

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGY

THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING.

THE Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the British Association of Dermatology was held in Glasgow on 9, 10 and 11 July, 1959, under the Presidency of Dr. J. Ferguson Smith and Vice-Presidency of Dr. James Sommerville.

At the Annual Business meeting on Thursday, 9 July, it was decided that the next Annual Meeting should take place in London on 7, 8 and 9 July, 1960, under the Presidency of Dr. Louis Forman and the Vice-Presidency of Dr. G. W. Bamber. The following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for 1959-1960 :

President :	Dr. L. Forman.
Immediate Past President :	Dr. J. Ferguson Smith.
Vice-President and Hon. Assistant Editor :	Dr. G. W. Bamber.
Hon. Treasurer :	Sir Archibald Gray.
Hon. Secretary :	Dr. H. J. Wallace.
Hon. Editor :	Dr. P. J. Hare.

Members of Committee :

Dr. T. E. Anderson.	Dr. G. A. Hodgson.	Dr. R. P. Warin.
Dr. F. R. Bettley.	Prof. J. T. Ingram.	Dr. G. C. Wells.
Dr. P. F. Borrie.	Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna.	Dr. D. S. Wilkinson.

Prof. A. M. Memmesheimer was elected to Honorary Foreign Membership and the following to Ordinary Membership :

Dr. I. Anderson.	Dr. I. Hodgson-Jones.	Dr. R. H. Marten.
Dr. E. A. Fairburn.	Dr. A. Lawton.	Dr. D. Sharvill.
Dr. M. Hewitt.	Dr. W. B. McKenna.	Dr. P. A. J. Smith.

Notice was received of the election of new Members of Australian branches of the Association :

New South Wales :	Dr. M. B. Lewis.
Victoria :	Dr. J. England.
	Dr. B. R. Entwistle.
	Dr. R. Langley.
	Dr. R. Strang.
	Dr. E. Taft.

The meeting acclaimed Sir Archibald Gray who was granted the Honour of Knight Commander of the Victorian Order in the Queen's Birthday List. It paid respect to the memories of the late Dr. W. Herbert Brown, an Original Member of the Association and the late Prof. Erich Hoffmann, who was made an Honorary Foreign Member in 1952.

The scientific programme began with a series of papers on malignant disease of the face and mouth. A sound pathological basis was laid by Prof. D. F. Cappell, who expressed the view that the histological picture of keratoacanthoma was not as stereotyped as some people taught. Dr. A. A. Charteris and Mr. J. Scott Tough then impressed the meeting with displays of the technical prestidigitations of the radiotherapist and plastic surgeon respectively. Dr. R. P. Warin presented a paper from which it must be concluded that oral lichen planus cannot be complacently ignored as it may lead to carcinoma.

The afternoon brought up-to-date news of griseofulvin from Dr. J. E. Gentles and Dr. D. I. Williams. The toxicity of the drug seems remarkably low. It is highly effective, but optimum dosage has yet to be determined. Dr. A. Girdwood Ferguson reported his work with Dr. W. A. Dewar on the detection of arsenic in skin diseases by the technique of radioactivation analysis: their results were largely negative and contradicted those recently published by Dr. A. Scott in this Journal. Dr. R. Workman Carslaw reported three cases of the spontaneous disappearance of pseudotuberculoma silicoticum.

Friday morning was devoted to a symposium on steroid treatment, beginning with the reports of a team from the Department of Medicine of Glasgow University. Prof. E. J. Wayne described the main actions of the compounds in general and the particular properties of the more recently introduced drugs. Dr. R. L. Richards spoke on the use of steroids in "collagen disease" and Dr. B. E. C. Nordin presented a useful review of the side effects of their administration. Dr. A. Goldberg related his experience of their use in treating cases of haemolytic anaemia. Dr. I. C. Laymont read a paper on the results of systemic treatment of cases of atopic eczema with corticosteroids, and Dr. W. A. Dewar described an investigation of the effects of such therapy on these patients' adrenal function. Dr. C. J. Stevenson reported a survey of cases of bullous diseases treated with steroids in the London teaching hospitals. Dr. I. B. Sneddon returned to the topic of Besnier's prurigo in the treatment of which he felt that steroids held a limited but useful place. During the scientific sessions, an exhibition was held in an adjoining laboratory, demonstrating the skill and artistry of the clinical and microscopical photography of Mr. J. M. McCorquodale, photographer to Dr. James Somerville's unit. On Saturday morning, a clinical case meeting was held at the Southern General Infirmary, at which visitors were impressed by the sight of groups of cases of such Scottish specialities as infantile dermatitis herpetiformis and multiple self-healing epithelioma.

The President held a reception at the historic Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons. This was followed by a civic reception by the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow in the marmoreal splendour of the City Chambers. The annual golf match was won by Dr. Reginald Hall at the Pollock Golf Club. A cup presented by Dr. Bowers and Dr. Sneddon for an annual yacht race was appropriately won by the former, with Mrs. Bowers as crew, in a race organized through the courtesy of the Royal Northern Yacht Club. The less athletic were transported by bus to the Trossachs Hotel for tea, along sunny lanes well seeded with apoplectic pipers. The annual dinner was held at the Central Hotel where the toast of the Society, coupled with the name of the President was proposed by Mr. Scott Tough. Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna toasted the Guests, for whom Dr. Tom Honeyman replied.

The Society is indebted to the President, Vice-President and their Local Secretary, Dr. W. B. MacKenna for their arrangements for a meeting not the least remarkable feature of which was the success of the Vice-President's ambition to see proceedings began punctually at 9 a.m.

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