

**Scotland in 1958**

The preliminary report for 1958 shows that the birth rate in Scotland was 19.2 per 1,000 population and was 1.0 above the five years' average. The infant mortality rate was 28 per 1,000 live births and was the lowest rate recorded in Scotland, being 1 below the rate for 1957. The neonatal death rate was 19 per 1,000 live births and was also the lowest recorded. The death rate was 12.0 per 1,000 population; this was 0.1 above the rate for 1957 and 0.1 above the average.

Deaths from the principal infectious diseases included 143 from influenza, 25 from meningococcal infections, 4 from whooping-cough, 4 from measles, and 1 from typhoid fever. There were 16 deaths from acute poliomyelitis. Deaths from tuberculosis numbered 638 from the respiratory system and 49 from other forms and were 26 and 10, respectively, fewer than in the preceding year. Deaths attributed to violence included 435 suicides, 629 caused by road transport accidents, and 1,109 caused by accidents in the home; these were 15, 44, and 49, respectively, more than in 1957.

In the fourth quarter of 1958 the birth rate was 19.3 per 1,000 population and was 1.7 above the average of the five preceding fourth quarters. The infant mortality rate was 27 per 1,000 registered live births and was 2 below the rate in the fourth quarter of 1957. The death rate was 11.9 per 1,000 population, being 1.2 lower than the rate in the preceding December quarter but the same as the average for the five preceding December quarters. The deaths from tuberculosis numbered 182 from the respiratory system and 12 from other forms, and these were 25 and 7, respectively, fewer than in the corresponding quarter of the preceding year. Deaths from the principal infectious diseases were 22 from influenza, 8 from meningococcal infections, and 2 from measles. In addition there were 9 deaths from acute poliomyelitis. Of the 709 deaths from violence 276 were attributed to accidents in the home and 173 to road transport accidents.

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## Medical News

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**Edinburgh G.P. Centre.**—On June 1 the Family Doctor Centre, at Livingstone House, Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh, was opened for work. Its object is to provide diagnostic facilities for general practitioners in Edinburgh. Doctors will be able to bring any patient to this centre whom they would like to investigate more fully than their surgery hours and facilities would normally permit. A suite of fully equipped examination-rooms is available, and rooms can be booked in advance. There is a laboratory for haematology, biochemistry, and a limited amount of bacteriology. X-ray and E.C.G. facilities are also provided. The full-time staff comprises an administrative secretary, secretary-typist, nurse, laboratory technician, radiographer, and a medical social worker. A radiologist will attend on a sessional basis. Dr. W. A. ALEXANDER is the honorary medical adviser. The centre will be open initially from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. on weekdays, except Saturday. This new venture has been made possible by the generosity of the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust. Further details may be obtained from the centre's committee of management.

**Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.**—At the meeting of council on May 23, under the chairmanship of the president, Professor A. M. CLAYE, the following were elected to fill statutory vacancies on the council. *Representing the Fellows.*—London: Mr. H. G. E. ARTHURE; England and Wales (excluding London): Mr. W. HAWKESWORTH and Mr. H. J. MALKIN; Scotland: Dr. H. R. MACLENNAN; Northern Ireland and Eire: Dr. N. McI. FALKNER. *Representing the Members.*—England and Wales (excluding London): Dr. DOROTHY SHOTTON;

Scotland: Dr. M. M. GARREY. Dr. T. F. CORKILL, of Wellington, New Zealand, was appointed Sims-Black travelling professor for 1960 to visit the British Isles.

The following were admitted to the Fellowship:

B. H. Anderson, S. J. Aptekar, H. R. Arthur, S. Bender, B. E. Blair, G. J. C. Browne, J. E. S. Carmichael, D. G. W. Clyne, J. B. Cochrane, S. J. Cohen, J. McD. Corston, D. Crichton, G. L. Daly, J. A. Davidson, L. M. Edwards, H. H. Francis, I. T. Fraser, S. N. Gardé, F. G. Geldenhuys, B. W. Grieve, W. J. Hamilton, R. L. Hartley, J. R. E. James, W. F. Joynt, J. Karnicki, R. A. H. Kinch, K. I. Liebert, E. W. Little, J. L. Macarthur, J. M. McBride, I. MacGillivray, J. S. MacVine, A. M. D. Milne, C. R. Morison, N. F. Morris, J. Murray, N. Noble, D. L. Poddar, L. J. Quinn, T. F. Redman, R. X. Sands, K. G. Seager, M. J. L. Stening, E. M. Terry, P. C. Thomas.

