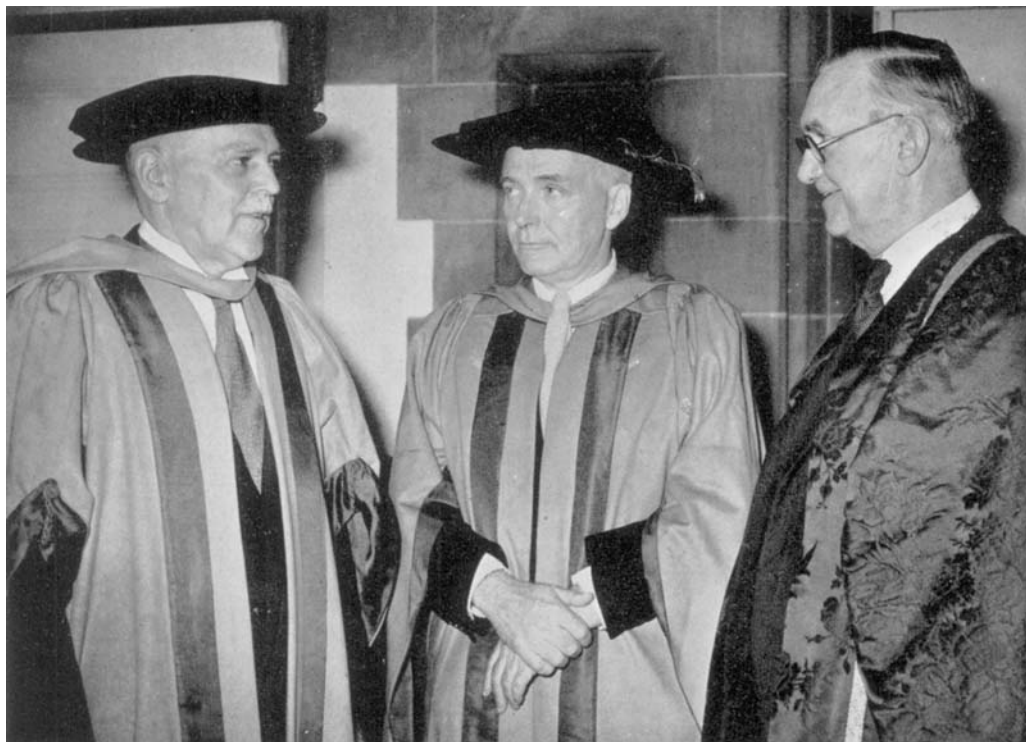


## NEWS FROM HOME AND OVERSEAS

### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF UROLOGICAL SURGEONS

THE Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association, held at Leeds, was one of the most successful of the series both from the scientific and social aspect. The University of Leeds honoured the occasion by inviting Professor Charles Huggins of Chicago to lecture on his work on the



*(Photo, Yorkshire Post.)*

Mr R. Ogier Ward and Professor Charles Huggins, with Sir Hubert Houldsworth, Pro-Chancellor of the University of Leeds.

Adrenal in Cancer, and the members of the Association felt it a great privilege to hear the man whose work on prostatic cancer has done so much for so many urological patients. The conferment of the honorary degree of Doctor of Science upon him was a distinction which was a fitting reward for his pioneer researches. That the University considered we had chosen wisely in visiting Leeds was shown by the similar conferment of a Doctorate on our first President,

Mr R. Ogier Ward. No one was ever more worthy of such a distinction, and we all felt that in choosing him the University was paying a tribute not only to the man himself but also to the Association as a whole for its work in advancing the status of urology in the British Isles.

Our photograph, reproduced by kind permission of the *Yorkshire Post*, shows the two recipients with the Pro-Chancellor, Sir Hubert Houldsworth, Q.C., D.Sc., LL.D.

The City of Leeds also gave us an enthusiastic welcome. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were our hosts at a reception in the magnificent Civic Hall, and the Lord Mayor attended our dinner as the principal guest.

