

**Society of Medical Officers of Health, Association of Teachers in Colleges and Departments of Education, and Central Council for Health Education.**—Combined conference, "Education and Medicine; A Partnership in Health Education?," 5-7 April, University of Technology, Loughborough, Leicestershire. Details from Medical Director, C.C.H.E., Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

**British National Conference on Social Welfare.**—10-13 April, Church House, Westminster. Theme: "Welfare State and Welfare Society." Details from Information Officer, British National Conference on Social Welfare, 26 Bedford Square, London W.C.1.

### 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.

#### Tuesday, 28 March

B.B.C.—2 TELEVISION.—1.15 p.m., *Medicine Today: Renal Failure.* (Sponsored by A.S.M.E.).  
 INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 2 p.m., Mr. L. T. Cotton: *Problems in Surgery of the Large Bowel in Relation to Gynaecology.* (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.) ●  
 ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wolfson II Lecture Theatre, 4 p.m., Professor R. Welbourn: *Nutritional Aspects of Gastric Surgery.*

SIR THOMAS DIXON LECTURE.—At Clinical Institute, Belfast, 5 p.m., Dr. M. De Bakey (Houston, Texas): *Aneurysms of the Aorta—An Analysis of Fifteen Years' Surgical Experience.*  
 WEST SUFFOLK HOSPITALS POSTGRADUATE CENTRE.—At Outpatient Hall, West Suffolk Hospital, 8.15 p.m., clinical meeting.

#### Wednesday, 29 March

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—5 p.m., Mr. J. C. Park: *Retroperitoneal Fibrosis.*  
 ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. A. G. Galton: *Chemotherapy of Malignant Disease.*  
 STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL.—12.15 p.m., Dr. E. R. Bickerstaff: *Migraine Variants.*

#### Thursday, 30 March

FACULTY OF HOMEOPATHY.—5 p.m., Richard Hughes memorial lecture by Dr. D. M. Gibson.  
 KINGSTON MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Department of Pathology, Kingston Hospital, Kingston-upon-Thames, 8 p.m., demonstrations of new methods, techniques, and apparatus.  
 ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wolfson II Lecture Theatre, 4 p.m., Mr. R. Martin: *The Ischaemic Limb.*  
 ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.—5.15 p.m., Dr. J. Karefa-Smart (W.H.O.): *Problems of Nutrition in Developing Countries.* ●  
 SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.—At Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, 8 p.m., presidential address by Professor F. E. Camps: *Some Observations on the Behavioural Effects of Alcohol.*

#### Friday, 31 March

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. V. T. Hammond: *Management of Chronic Otorrhoea.*  
 NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.—8 p.m., Dr. A. Walk: *Fifteen Fallacies in Psychiatric History.*  
 ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.15 a.m., symposium: *Isotopes in Surgery.*  
 SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.—At West Lecture Room, Royal Society of Medicine, 9 a.m., symposium: *Clinical and Medico-Legal Aspects of Narcotic Addiction.*

#### Saturday, 1 April

CHELMSFORD POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS.—At St. John's Hospital, Chelmsford, obstetric seminar.  
 MIDLAND THORACIC SOCIETY.—At Postgraduate Centre, Dudley Road Hospital, Birmingham, 3 p.m., Dr. J. Pepps: *Pulmonary Aspergillosis, Farmers' and Bird Fanciers' Lung and related disorders due to Inhaled Organic Antigens.*  
 ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—9.30 a.m., anaesthetic teaching meeting: *Blood Transfusion.*

#### Sunday, 2 April

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SPORT AND MEDICINE: SCOTTISH AREA.—At Edinburgh University Staff Club, 9-15 Chambers Street, 10 a.m., meeting.

### Correction

We regret that the name of Dr. Donald Irvine, who spoke at the Newcastle meeting on "The Future of British Medicine" (18 March, p. 693), was wrongly spelt.

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## EPIDEMIOLOGY

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending 4 March (No. 9) and corresponding week 1966.

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	1967					1966				
	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 ..	770	99	108	17		623	79	148	1	9
Encephalitis, acute..	1	0		0		1	1		0	
Enteric fever: Typhoid ..	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	
Paratyphoid..	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1B	0	
Food-poisoning	142	31	4	2		55	16	13	0	1
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years					20	33			6	14
Measles* ..	25,556	4933	174	306	160	4,761	376	14	57	
Meningococcal infection ..	6	1	0	0		11	1	5	1	
Ophthalmia neonatorum..	13	3	1	0		10	4	0	0	
Pneumonia† ..	202	28	87	25	3	447	58	250	15	13
Poliomyelitis, acute: Paralytic ..	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	
Non-paralytic ..	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	
Puerperal fever‡	108	58	6	0		102	38	8	0	
Scarlet fever ..	638	124	46	19	15	558	67	45	10	3
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	230	57	43	11		246	58	21	11	
Non-respiratory ..	59	10	3	0		37	6	7	4	
Whooping-cough	524	101	62	27	13	211	41	4	12	1

  

DEATHS	1967					1966				
	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	0	0
Dysentery ..	0	0		0		1	0			
Encephalitis, acute..		0		0			2			0
Enteric fever ..	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	5	1	1	0	0	6	2	2		0
Influenza ..	7	0	1	0	0	488	25	20		13
Measles ..		0	1	0	0		0	0		0
Meningococcal infection ..		0	1				1	0		
Pneumonia ..	841	123	23	19	13	1,558	239	57		19
Poliomyelitis, acute..	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0
Scarlet fever ..		0	0	0	0		0	0		0
Tuberculosis: Respiratory ..	0	8	3	0	4	57	10	5	4	0
Non-respiratory ..				0	0		1			
Whooping-cough	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0		0
Deaths 0-1 year	311	56	29	4	9	312	67	27		8
Deaths (excluding stillbirths)	11,151	1786	616	132	176	14,082	2129	791		280
LIVE BIRTHS	17,273	2773	927	302	340	17,518	2916	952		383
STILLBIRTHS	250	34	14			260	49	22		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.