The following were admitted to the Membership:

E. Aldous-Ball, K. R. Barnes, S. L. Barron, K. Bose, J. A. C. Brown, E. M. Carey, K. Chatterjee, K.-K. Chow, S. Cohen, K. V. Cooper, M. Dass, G. M. Davidson, B. H. Dawson, S. Devi, R. D. Dickinson, P. Dissanayake, P. M. Elliott, R. G. Emerson, B. N. Foy, R. D. Fraser, I. C. Hain, J. J. Handler, S. Haroon, J. G. Harrington, S. R. Hazra, M. Howett, R. F. Hutchings, S. A. Martyn, B. Mehra, J. J. Morrissey, H. Mukheiber, S. H. P. Nanayakkara, I. Orr, R. J. Ostolosky, J. F. O'Sullivan, K. D. Printer, M. A. Pugh, S. Ramaswamy, C. M. Rant, A. L. Reynolds, J. N. Rodrigo, M. Rohatgi, R. W. Shannon, D. H. Stewart, W. S. H. Tow, M. A. Wignall.

**Medical Research Council Awards.**—The Medical Research Council has awarded the following travelling fellowships in medicine to be held in the United States of America in the academic year 1959–60:

*Rockefeller Travelling Fellowships:* Mr. H. L. DUTHIE, senior registrar and lecturer, department of surgery, Glasgow University; Dr. I. P. C. MURRAY, registrar in medicine and endocrinology, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow; Dr. M. M. PLATTS, J. G. Graves Research Fellow, department of medicine, Sheffield University; Dr. J. D. POLLIT, chief assistant, department of psychological medicine, St. Thomas's Hospital, London; Dr. K. B. TAYLOR, assistant to the Nuffield Professor of clinical medicine, Oxford University; Dr. L. G. WHITBY, registrar in chemical pathology, Postgraduate Medical School of London. *Lederle Travelling Fellowship:* Dr. G. R. TUDHOPE, lecturer in therapeutics, Sheffield University. *Alexander Pigott Wernher Memorial Travelling Fellowship in Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology:* Dr. A. B. LEITH, resident, Montreal General Hospital, to the Institute of Ophthalmology of the University of London; and Mr. A. N. GRIFFITH, registrar to E.N.T. Department, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

**Scottish Appointments.**—Mr. T. D. HADDOW will succeed Mr. JOHN ANDERSON as Secretary to the Department of Health for Scotland on August 1. Mr. Haddow is an Under Secretary in the Department at the moment. Mr. A. B. TAYLOR has been appointed Registrar-General of Births, Marriages, and Deaths in Scotland in place of Mr. E. A. HOGAN, who retired at the end of last month.

**B.M.A. Film Competition, 1959.**—To encourage the production of good medical films, the Council of the B.M.A. offers two prizes of 50 guineas each (with certificates) for 16 mm. medical films, to be submitted in open competition. One prize is for commercial and the other for non-commercial film producers. In addition, awards of merit will be made where appropriate. Competitors are free to choose their own subjects. Only films completed after September 30, 1957, may be entered for the competition. Further details and entry forms are obtainable from the Secretary, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1. The closing date for receipt of films and entry forms is September 30, 1959.

**Royal College of Surgeons.**—At a meeting of the council on May 14, under the chairmanship of the president, Sir JAMES PATERSON ROSS, Mr. E. D. AHERN, of Brisbane, and Dr. JOHN H. GIBBON, of Philadelphia, were admitted to the honorary fellowship. The Lady Cade medal was awarded to Squadron Leader T. C. D. WHITESIDE for his research on the effect on visual performance of dazzle from sources of very high brightness, and the Begley prize was awarded to Dr. G. S. MAKIN, of Liverpool University.

**Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh.**—The College has awarded the Freeland Barbour Fellowship to Mr. A. F. ANDERSON.

**Institute of Almoners.**—Representatives of the Institute have been meeting, under the chairmanship of Sir ALLEN DALEY, with representatives of the Royal Colleges of Physicians, Surgeons, Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, and of the College of General Practitioners to discuss the contribution of social work to medical care. In a joint statement stress is laid on the need to re-examine the duties traditionally undertaken by the almoner's department, and on the need for facilities for postgraduate study for almoners.

