretary of State for the Colonies on July 16 what provisions existed on the island of Dominica for health teaching about venereal diseases. Mr. J. PROFUMO, the Under-Secretary, replied that health teaching about venereal diseases was undertaken within the ambit of a yaws eradication project, on which W.H.O. and Unicef were assisting. This had been in operation for some years, and a start was being made under it to control venereal diseases. The 1955 incidence per 1,000 of population for venereal diseases and yaws respectively was about 5.5 and 17 in Dominica and 9 and 0.6 in Trinidad.

Scottish Hospital Beds

Mr. J. S. MCLAy, Secretary of State for Scotland, informed Mr. W. HANNAN (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab.) on July 16 that in 1955 there were 2,129 pay-beds in Scotland, the rate of occupancy was 97%, and the occupancy by patients paying Section 4 charges was 64%. The corresponding figures for 1956 were 2,147, 90%, and 63%. At the end of September, 1955, there were 46,727 patients on waiting-lists, and last September 46,596.

Smoking Compartments in Trains

Mr. FRANK BESWICK (Uxbridge, Lab.) asked the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation if, in view of the new evidence regarding the danger to health of tobacco smoking, he would give a general direction to the British Transport Commission not only to set aside adequate numbers of train compartments in which smoking was prohibited, but also that these compartments should be more prominently indicated, and the prohibition enforced, with more adequate penalties for defaulters. Mr. G. R. H. NUGENT, the Parliamentary Secretary, replying on July 17, said the Government’s policy was to make known the risks of smoking, leaving it to individuals to make up their own minds. If the public wanted more non-smoking compartments, the British Transport Commission was ready to provide them. The present notices seemed adequate, and the Commission was shortly submitting by-laws increasing the penalty for smoking offences. Mr. BESWICK claimed that there was a very real hardship. The extraordinary correspondence he had received showed that there was real suffering by brachial people. Mr. NUGENT said that if any evidence was given him of the need to alter the present arrangements he would send it on to the Commission. The questioning then became a succession of contradictory opinions on whether it was the smoking or non-smoking compartments that should be labelled, with a special plea by Mr. E. SHINWELL (Easington, Lab.) that non-smokers should not be allowed to clutter up smoking compartments.

Drunk in Charge.—The number of prosecutions in England and Wales in 1955 for the offences of driving or being in charge of a motor vehicle while under the influence of drink or drugs was 3,867. The number of convictions was 3,311; sentences of imprisonment were imposed in 209 cases and fines were imposed in 3,059.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN

At Graduation ceremonies on July 4 and 5 the following degrees were conferred:


1With honours. 2With commendation.

Diplomas in Public Health were granted to G. Cassie, G. Innes, Isabel E. James, G. T. Pollock, and W. J. W. Rae.

COMING EVENTS
Radio.—B.B.C. Third Programme, July 31, 7.30 p.m. Mr. E. J. Ambrose, of the Chester Beauty Research Institute, will discuss "Cancer: a Problem of Cell Organization."

Bengué Memorial Lecture.—The Royal Institute of Public Health and Hygiene's Bengué Memorial Lecture will be given on October 9, at 4 p.m., by Dr. Louis Zizine (Paris). His subject will be "The Endocrine Problems of Asthma."

31st French Congress of Medicine.—Organized by the Association des Médecins de Langue Française, Paris, October 16 to 18. Details from the general secretary, 8, Rue du Pré-aux-Clercs, Paris, 7.

International Society of Angiology.—Third international congress, October 18-21, Atlantic City, New Jersey, U.S.A. Details from Dr. H. Haimovici, 105, East 90th Street, New York 28.

Blood Matching.—One-day symposium on "Compatibility Tests for Hospital Use," under the aegis of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board, October 17, at the Royal Victoria Hotel, Sheffield. All interested welcome. Details from the director, Regional Transfusion Centre, Sheffield, 10.

NEW ISSUES
British Heart Journal.—The new issue (Vol. 19, No. 3) is now available. The contents include:
- Auscultatory and Phonocardio-Diagnostic Signs of Pulmonary Stenosis, Aubrey Leatham and David Weitzman.
- Aortic Origin of the Right Pulmonary Artery. C. Creo, C. V. Lerman, and H. A. Lyons.
- Networks in the Right Side of the Heart. G. Ashin Grahm.
- Malodrant Cardiac Arrhythmia. William Dewhurst.
- Functional Tricuspid Incompetence in Relation to the Venu
gen Pressures. Conrad Lushbref and John Shilliford.
- The Anatomy of the Vessels Between and Above the Commis
totomy. Janet Dickens, L. Viliska, A. Woldow, and H. Goldby.
- Syndromic Block Associated with Intrathoracic New Growth. Peter Davies.
- Case Reports:
  - Caffey Cardiac Anuerys. W. J. Harsbury.
  - Absence of Pulse in Both Upper Extremities Due to an Aortic Arch Anomaly. A. A. de Carvalho, R. A. de Carvalho, A. A. de Carvalho, A. A. de Carvalho, and A. A. de Carvalho.
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  - Pulsed Xenon Arc Unit.
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- Unilateral Exophthalmo resulting from Sclerosis of the Sphenoid Bone. J. W. E. Cott.
- Multiple Myelomas Affecting the Orbit. Doris Rose and Clifford Taylor.
- Anterior Dislocation of the Lens in Marfan's Syndrome. D. P. Choyce.
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BRITISH JOURNAL OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—The new issue (Vol. 33, No. 2) is now available. The contents include:
- Problems of Venerable Disease Control in Poland. Jozef Towkow.
- Epidemiology of Infections with Trichomonas Vaginalis in the London Area. J. C. Gooding and M. J. Good.
- Improved Diagnostic Methods. M. John Whittington.
- Syphilis: Al Qaeda.
- Venerable Disease in Women Prisoners. Elizabeth Keighley.
- Inspection and Re-inspection in Early Syphils. E. E. Prette.
- Efficacy of Vitamin B12 in the Alleviation of the Lightening Pains of Tares Donsole. Aidan Redmond.
- Obituaries:
  - John Friend Mayhew, M.D.
- Book Review.
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SOCIETIES AND LECTURES
A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked .

Saturday, July 27
MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES.—At B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.2, 2.15 p.m., 36th annual general meeting.

Friday, August 2
INSTITUTE OF DISEASE OF THE CREST.—5 p.m., Dr. N. C. Oswald: clinical demonstration.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS
BIRTHS
- Beg. —On July 21, 1957, at the Jersey Maternity Hospital, to Christine, wife of Dr. Douglas Begg, a son—Andrew Philip.
- Crossley. —On July 20, 1957, at Roehampton Hospital, to Margaret (formerly Abby), wife of Frank Crossley, F.R.C.S., a son—Brian.
- Kempt Hermon. —On July 19, 1957, at Wellington Hospital, to Jessica (formerly Brabbs), wife of Sidney Stowe, M.B., B.S., of, 213, Newhampton Road East, Wolverhampton, a second child—a son.

DEATHS
- Bennett. —On July 8, 1957, at 21, Londesdale Road, Bourneham, Norman Bennett, M.D.
- Lewis. —On July 9, 1957, at 9, Poole's Hill, South Norbury, London, S.W., to Irene Kempsie Herron, M.D., aged 79.
- Lewis. —On July 6, 1957, at Bromley Hospital, London, S.W., to David Lewis, M.D., F.R.C.P., of Trelusion, Upfalls, Swanley.