

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGY.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE thirty-eighth Annual Meeting of the British Association of Dermatology was held in Cardiff on 3, 4 and 5 July under the Presidency of Dr. J. H. Twiston Davies, with Dr. G. A. Hodgson as Vice-President.

At the Annual Business Meeting on Thursday morning, 3 July, the resignation of the Hon. Editor was received. This will take effect at the end of 1958 upon the completion of his ten years' service.

It was decided that the thirty-ninth Annual Meeting would be held in Glasgow on 9, 10 and 11 July 1959 under the Presidency of Dr. J. Ferguson Smith and the Vice-Presidency of Dr. J. Sommerville.

The following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for 1958-59 :

President :	Dr. J. Ferguson Smith.
Immediate Past President :	Dr. J. H. Twiston Davies.
Vice-President :	Dr. J. Sommerville.
Hon. Treasurer :	Sir Archibald Gray.
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. H. J. Wallace.
Hon. Editor :	Dr. P. J. Hare.
Hon. Assist. Editor :	Dr. G. W. Bamber.

Members of Committee :

Dr. T. E. Anderson.	Dr. S. C. Gold.
Dr. F. Ray Bettley.	Dr. R. Hall.
Dr. P. Borrie.	Dr. G. A. Hodgson.
Dr. Clifford Evans.	Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna.
Dr. L. Forman.	Dr. G. C. Wells.

Dr. G. B. Dowling was elected to Honorary Membership and the following were elected to Honorary Foreign Membership :

Dr. H. Beerman.
Professor S. Jablonska.
Dr. G. M. Lewis.
Professor X. Vilanova.

Dr. C. D. Calnan and Dr. R. E. Church were elected Ordinary Members.

The rest of this day was devoted to a variety of papers : Dr. G. B. Dowling and Dr. P. F. D. Naylor jointly contributed papers on Buffering of the Skin Surface. They were followed by Dr. C. H. Whittle on Paronychia and the morning ended by an interesting account by Dr. Aneurin Hughes on his researches into hypersensitivity reactions in rabbits.

In the afternoon Dr. H. J. Whiteley described his experimental work with the production of tar papillomas and was followed by Dr. J. G. Coburn on the histology of acanthomata. After this Dr. J. D. Spillane gave an interesting account of the trophic changes which may be seen in the skin of neurological patients and Dr. L. P. R. Fourman discussed the endocrinological aspects of hirsuties.

On Friday morning, 4 July, a discussion on Lipoidoses and the Skin was introduced by Drs. J. A. Lovern, P. Borrie and R. H. Meara. There followed papers by

Dr. A. Lyell on Lipoid Dermato-arthritis and by Drs. R. E. Church and I. B. Sneddon on Annular Facial Erythema.

On Saturday morning a demonstration of 37 clinical cases of great interest was arranged by Dr. Hodgson and his colleagues. A printed booklet of case histories, beautifully illustrated, added distinction to a remarkable collection of cases.

On Thursday evening we were received by the President and his wife in the Banqueting Hall of Cardiff Castle. This magnificent castle formed an excellent setting to a most enjoyable reception and the hospitality of the President was greatly appreciated. On Friday afternoon a party of members and their wives struggled with the weather on a visit to St. Donat's Castle. Others descended into a coal mine at Nantgarw and a third party competed for the golf cup which was won by Dr. B. Thomas.

Cardiff is a very pleasant city which has an aspect of charm and dignity which usually surprises those who visit it for the first time. In addition to the help they received from these pleasant surroundings Dr. Twiston Davies, Dr. Hodgson and the Local Secretary, Dr. Waddington, and their wives, made a very great contribution to the success and pleasure of the Annual Meeting by their skilful management and genial temperament. The Association will remain always indebted to them for the success of the meeting.

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