

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGY.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

The Forty-second Annual Meeting of the British Association of Dermatology was held in Edinburgh on 5, 6 and 7 July 1962 under the presidency of Prof. G. H. Percival. At the Business Meeting the following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for 1962-63 :

President	Dr. Hugh Gordon
Immediate Past-President	Prof. G. H. Percival
Vice-President	Dr. F. F. Hellier
Hon. Treasurer	Prof. J. T. Ingram
Hon. Secretary	Dr. D. I. Williams
Hon. Editor	Dr. P. J. Hare.

(Dr. G. W. Bamber has given notice of resignation as Assistant Editor but is willing to serve for a further year.)

Ordinary Members of Committee :

Dr. S. T. Anning	Dr. P. D. Kinmont
Dr. J. M. Beare	Dr. E. J. Moynahan.
Dr. R. E. Bowers	Dr. J. R. Simpson
Dr. G. B. Mitchell Heggs	Dr. H. J. Wallace
Dr. H. T. H. Wilson.	

Dr. J. E. M. Wigley and Dr. J. C. Belisario were elected Honorary Members and Prof. W. B. Shelley an Honorary Foreign Member.

The following were elected to Ordinary Membership:

Dr. M. Garretts	Dr. N. R. Rowell
Dr. P. R. Montgomery	Dr. K. V. Sanderson
Dr. B. Phillips	Dr. I. Sarkany
Dr. G. H. Ritterman	Dr. N. A. Thorne
Dr. S. R. Wood.	

Prof. J. T. Ingram reported that as a result of approaches made to the Governors of Sedburgh School, the portrait of Robert Willan in their possession was to be available on permanent loan to the Royal College of Physicians of London. It is hoped that after cleaning it will adorn the proposed Willan Room to the cost of which the Association has contributed.

The scientific programme was opened by Prof. Michael Swann who said that there was good evidence for the existence of servo mechanisms in the control of the growth of the liver, kidney and erythrocytes. In the skin there might be

a local mechanism of control related to some general function of the skin itself. Dr. W. Court-Brown followed with a description of recent developments in cytogenetics and the bearing of such studies on leukaemia, ageing and radiation damage. Dr. C. P. Stewart reviewed the nature of enzyme action in general and of melanogenesis in particular.

Fortified by lunch in some instances, the members were regaled with a description of peculiar penile ulcers by Dr. D. S. Wilkinson (these had nothing to do with Lifebuoy soap). Dr. N. R. Rowell described the detection of auto-immune and precipitating antibodies in progressive systemic sclerosis. Dr. E. Waddington spoke on the early diagnosis of variola major, illustrating his remarks with numerous coloured slides of cases encountered in the recent South Wales epidemic. Dr. E. Cronin presented the results of a study of dermatitis due to drip-dry or crease-resistant fabrics treated with formaldehyde resins: her delivery was a model of clarity. Dr. G. Holti revealed that the persistent effect of U.V.R. on cutaneous blood vessels could be exploited in the prophylaxis of chilblains. Dr. Henry Haber described a case of systemic endotheliomatosis of which only two previous examples had been reported. He then showed a composite film of past B.A.D. meetings, a most valuable record of many well-known faces of the past and present (there is a special poignancy in this recollection: little did we realise that this was Dr. Haber's swan song).

Friday morning was largely devoted to a popular symposium on staphylococci. Prof. R. Cruikshank, speaking to an audience which for this purpose he was bound to regard as intelligent but ignorant, reviewed the behaviour of the pathogenic staphylococcus in hospital infection. Dr. S. Selwyn reported a study of bacterial infections in the Skin Department of Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and Dr. W. R. Gillespie spoke on his work in the control of staphylococcal infection in neonates. Dr. L. G. Tulloch made observations on the treatment of furunculosis. The discussion was opened by Prof. R. Hare who also reported a study of the role of skin patients in the dissemination of staphylococci. The meeting closed with a description by Dr. W. N. Morley of attempts to grow the virus of molluscum contagiosum and study its structure by electron microscopy.

The clinical meeting was held in the admirable Skin Department of the Infirmary on Saturday morning, 7 July.

The President and Mrs. Percival graciously received members and guests at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh on the evening of Thursday, 5 July. The Dowling-McCaw Golf Cup was won by Dr. Reginald Hall at Bruntfield Golf Course on Friday, 6 July. Frustrated sailors unable to compete for the Bowers-Sneddon trophy joined the less nautical on a bus tour to Peebles. The Annual Dinner was held in the Royal College of Surgeons.

The next Annual Meeting will be held in London on 4, 5 and 6 July 1963 under the presidency of Dr. Hugh Gordon.

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