The discussions at the meetings were animated and of a high standard. The subjects chosen showed the trend of urology towards a scientific outlook, and particular mention must be made of the biochemical papers and of the cancer research work promoted by the Leeds School. The main discussion, on Urinary Tuberculosis, was based again on a collective statistical report; the number of cases was deliberately limited to those seen in two periods of two years each before and after the last war. Despite this limitation Mr Cosbie Ross had 722 cases on which to base his paper, and his success in collating the many factors covered by the questionnaire was apparent from the interest aroused by his report and the lively discussion which followed. We are indebted to all those who filled in the forms, to the Records Officers of the United Liverpool Hospitals, and to the Medical Research Committee of the same hospitals for financial aid towards the investigation.

All the short papers were good, and many of them will be published in the Journal. Some of the younger speakers could learn much about delivery and audibility from their seniors!

The clinical demonstrations and operating sessions both at Leeds and Bradford were of a very high order.

On the social side the excursions and functions were well organised and were greatly enjoyed, not the least successful being the Dinner Dance on the Saturday night at which about 120 were present. The Ladies' Committee deserve our special thanks for their part in arranging such lavish entertainment.

If such a standard can be maintained there is no doubt that our Annual Meeting will prove to be one of the most profitable and popular in the surgical calendar.

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The Ninth Annual General Meeting was held at the General Infirmary, Leeds, on Thursday, 25th June, at 10 A.M.

*Present.*—Mr E. W. Riches (President) in the Chair and approximately eighty members.

*Minutes* of the meeting held on 26th June 1952 were read and signed as correct.

**Election of Members.**—The following were elected members on the recommendation of the Council: John Cridlan Barrett, Leicester; Sholem Glaser, Bath; Basil Henry Page, Enfield; Ralph Shackman, London; David Mitchell Wallace, London; Walter Wiggins Wiggins-Davies, Southsea.

**Report of Council.**—The report of Council for 1952-53, which had been circulated, was received and approved.

**Report of the Honorary Treasurer and Balance-Sheet to 31st December 1952.**—The audited accounts for the year 1952, which showed a balance on the year's working of £78. 15s. 3d., were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and approved.

**Election of Officers for 1953-54.**—The following were elected Officers for 1953-54: *President*, Mr T. J. Millin; *Vice-President*, Mr R. H. O. B. Robinson; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr A. W. Badenoch; *Hon. Treasurer*, Mr R. H. O. B. Robinson; *Hon. Editorial Secretary*, Mr J. D. Fergusson.

**Election of Members of Council.**—The following were elected members of Council to fill the vacancies: Mr H. G. Hanley and Mr Arthur Jacobs.

**Election of Auditors.**—Messrs Howard, Howes & Co. were re-elected auditors for the ensuing year.

**1954 Annual Meeting.**—The President reported that the 1954 Annual Meeting would be held in Cork on 24th, 25th, and 26th June, and that the main subject for discussion would be "Radiotherapy in Urology." The Council had invited Mr G. W. Blomfield, Mr D. S. Poole-Wilson, Mr J. D. Fergusson, Mr E. W. Riches, Mr Robert Cox, and Mr D. M. Wallace to open this discussion.

**1955 Annual Meeting.**—It was reported that the subject for discussion at the 1955 Annual Meeting would be "Calcification in the Upper Urinary Tract."

**Honorary Members.**—Professor Charles Huggins, M.D., of Chicago, Illinois, and Dr Joseph McCarthy of New York have been elected Honorary Members of the Association.

**Canadian Urological Association.**—The President reported that a letter had been received from the Canadian Urological Association expressing the hope that the British Association and the Canadian Association might hold a joint meeting in Canada at some future date.

After the business meeting the following short papers were read :—

1. "Some Aspects of Chemical Imbalance occurring in Prostatic Obstruction." Dr F. M. Parsons (Leeds).
2. "A New Theory on the Ætiology of Renal Stone." Dr R. J. Carr (Bradford).
3. "Recurrent Upper Urinary Tract Stone." Mr J. W. Sutherland (Glasgow).
4. "Stress Incontinence of Urine in Women—another Operation." Mr Frank O'Gorman (Sheffield).

In the afternoon a lecture was given by Professor Charles Huggins (University of Chicago) on the Adrenal in Cancer. Members and their guests were invited to attend a Reception and Tea by the Dean of the Medical School and Mrs Moir in the Union Buildings. This was followed by a Degree Ceremony in the Great Hall at the University, where Honorary Degrees were conferred on Professor Charles Huggins and Mr R. Ogier Ward. Members were then invited to view a demonstration of books in the Brotherton Library.

