

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND VITAL STATISTICS

Summary for British Isles for week ending August 30 (No. 35) and corresponding week 1951.

Figures of cases are for the countries shown and London administrative county. Figures of deaths and births are for the 160 great towns in England and Wales (London included), London administrative county, 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 in Countries and London	1952					1951				
	Eng & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria	22	2	3	0		35	4	9	0	1
Dysentery	90	17	94	6	3	152	32	72	3	1
Encephalitis, acute	8	1	0	0		10	0	0	0	
Enteric fever:										
Typhoid	4	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	0	0
Paratyphoid ..	44	1	2(B)	1	2(B)	37	1	0	4	2(B)
Food-poisoning ..	139	20		0		123	12		3	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years				19	66				11	39
Measles*	3,649	412	42	56	108	1,876	68	67	77	40
Meningococcal infection	28	2	7	1		36	4	12	1	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum	28	6	11	0		31	4	11	0	
Pneumonia†	220	9	135	6	2	217	8	137	1	
Poliomyelitis, acute:										
Paralytic	150	15	19	9	1	35	3	7	1	
Non-paralytic ..	65	12				54	3			
Puerperal fever‡ ..	216	31	9	0		234	31	11	2	
Scarlet fever	557	49	151	14	46	461	29	108	16	19
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory			151	19				143	32	
Non-respiratory ..			34	4				30	14	
Whooping-cough ..	1,861	83	107	41	105	2,727	107	297	62	78

DEATHS in Great Towns	1952					1951				
	Eng & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire	Eng & Wales	Land.	Scot.	N. Ire.	Eire
Diphtheria	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dysentery	0	0		0			0		0	
Encephalitis, acute ..		1			0		0			1
Enteric fever	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	
Infective enteritis or diarrhoea under 2 years	7	0	1	0		8		3	1	0
Influenza	1	1		0		3	1	0	0	0
Measles		0		0	0		0	0	0	0
Meningococcal infection		1					0	1		
Pneumonia	129	21		5	3	133	14		11	5
Poliomyelitis, acute	9	0			0	1	0			0
Scarlet fever		0			0		0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis:										
Respiratory	87	6	11	2	2	130	8	22	1	8
Non-respiratory ..			4	3	0			5	0	2
Whooping-cough ..	1	0		0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Deaths 0-1 year ..	216	22	26	8	17	181	25	30	7	14
Deaths (excluding stillbirths) ..	4,268	620	475	90	118	3,975	621	557	100	148
LIVE BIRTHS	7,348	1,141	757	208	352	6,646	1,169	756	218	395
STILLBIRTHS	165	21	22			183	22	21		

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

† Includes primary and influenzal pneumonia.

‡ Includes puerperal pyrexia.

Medical News

International Congress of Internal Medicine.—The second International Congress of Internal Medicine—the first was held in Paris in 1950—was opened in London, at Friends House, on September 15 by Sir Russell Brain, P.R.C.P. He was accompanied on the platform by the Rt. Hon. Iain Macleod, M.P., Minister of Health; the Mayor of St. Pancras; Sir James Paterson Ross, Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons; Dame Hilda Lloyd, President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists; Lord Moran, honorary vice-president of the Congress; Sir John Charles, Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health; Dr. Roger Lee, past-president of the American College of Physicians; Dr. A. Gigon, president of the International Society of Internal Medicine; and Sir Harold Boldero and Dr. W. G. Barnard, respectively secretary and treasurer of the congress. In a brief address to the distinguished assembly, which included representatives of 29 countries, the Minister of Health said that it was an excellent thing, when there was so much specialization, to have a congress which brought back to their minds the fundamental importance of general principles. Dr. A. Gigon referred to the recent growth of national societies of internal medicine, a number of which had made their appearance since 1948. Internal medicine, he said, made for harmony, not only between the different branches of medicine but between medicine and the other sciences. Dr. Roger Lee said that internal medicine had no language of its own, and did not demand a particular tongue to give it expression. Science and the creative arts were the only disciplines which had a universal appeal and a universal language, and perhaps the applied science of medicine—in some respects an art—was paramount in such universal appeal. Sir Russell Brain, in welcoming the members to London, after reading a message from the Queen, the Patron of the congress, said that he had been often asked, "What is internal medicine?" What was the difference between this congress and congresses concerned with specialized subjects such as gastroenterology, biochemistry, bacteriology, and neurology? Internal medicine dealt with the whole man, but, after all, so did the specialties; but the specialty saw the whole man from its particular angle, whereas internal medicine saw all the aspects from the standpoint of the whole man. It was proper to place emphasis upon the comprehensive view, and that was the main function of the congress, which he then declared open.