**Leeds University.**—Professor A. DURWARD, who holds the Chair of Anatomy, has been appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor for the sessions 1959-61. Mr. F. E. HOPPER has been appointed to the Chair of Dental Surgery and head of the Dental School from October 1, 1959. Dr. C. J. E. WRIGHT has been promoted to senior lecturer in the department of pathology.

**Aberdeen University.**—Mr. D. R. INMAN, of University College London, has been appointed lecturer in physiology, starting next January. Miss F. I. G. VINE has been appointed assistant in clinical chemistry.

**British Paediatric Association.**—Dr. E. W. HART has succeeded Dr. P. R. EVANS as honorary secretary of the British Paediatric Association, whose address is c/o The Institute of Child Health, The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.1.

**Royal College of Nursing.**—Miss M. J. MARRIOTT, matron of the Middlesex Hospital, has been re-elected president for 1959-60.

**Professor Robert Platt, P.R.C.P.,** has been elected an honorary member of the Association of American Physicians.

**Dr. J. D. Sutherland,** medical director of the Tavistock Clinic, is to serve on the committee of inquiry into the probation service announced by the Home Secretary, Mr. R. A. BUTLER, earlier this month.

### COMING EVENTS

**University of Sheffield.**—A refresher course for general practitioners will be held during the week beginning September 28. Inquiries and applications should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, the University, Sheffield, 10, as soon as possible. (See advertisement p. 70 of this week's *Journal*.)

**First Emily Blake Memorial Lecture.**—Dr. JOE V. MEIGS, of Boston, will lecture at the Medical School, King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, June 9 at 5 p.m. His subject will be "The Surgical Treatment of Cancer of the Cervix."

**Faculty of Radiologists.**—Annual meeting, June 19 and 20, at the Royal College of Surgeons. Professor W. V. MAYNEORD will deliver the Skinner Lecture on "Some Problems in the Metabolism of Radioactive Materials in the Human Body." Details from the secretary of the Faculty, 47, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2.

**Society for Endocrinology.**—Annual lecture: "A Canadian Trail of Medical Research," by Professor CHARLES H. BEST, F.R.S., at the Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W.1, at 5.30 p.m. on June 23.

**British Association of Paediatric Surgeons.**—Sixth annual meeting, to be held in Liverpool, June 24 to 26.

**Eleventh Ciba Foundation Lecture.**—Professor PASTEUR VALLERY-RADOT will lecture (in French) on "Le Rôle de l'Intuition dans la Recherche Médicale" at 5 p.m. on June 26 at the Royal Institution, 21, Albemarle Street, London, W.1. Tickets (free) from the Ciba Foundation, 41, Portland Place, London, W.1.

**Institute of Dermatology.**—Semi-permanent exhibition on leprosy, until June 30.

### 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, June 6

**NORTH-EAST METROPOLITAN THORACIC SOCIETY.**—At Honey Lane Hospital, Waltham Abbey, 10.30 a.m., Dr. J. D. Stevens: Bronchial Carcinoma in Women; 11 a.m., Dr. E. G. Sita Lumsden: Dysphagia Pneumonitis. ● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING: PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION.**—At Crowdry Hall, Royal College of Nursing, 10.15 a.m., Open Conference on the Report of the Working Party on Social Workers in the Local Authority Health and Welfare Services. Speaker, Mr. R. Huws Jones, M.A.

#### Monday, June 8

● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 4.30 p.m., Mr. A. Gunn: Use of Kielland's Midwifery Forceps. **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. B. Ackner: Alcohol Addiction.

#### Tuesday, June 9

**HEATHERWOOD ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL.**—8.30 p.m., Mr. G. V. Osborne: Compression Lesions of Peripheral Nerves. **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. D. Pond: Use of Tranquillizers in Dermatology. ● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Hammersmith Hospital, 3 p.m., Mr. D. Fraser: Prolapse and Stress Incontinence. **MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.**—At Clinical Lecture Theatre, 4.15 p.m., Sanderson Wells Lecture by Lord Rt. Hon. Boyd-Orr, F.R.S.: Food, Health, and Politics. **NORTH OF ENGLAND COUNCIL OF BRITISH EMPIRE CANCER CAMPAIGN.**—At Medical School, King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 5 p.m., Emily Blake Memorial Lecture by Dr. Joe V. Meigs (Boston): Surgical Treatment of Cancer of the Cervix. **ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Wright-Fleming Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. Aleck Bourne: Hypertension in Pregnancy. **WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.**—5.30 p.m., Mr. G. C. Knight: Treatment of Cervical Spondylosis.

