

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF DERMATOLOGY AND
SYPHILOLOGY.

THE Sixth Annual Meeting of the Association was held at Birmingham on July 8th and 9th, 1926, under the Presidency of Dr. Douglas Heath.

On the morning of July 8th, after the annual business meeting, a discussion on the "Ætiology of Urticaria" was opened by Dr. R. T. Grant (London), followed by Dr. J. Goodwin Tomkinson (Glasgow) and Dr. P. B. Mumford (Manchester). Dr. Rupert Hallam then contributed a paper on "Papular Urticaria," and the subject was discussed by Dr. Cranston Low (Edinburgh) and Dr. H. W. Barber (London). Dr. J. M. H. MacLeod (London) then read a paper on "The X-Ray Treatment of Ringworm of the Scalp in Children under Three Years of Age."

At the morning session on July 9th a discussion on "The Pathological Relationships of the Herpetic Diseases" was opened by Dr. J. R. Perdrau (London), followed by Dr. A. C. Roxburgh (London) and Dr. S. P. Bedson (London). The following took part in the discussion: Dr. Leslie Roberts (Liverpool), Dr. H. MacCormac (London), Dr. E. Mallam (Oxford), Dr. J. H. Sequeira (London), Dr. J. M. H. MacLeod (London), Dr. W. J. O'Donovan (London), Dr. Prosser White (Wigan), and Dr. A. M. H. Gray (London). Dr. H. MacCormac contributed a paper on "Self-Inflicted Lesions of the Skin, with Special Reference to the After-History," and Dr. W. J. O'Donovan a paper on "The Psychological Factor in Dermatitis."

On the afternoon of both days a demonstration of very interesting cases took place in the Skin-Department of the Birmingham General Hospital.

The members of the Association dined on the evening of July 8th at the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham.

The Association are much indebted to the authorities of the University of Birmingham and to the Birmingham Medical Institution for the use of rooms for the morning sessions, and to the Board of the Birmingham General Hospital for allowing the clinical demonstrations in the afternoon of the two days. They are especially indebted, however, to the President and Mrs. Heath for their generous

hospitality, and to Dr. Avit Scott, the Local Secretary, for the very excellent arrangements for the meeting.

The Seventh Annual Meeting will be held in 1927 in London, under the Presidency of Dr. Arthur Whitfield. Dr. J. M. H. MacLeod has been appointed General Secretary, and Dr. J. A. Drake, Local Secretary for the Meeting.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

SECTION OF DERMATOLOGY.

A MEETING of the Section of Dermatology was held on May 20th, 1926, Dr. J. H. SEQUEIRA, President, in the Chair.

Dr. S. HARDY KINGSTON showed a case of the *premycotic stage of mycosis fungoides*. Patient, a man, aged 55 years. Ten years ago a patch of so-called "eczema" first appeared on inside of right thigh. Irritation severe always. Since then this area had enlarged to twice its original size. In addition, many other lesions had appeared on the chest, arms and legs. The plaques were red, dry, scaling, infiltrated, and of irregular shape and size. Islands of healthy skin appeared in between these lesions. Glands in axillæ were enlarged. Spleen, hair and nails not affected. Blood-count normal. The disease proved rebellious to all forms of local treatment except electric light-bath treatment, used before coming under his (Dr. Kingston's) care. X-rays caused a regression of symptoms, but the condition had now relapsed.

Section showed some diminution of stratum granulosum and occasional parakeratosis in epidermis; dense, well-defined cellular infiltration of subpapillary layer of dermis. The cells were of small round and spindle type, with an occasional multinucleated cell. Plasma-cells and eosinophil leucocytes were present in small numbers and there was a slight increase of mast-cells.

Dr. W. KNOWSLEY SIBLEY said that he himself had tried ultra-violet light for a similar condition, but had found it of very little use. A woman had been attending the hospital for many years, and had had so much X-ray treatment that he (the speaker) was almost afraid of giving her any more; therefore ultra-violet light was tried, but he had been so far unable to attribute any improvement to that treatment.

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