Cardiologists' Banquet.—The official banquet of the First European Congress of Cardiology was held on September 12 at Grosvenor House with Sir John Parkinson, president of the British Cardiac Society, in the chair. After Sir John had proposed the toast of "The Guests," Mr. Iain Macleod, the Minister of Health, proposed the health of the European Society of Cardiology. Professor Gustav Nylin, president of the Society, and Professor Pierre Rylant replied. Subsequent speakers included Dr. Irving Wright and Professor Charles Lauby.

After Straffen.—Recent letters to *The Times* on the inadequacy of the M'Naghten rules have included several from eminent members of the medical profession. The president of the Royal College of Physicians, Sir Russell Brain, advocated a Royal Commission to look into the matter. Dr. Letitia Fairfield drew attention to the existing provisions of the law concerning mentally defective criminals. Sir Reginald Watson-Jones, a vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons, while agreeing with Sir Russell Brain on the need for a Royal Commission, suggested that the Commission should "consider the advisability of abolishing hanging for those whose minds are normal, and arranging a peaceful and endless sleep for those who murder without knowing it." Dr. A. Piney discussed the diagnosis of insanity. Dr. T. Rowland

Hill reminded the public of the B.M.A.'s evidence to the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment, and drew attention particularly to the merits of the Scottish law of diminished responsibility. (It is understood that the report of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment will be available before the end of the year.)

General Practice on Television.—The television programme "Family Doctor," which was broadcast on September 3, seems to have been generally enjoyed by the public and welcomed by most of the professional critics. This second documentary programme on a medical subject was written by Cormac Swan (assistant editor of the B.M.A.'s popular health magazine *Family Doctor*) and Robert Barr, who also produced it. The same team were responsible for the earlier and very successful documentary, "Dangerous Drugs." "Family Doctor" lacked some of the dramatic interest of the earlier programme, but it was none the less a workmanlike job, marked by its sincerity and authenticity: the whole script, from start to finish, was essentially based on facts. As entertainment "Family Doctor" sustained its interest throughout.

Copyright Convention Signed.—After a three-week conference at Geneva, called by Unesco, representatives of over 40 countries signed a new international copyright treaty on September 6. The treaty establishes a universal 25-year minimum copyright protection for both foreign and domestic authors. The United States was among the signatory countries, but not the Soviet Union or its satellites. Before the treaty comes into force it must be ratified by 12 countries, including the United States, where new legislation will be required.

Royal Society of Edinburgh.—New members of the Society elected this year include Professor R. W. B. Ellis, professor of child life and health in the University of Edinburgh; Professor K. V. Krishnan, professor of microbiology in the All-India Institute of Hygiene and Public Health; and Professor I. M. Thompson, professor of anatomy in the University of Manitoba.

Rations for Coeliac Disease.—The Ministry of Food announces that in future children with coeliac disease on a wheat- or gluten-free diet may be allowed one extra ration of fats, one extra meat ration, and one priority allocation of eggs a week as an *alternative* to the extra rations at present granted to such cases. It is also stated that the Ministry's medical advisers are prepared to give consideration to the cases of adults with steatorrhoea who are on similar diets. (P.N.6209a, September 8, 1952.)

Blood Donors Wanted.—The Ministry of Health is appealing for 145,000 more blood donors. Although during the June quarter blood donations reached the record post-war level of 161,880, and the number of donors on panels in England and Wales was also a record at 481,422, more blood is being demanded by the hospitals. If this trend continues either individual donors will have to be used more frequently or more donors must enrol.

Science and Industry.—A special section of the British Association is to be set up to study the application of science to industry. This was announced by Professor A. V. Hill at the final session of the Association's annual meeting in Belfast.

Upbringing of Young People.—A survey of the influences affecting young people is to be undertaken by King George's Jubilee Trust. Young people will be studied from the time they enter their primary schools until after their National Service. The main object of the investigation is to present a clear picture of the present position. The Trust, which was founded in 1935 to commemorate the silver jubilee of King George V, is the leading organization in Britain concerned with the welfare of the younger generation.

Dr. J. C. Gilson has been appointed director of the Medical Research Council's pneumoconiosis research unit in South Wales. He succeeds Dr. Charles Fletcher.