#### Wednesday, June 10

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. C. Wells: Histochemistry of the Skin. **INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Dr. W. D. W. Brooks: Treatment of Pneumonia. **LEBANON HOSPITAL FOR MENTAL AND NERVOUS DISORDERS.**—At Winter Garden, Cora Hotel, Upper Woburn Place, W.C., 6 p.m., 60th annual meeting. **OXFORD UNIVERSITY.**—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Litchfield Lecture by Professor P. B. Medawar: Some Recent Advances in Immunology.

#### Thursday, June 11

**HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.**—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Mr. C. W. A. Falconer: Ulcerative Colitis. **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—4.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Uncommon Skin Tumours. 5.30 p.m., Dr. I. Macalpine: Application of Psychiatry to Dermatology—Theoretic Aspects. **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. E. F. Scowen: Congenital Abnormalities of Adrenal Secretion. **ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.**—2.30 p.m., discussion: Neglected Children. paper by Dr. Doris Odium.

#### Friday, June 12

● **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. G. C. Wells. **INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Mr. N. R. Barrett: clinical demonstration. **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—10 a.m., Dr. F. Avery Jones: Ulcerative Colitis.

#### Saturday, June 13

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Radiotherapeutic Centre, Addenbrooke's Hospital. Postgraduate courses for general practitioners. Symposium on the place of Radiotherapy in the Treatment of Cancer. *Morning*, 10.15 a.m., Professor J. S. Mitchell, F.R.S.: Introduction to Radiotherapy; 11.15 a.m., demonstration of patients and methods by Dr. Diana Brinkley, Dr. D. G. Brotherton, Dr. D. S. Murrell, Dr. E. M. Kingsley Pillers, and Dr. P. T. Chopping. *Afternoon*, 2.15 p.m., Dr. D. G. Brotherton: Cancer Education; 3 p.m., Professor J. S. Mitchell, F.R.S.: Some New Methods and Ideas in the Treatment of Cancer; 4 p.m., discussion.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### DEATHS

**Anderson.**—On May 10, 1959, at Law Hospital, Carlisle, Lanarkshire, Norman Eric Wilson Anderson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M.&H., of Lawside, Park Place, Lanark.  
**Armstrong-Dash.**—On May 8, 1959, Charles James Armstrong-Dash, M.D., of 8, Winchelsea Court, Worthing, Sussex, formerly of Addlestone, Surrey.  
**Barrett.**—On May 11, 1959, Daniel Francis Barrett, M.B., Ch.B., of 292, Bradford Road, Fartown, Huddersfield, Yorks, aged 56.  
**Bednar.**—On May 8, 1959, at 13, York Avenue, Hove, Sussex, Marcel Bednar, M.D.  
**Brown.**—On May 10, 1959, Alexander Middleton Brown, M.D., D.P.H., of 77, Park Grove, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol.  
**Delahunty.**—On May 5, 1959, Patrick Joseph Delahunty, M.B., B.Ch., of Yiewsley, Wolverton, Bucks.  
**Gunn.**—On May 9, 1959, at Edinburgh, David Gunn, M.B., Ch.B., of 22, Orchardhead Road, Edinburgh, late of Loanhead, Midlothian.  
**John.**—On May 7, 1959, David Vernon John, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Woodmancote, Felinfol Road, Llanelly, Carm.  
**Joyce.**—On May 8, 1959, in hospital, London, Francis Joyce, M.B., B.Ch., of 115, Denmark Hill, London, S.E., formerly of Dublin.  
**Moxon.**—On May 4, 1959, at 50, Grove Avenue, Sheffield, Yorks, Peter Brearley Moxon, M.B., Ch.B.  
**Newman.**—On May 1, 1959, in hospital, Enfield, Middlesex, Harris Eli Newman, M.D., of Boscombe, Hants, aged 73.  
**Tait.**—On May 3, 1959, at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, James Herkes Tait, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., of 9, Elcho Road, Longniddry, East Lothian, aged 33.