

(6) The response of the skin-lesions to cure of the primary foci of the disease.

(7) The inefficacy of local therapy.

(8) The complement-fixation test showing immunological changes in the body.

(9) The appearance of the urethritis and arthritis prior to the development of the keratoderma, which only occurred with relapse of the former in 90% of the cases.

On the basis of these points, it is believed that the cutaneous lesions of keratosis blennorrhagica probably represent an idiosyncratic immunological response of a previously prepared tissue to the stimulus furnished by the interaction of the gonococcus with its environment in the lower urogenital tract and in the articular cavities.

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THE Nineteenth Annual Meeting was held in London on Friday and Saturday, July 7th and 8th, under the Presidency of Dr. A. M. H. Gray. Fifty-one members and visitors were present. On the Friday morning, after the Annual Business Meeting, a discussion on Generalized Scleroderma was opened by Sir Thomas Lewis and Dr. G. B. Dowling. A demonstration of cases was given in the afternoon.

On the Saturday morning the following short papers were contributed:

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| Dr. Agnes Savill | “The Treatment of Pruritus and Eczema (London) of the Vulva.” |
| Prof. H. Haxthausen | “Some Observations on the Intracutaneous (Copenhagen) Reactions in Allergic Eczemas.” |

- Dr. H. W. Barber . “Some Observations on the Effects of the
(London) Sulphonamide Group of Drugs in Lupus
Erythematosus.”
- Dr. H. MacCormac . “Two Acute Dermatoses Treated with
(London) M. & B. 693.”
- Prof. G. R. Cameron . “Molluscum Contagiosum Folliculare.”
(London) and
Dr. W. Freudenthal
(London)
- Dr. R. Klaber (London) “The Pathogenesis of Rosacea, with Special
and Dr. Wittkower Reference to the Emotional Factors.”
(London)
- Dr. J. H. T. Davies . Cinema Demonstration of the Technique of
Biopsies and other Dermatological Opera-
tions.

In the afternoon Dr. J. M. H. MacLeod took a party of visitors to the Leper Colony in Essex.

The Twentieth Annual Meeting will be held in Manchester on July 5th and 6th, 1940, under the Presidency of Dr. L. Savatard.

The Annual Dinner was held at Claridge's on Friday evening, the President in the Chair.

At the Annual Business Meeting Sir Norman Walker was elected Honorary Member of the Association, and the following Officers and Committee were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. L. Savatard; Hon. Treasurer, Dr. A. M. H. Gray; Hon. Secretary, Dr. H. MacCormac; Editor, Dr. W. N. Goldsmith; Assistant Editors, Dr. H. W. Gordon and Dr. G. W. Bamber. Ordinary Members of the Committee: Dr. H. Corsi, Dr. L. Forman, Dr. A. C. Roxburgh, Dr. G. B. M. Heggs, Dr. J. Franklin, Dr. N. Burgess, Dr. J. Ferguson Smith, Dr. R. Cranston Low, and Mrs. A. Carleton.

The Association is indebted to the Royal Society of Medicine for the use of its premises for the meeting, and to the Local Secretary, Dr. Bamber, for the arrangements contributing to the success of the meeting.

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