NEW ISSUES

Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases.—The next issue of this journal (Vol. 11, No. 3) will be available in a week's time. The principal contents include:

STENOSING TENOSYNOVITIS. G. Palmborg.
REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT BY MOVEMENT OF CONTRACTURES IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. Gunnar Edström.
EFFECT OF PLACENTAL "SERUM" IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. Jerome Simson and Joseph J. Bunim.
GOLD THERAPY AND NEUTRAL 17-KETOSTEROID EXCRETION IN RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS. James Bruce and Robert MacKay.
GOLD-TESTING IN GOLD TREATMENT OF CHRONIC POLYARTHRITIS: RESULTS OF CONTINUED EXPERIMENTS. Tore Svanberg.
CLINICAL "ASSAY" OF CORTICOTROPHIN: PRELIMINARY COMPARISON OF METHODS. B. M. Ansell and E. G. L. Bywaters.
ULNAR DEVIATION OF THE FINGERS. Brandon Lush.
TUBERCULOUS RHEUMATISM: REPORT OF A CASE. P. G. Dalgleish.
COMPARATIVE EFFECTS OF CORTISONE, ACTH, AND DOCA IN A CASE OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS WITH ADDISON'S DISEASE. Philip Ellman and Leon Cudkowicz.

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British Journal of Venereal Diseases.—The next issue of this journal (Vol. 28, No. 3) will be available in a week's time. The principal contents include:

POSSIBLE APPLICATIONS OF ADRENOCORTICOTROPHIC HORMONE (ACTH) AND CORTISONE IN SYPHILIS. G. O. Horne.
GONOCOCCAL INFECTION OF THE PARA-URETHRAL GLANDS IN THE FEMALE. Elisabeth Rees.
NEWER METHODS IN THE DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF GRANULOMA INGUINALE. Robert B. Greenblatt and W. E. Barfield.
STANDARDIZATION OF THE WASSERMANN TEST USING PRESERVED COMPLEMENT TITRATED TO 50% HAEMOLYSIS. P. N. Coleman.
SYPHILIS IN MENTAL DEFICIENCY. W. V. Macfarlane and C. B. S. Schofield.
AUREOMYCIN IN THE LOCAL TREATMENT OF TRICHOMONAS VAGINITIS. C. S. Nicol, E. Gallagher, and A. J. King.

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COMING EVENTS

Medical Protection Society.—The annual general meeting of the Society will be held at Victory House, Leicester Square, W.C.2, on October 1 at 3 p.m.

Clinical Pathology.—The 49th general meeting of the Association of Clinical Pathologists will be held on October 2, 3, and 4 at Westminster Hospital Medical School, London, S.W.1. Professor R. J. V. Pulvertaft will give the presidential address on October 3 on the individual and the group in modern medicine. As well as papers covering a wide range of subjects such as the testing of plasma and its fractions for anti-haemophilic potency (W. R. Pitney and J. V. Dacie), the tubeless test meal (J. Harkness and J. A. Durant), the Army T.A.B. vaccine (Lieutenant-General F. Harris), and the sensitivity and resistance of *M. tuberculosis* to isoniazid (R. Knox), there will be demonstrations and films. Full details of the programme of scientific sessions may be had from the honorary secretary, Dr. W. H. McMenemey, Maids Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases, London, W.9.

Guy's Hospital Medical School.—The biennial dinner for past medical and dental students will be held in the Grand Hall of the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London, W.C.1, on Friday, October 3, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets 25s. each (inclusive of tips, but exclusive of wines) obtainable from Mr. O. Gayer Morgan, honorary secretary, Guy's Hospital Biennial Dinner, Medical School, Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1 (telephone number HOP 3500, extension. 383).

Royal Free Hospital.—Sir Henry Dale will give the inaugural address of the 1952-3 session on October 3 at 3 p.m. in the Beveridge Hall, Senate House, University of London.

St. George's Hospital.—Professor Sir David Hughes Parry will give the inaugural address of the 1952-3 session on October 4 at 3 p.m. at the hospital. The medical school dinner will be held the same evening at the Washington Hotel, Curzon Street, W.1.

Westminster Hospital.—Sir Raymond Evershed, P.C., Master of the Rolls, will give the inaugural address of the 1952-3 session on October 6 at 3.45 p.m. at Church House, Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

St. Thomas's Hospital.—The old students' dinner will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.1, on Friday, October 17, at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Tickets (£1 9s. exclusive of drinks) may be obtained from the honorary secretaries at the hospital.