In the evening members and their guests were entertained at an after-dinner social gathering at Temple Newsam Mansion by the Leeds and Bradford surgeons.

On Friday morning, 26th June, a discussion on Urinary Tuberculosis was opened by Mr J. Cosbie Ross, Mr J. G. Gow, Dr J. Colquhoun, and Mr M. F. Nicholls. During the morning there was also a demonstration of culture of tubercle bacilli by Dr Colquhoun.

Operating sessions and demonstrations were held at Leeds General Infirmary and Bradford Royal Infirmary in the afternoon.

A Civic Reception was held in the Civic Hall in the evening by invitation of the Lord Mayor. This was followed by the Annual Dinner at the Parkway Hotel, which was attended by 122 members and their guests.

On Saturday morning, 27th June, the following short papers were read and films shown :—

1. Paper: "The Experimental Aspects of Industrial Bladder Cancer." Mrs G. M. Bonser, Mr D. B. Clayson, Mr J. W. Jull, and Mr L. N. Pyrah (Leeds).
2. Film: "A Technique for Testing Chemicals for Local Carcinogenic Activity by Surgical Implantation as Wax Pellets in the Bladder of the Mouse." Mrs G. M. Bonser, Mr D. B. Clayson, Mr J. W. Jull, and Mr L. N. Pyrah (Leeds).
3. Paper: "The Electro-ureterogram." Mr H. G. Hanley (London).
4. Paper: "An Evaluation of the Operation of Partial Cystectomy in the Treatment of the Irritable Bladder sometimes remaining after Nephrectomy for Urinary Tuberculosis." Mr Hugh Donovan (Birmingham).
5. Paper: "Ileovesicoplasty—a New Technique." Mr J. H. Tasker (Sheffield).
6. Paper: "Improving the Intravenous Pyelogram—an Experimental Approach." Dr P. G. Keates (Leeds).

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In the evening members and their guests were invited by the President and Council to a Cocktail Party at the Queen's Hotel. This was followed by a Dinner-Dance, which was attended by 100 members and guests.

On Sunday, 28th June, a party of twenty-seven visited Fountains Abbey.

The following were elected Associate Members at meetings of the Council: *26th March 1953*—Richard Emmott Shaw, Ch.M., F.R.C.S., Coventry; Noel Stephen Slater, F.R.C.S., Bushey, Herts. *28th May 1953*—Keith Chitty, F.R.C.S., Clapton-in-Gordano; William Matthew Gray, F.R.C.S.E., Sherwood; Richard Evan Isaac, F.R.C.S.E., Aberystwyth; Victor Lane, F.R.C.S.I., Dublin; John Edward Lawson Price, F.R.C.S., London. *25th June 1953*—G. S. Andrews, M.D., Bristol; E. Haigh, F.R.C.S., Twickenham; B. F. Macfarlane, F.R.C.S.E., Worksop; L. Stuart Scott, F.R.C.S.E., Glasgow; W. McC. Scott, F.R.C.S., London; V. Gordon Walker, F.R.C.S., London; C. G. Whiteside, B.M., B.Ch., F.F.R., London.

Copies of the group photograph taken at Leeds can be obtained from the Association at 45 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2, at a cost of 8s. 6d. mounted, 5s. 6d. unmounted.

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During the autumn of 1953 short courses on

Higher Urology . . . . .	2nd to 4th October
Essentials of Urology . . . . .	30th October to 1st November
Higher Urology . . . . .	24th to 29th November

will be held, details of which will be announced in the medical press. Weekly lectures on urological subjects (open to all practitioners and post-graduate students) will be resumed at the Institute's premises in October, details of which may be obtained from the Dean of the Institute in due course.

A brochure giving information concerning clinical and research facilities at the Institute may be obtained from the Secretary, 10 Henrietta Street, London, W.C.2.

## OBITUARY

The Journal records with regret the death on 3rd August 1953 of Mr Robert Schranz, Managing Director and Chairman of the Genito-urinary Manufacturing Company. For many years Mr Schranz rendered notable service to the advancement of urology, and there are few instruments in the armamentarium of the urologist which do not bear the imprint of his inventive genius. He will be greatly missed as a most kindly and friendly technical adviser.