Note added in proof

Recently, in a study from Austria, annual incidence values for CJD of up to 1.25 cases/million/year (in 1995) were recorded, implying near-perfect case ascertainment. In this study also a fall in the number of cases of CJD *dying* after the age of 65 was demonstrated. Over the entire period of study between 1969 to 1995, there were 19 deaths in the age group 60–64 years, falling progressively to two deaths in the age group 80–84 years.¹²

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SAMUEL GEE, 13 September 1839

Samuel Gee (1839–1911) was born in Enfield, UK, and graduated in medicine from University College Hospital London in 1861. He became a physician at Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital and St Bartholomew's, both in London. He was the first person to identify coeliac disease but he is best remembered for Gee's cough mixture. Dr Robert Bridges was best man at his marriage. He was appointed physician to the Prince of Wales (later King George V) in 1901. — *DG James*