University College Hospital.—Sir Wilson Jameson will give the opening address of the 1952-3 session on October 7 at 2.50 p.m. at the hospital. The annual dinner will be held on October 31 at 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. at the Savoy Hotel, Strand, W.C.2.

Welsh National School of Medicine.—Professor J. Henry Dible will give the inaugural address of the 1952-3 session on "Chance, Design, and Discovery" at 4.45 p.m., on October 9 at the medical school. The annual dinner will be held the same day at 6.45 p.m. for 7 p.m.

Birmingham Medical School.—Professor G. W. Pickering will give an address on "Opportunity and the Universities" on October 6 at 3 p.m. at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital to mark the opening of the academic year. An informal conversation will be held in the medical school from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Sheffield Medical School.—Sir Edward Mellanby will deliver the opening sessional address on "The Advance of Medical Science" on October 9 at 5 p.m. in the Firth Hall of the University.

Problems of Nutritional Research.—The full programme of the International Union of Nutritional Sciences' symposium being held in Basle, October 1 to 4 (see *Journal*, June 21, p. 1364), is now available, and details may be had from Dr. L. J. Harris, Dunn Nutritional Laboratory, Milton Road, Cambridge.

Institute of Dermatology.—The winter lecture course will begin on October 1, and the syllabus again includes lectures on subjects allied to dermatology. Systematic lectures will be given on Tuesdays, lectures and demonstrations on pathology, medical mycology, and x-ray technique on Wednesdays, and clinical demonstrations on Fridays. All lectures will be held at 5.30 p.m. at the Institute, Lisle Street, London, W.C.2.

London School of Hygiene Association.—There will be a dinner for members of the association at Frascati's Restaurant, Oxford Street, London, W.1, on Friday, October 17, at 6.30 for 7 p.m. (dinner-jackets). Each member may bring one guest. Tickets (£1 each) from Miss K. M. Shaw, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1.

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.

Wednesday, September 24

MIDDLESEX COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, 4 p.m., A.G.M. "Personality in Medicine," Chairman's Address by Dr. Marjory W. Warren.

Friday, September 26

●ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS.—At Royal Society of Medicine (Barnes Theatre), 1, Wimpole Street, London, W., 2.45 p.m., "Percival Willughby's Observations in Midwifery," William Meredith Fletcher Shaw Memorial Lecture by Professor Miles H. Phillips.

APPOINTMENTS

BRODIE, N. H., M.B., Ch.B., House-surgeon, Stanley Hospital, Liverpool.
CAREY, A. S., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Burton-on-Trent.

DE FONSECA, C. P., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Surgical Registrar to Bath Group of Hospitals, South-western Regional Hospital Board.

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Consultant Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon, Wigan and Leigh Hospitals, A. G. S. Calder, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Ed. Two Consultant Thoracic Surgeons, Baguley and Park Hospitals, Manchester, J. F. Dark, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., and G. D. Jack, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Ed. Assistant Anaesthetist, Burnley and District Hospitals, R. P. Parker, M.B., Ch.B.

MARGETTS, A. R. C., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., D.C.H., Deputy County Medical Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council.

MORLEY, T. P., B.M., B.Ch., F.R.C.S., Clinical Assistant, Department of Neurosurgery, Toronto General Hospital.

REYNOLDS, R. A., M.B., B.Ch., L.M., D.M.R.D., Radiologist, St. Kevin's Hospital, Dublin.

STEPHENS, J. P., M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.S., Senior Surgical Registrar, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, East Anglian Regional Hospital Board.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Brandon.—On August 21, 1952, at the Women's Hospital, Derby, to Joan (formerly Hallows), wife of Dr. Richard Brandon, a daughter.

Duguid.—On August 31, 1952, at Liverpool Maternity Hospital, to Mary (formerly Barry), wife of John Duguid, M.B., Ch.B., a daughter.

Guest.—On August 22, 1952, at Nachingwea Hospital, Tanganyika, to Ilse, wife of Dr. J. G. Guest, a second son—Michael Ernest.

Illingworth.—On September 13, 1952, at the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, to Cynthia (formerly Redhead), M.R.C.P., wife of Professor R. S. Illingworth, F.R.C.P., a daughter.

Kelly.—On August 31, 1952, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Audrey (formerly Worman), M.B., B.S., D.C.H., wife of Eric M. Kelly, a daughter—Katharine Jane.

