

## BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGY.

THE Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Association was held in Birmingham on 7, 8 and 9 July under the Presidency of Dr. B. C. Tate. Sixty-nine members attended and there were 22 guests.

The Annual Business Meeting began with the reports of the editor and treasurer which were adopted. Additions and alterations to certain rules were then agreed. It was decided that the next Annual Meeting should be held in London under the Presidency of Dr. G. B. Dowling.

The following officers were then nominated and elected :

President : Dr. G. B. Dowling  
 Hon. Treasurer : Sir Archibald Gray  
 Hon. Secretary : Dr. H. J. Wallace  
 Editor : Dr. F. Ray Bettley  
 Assistant Editor : Dr. G. W. Bamber.

Ordinary Members of Committee :

London :

Dr. Hugh Gordon  
 Dr. A. D. Porter  
 Dr. P. D. Samman  
 Dr. B. C. Tate  
 Dr. J. E. M. Wigley  
 Dr. D. I. Williams

Provinces :

Dr. J. H. Twiston Davies  
 Dr. G. A. Hodgson  
 Dr. Grant Peterkin  
 Dr. I. B. Sneddon  
 Dr. J. Sommerville

Sir Archibald Gray, Dr. G. B. Dowling and Dr. J. E. M. Wigley were elected Trustees of the Association.

The following honorary members were then elected : Dr. Henry Semon and Dr. J. Ferguson Smith.

After this Professor A. Crosti, Professor S. Lapière, and Professor J. R. Prakken were elected honorary foreign members.

The following were elected ordinary members of the Association : Group Captain H. E. Bellringer, Dr. G. Henly, Dr. E. J. Moynahan, Dr. G. W. Senter, Dr. R. H. Seville, Dr. E. J. Waddington.

The Meeting then accepted affiliation of the Queensland Branch and elected as overseas members : Dr. Lorna M. Archibald, Dr. B. B. Barrack, Dr. A. J. Foote, Dr. J. W. Heaslop, Dr. N. Y. McCallum, Dr. O. E. Nothling, Dr. C. Petherbridge.

The main subject for discussion was Industrial Dermatoses. This was opened by Professor J. R. Squire, followed by Dr. G. A. Hodgson, Dr. J. H. Twiston Davies and Dr. J. K. Morgan and finally a paper by Dr. S. R. Wood.

In the afternoon the following papers were read :

Dr. G. C. Wells and Dr. C. D. Calnan : " Sensitivity to Nickel ".

Dr. P. D. Naylor : " Friction blisters in Normal and Abnormal Skin ".

Dr. A. Jarrett : " Fluorescent Microscopy ".

Mr. George Szabo : " The Structure of Human Epidermis and the Numerical Distribution of Melanocytes as demonstrated by the Skin-splitting Technique of Medawar ".

Dr. W. R. Bett : " The Skin of the Mighty ".

The next morning there was a discussion on " Diseases due to Fungi ", which was opened by Dr. R. W. Riddell, followed by papers by Dr. C. D. Calnan, Dr. Cleveland White, Dr. J. G. Holmes, Dr. C. H. Whittle and Dr. A. J. Rook. Dr. J. S. Pegum read a paper on " The Therapeutic and Toxic Effects of Large Doses of Vitamin A ".

The afternoon was spent in various ways ; visits to several factories were arranged, while others competed for the Golf Trophy.

For Saturday morning, the 9th, there was arranged a demonstration of clinical cases, in which twenty-nine most interesting patients were shown and afterwards discussed.

Throughout the period of the meeting we enjoyed excellent weather and were able to see Birmingham and the surrounding country at its best. On Thursday evening we were invited by Dr. and Mrs. Tate to dine, whence we proceeded to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre to a charming performance of *Twelfth Night*. This delightful evening will be remembered for a long time.

The Annual Dinner took place at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Friday evening. The principal speakers were Dr. Grant Peterkin, who proposed the health of the guests and Dr. A. P. Thomson, Dean of Birmingham Medical School who replied ; Dr. F. R. Bettley who proposed the health of the President and of the Association and Dr. B. C. Tate who replied. The Golf Trophy was presented to Dr. R. Hall, who had won the cup during that afternoon.

By common consent it was agreed that this Birmingham meeting was well up to standard and will long be remembered for the excellence of the papers presented, for the interest of the cases demonstrated, and no less for the charming and generous hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. Tate and their colleagues.

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## THE NINTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF DERMATOLOGY.

It is announced that the Ninth International Congress of Dermatology will be held in Stockholm under the Presidency of Professor Sven Hellerström from 31 July to 5 August, 1957. Details may be obtained from the Secretary-General, Dr. Flodén, Hudkliniken, Karolinska sjukhuset, Stockholm 60, Sweden.

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