Mitchellmore.—On August 29, 1952, to Una (formerly Pearce Jones), M.B., Ch.B., wife of Gordon Mitchellmore, M.B., Ch.B., of The Croft, Wallingford, Berks, a son—Andrew Edward.

Moselhi.—On September 2, 1952, at Carlisle, to Margaret Mary, wife of Dr. A. Moselhi, a son.

Sudbury.—On September 5, 1952, at Wolverhampton, to Mary (formerly Sadler), wife of Dr. J. R. Sudbury, a daughter.

Wand.—On September 5, 1952, at Rush Green Hospital, Romford, Essex, to Betty (formerly Manders), wife of Dr. Laurence G. R. Wand, a son.

MARRIAGES

Grey Turner—Tomlinson.—On July 26, 1952, Elston, son of the late Professor G. Grey Turner and of Mrs. Grey Turner, to Lillias, daughter of the late Colonel S. C. Tomlinson and of Mrs. Tomlinson.

DEATHS

Andrews.—On September 2, 1952, at "Gorse," Blatchington, Seaford, Sussex, Henry Arthur Andrews, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of Tonbridge, aged 80.

Bailey.—On August 31, 1952, Thomas William Bailey, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 28, Flora Grove, St. Albans, Herts, formerly of Orpington, Kent, aged 84.

Barnes.—On August 30, 1952, John Arthur Percival Barnes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 819, High Road, Tottenham, London, N., aged 76.

Barr.—On September 7, 1952, at Edgcombe House, Eliot Gardens, Newquay, Cornwall, Oliver Flett Barr, M.B., Ch.B., aged 57.

Chisholm.—On September 6, 1952, John Douglas Chisholm, M.D., of "Kingsfield," Northenden Road, Sale, Cheshire.

Fosbrooke.—On August 31, 1952, at Browside, Gateacre, Liverpool, John Malcolm Fosbrooke, M.B., F.R.C.S. Ed., aged 46.

Hemmant.—On September 11, 1952, at Dockway Cottage, Grasmere, Lynette Hemmant, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 70.

Hutchison.—On September 13, 1952, at Point House, Magdalen Road, Norwich, Thomas Todd Hutchison, M.B., Ch.B.

Innes.—On August 24, 1952, at Grantown-on-Spey, Inverness-shire, Flora Riddell Innes, M.B., Ch.B., formerly of the Christian Medical College, Vellore, Madras, India, and Brisbane, Australia.

Jefferiss.—On September 7, 1952, at Totnes, Devon, Ian Mackinnon Jefferiss, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Kittel.—On September 7, 1952, at his home, 12, Bridge Street, Hungerford, Berks, Paul Bruno Kittel, F.R.C.S., of 44, Queen Anne Street, London, W.

Letcher.—On September 16, 1952, at 51, Woodhurst Road, Acton, London, W., Herbert George Letcher, M.B., F.R.C.S.

Mackenzie.—On September 12, 1952, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Rachel Elizabeth Woodman Mackenzie, M.B., D.P.H.

Menzies.—On September 2, at Davyholme Hospital, Manchester, Duncan Menzies, L.M.S.S.A., D.M.R.E., of Hawthorn Cottage, Comberbach, Northwich, Cheshire, aged 61.

Ormrod.—On September 5, 1952, Peter Richard Ormrod, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 1, Cedar Road, Chasetown, Staffs, formerly of 41, Sneyd Avenue, Newcastle-under-Lyme, aged 30.

Parkinson.—On September 12, 1952, at 58, Thames Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, Kathleen Hazel Parkinson, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Pollard.—On September 3, 1952, at Pound Hill, Framfield, Sussex, Sidney Pochin Pollard, M.D.

Robinson.—On September 2, at Lingfield Lodge, East Grinstead, Sussex, William Edward Robinson, M.D., M.R.C.P., aged 82.

Rosenberg.—On August 27, 1952, Ernst Rosenberg, M.D., of 10, Westbury Road, Woodside Park, London, N.

Ross.—On September 9, 1952, at 8, Scott Road, Tarbert, Inverness-shire, Victor Alexander Ross, M.B., C.M., J.P.

Sankey.—On September 1, 1952, at 44A, Copers Cope Road, Beckenham, Kent, William Octavius Sankey, M.D.

Scott.—On September 7, 1952, at Abingdon, Berks, Charles Robert Scott, O.B.E., M.B., C.M.