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THE Seventh Annual General Meeting of the British Association of Urological Surgeons, Home and Overseas, was held at the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, 242 St Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Thursday, 28th June, and Friday, 29th June 1951, and at Edinburgh on Saturday, 30th June 1951.

Present.—Mr W. W. Galbraith (President) in the Chair and approximately 100 members.

Minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting held on 30th June 1950 were read and signed as correct.

Election of Members.—The following were elected members on the recommendation of the Council: James Firth Heslop, F.R.C.S., Manchester; Ashton Miller, M.D., F.R.C.S., Bristol; Thomas Moore, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., Manchester; Charles John Robson, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C), Toronto; John Leslie Russell, M.D., F.R.C.S.(C), Toronto; James Nicholson Young, F.R.C.S.(Ed.), Hull.

St Peter's Medals.—The President reported that the Council had decided to award St Peter's Medals this year to Mr R. Ogier Ward and Mr T. J. Millin.

Report of the Council.—The report of the Council for 1950-51, which had been circulated, was received and approved.

In connection with the question of the recognition of urology as a specialty, Mr Riches read the memorandum drawn up by the Council and submitted to the Ministry of Health. A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr Riches for all the work he had done in connection with this matter.

Report of the Honorary Treasurer and Balance-Sheet to 31st December 1950.—The audited accounts for the year 1950, which showed a balance on the year's working of £51. 10s. 7d., were presented by the Honorary Treasurer and approved.

Election of Officers for 1951-52.—The following were elected Officers for 1951-52: *President*, Mr E. W. Riches; *Vice-President*, Mr T. J. Millin; *Honorary Secretary*, Mr A. W. Badenoch; *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr R. H. O. B. Robinson; *Honorary Editorial Secretary*, Mr David Band.

Election of Members of Council.—The following were elected members of Council to fill the vacancies: Mr J. C. Anderson, Prof. V. Dix, Mr J. G. Sandrey, Mr H. Hamilton Stewart.

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

1952 Annual Meeting.—The President reported that the 1952 Annual Meeting would be held in London and that the main subject for discussion would be "The End-results of Ureterocolic Anastomosis."

1953 Annual Meeting.—It was reported that the subject for discussion at the 1953 Annual Meeting would be "Genito-urinary Tuberculosis."

Album of Photographs of Presidents.—Mr Galbraith presented to the Association an Album to contain the photographs of the Presidents. This was accepted with pleasure.

REPORT OF MEETING

Over 100 Members and Associate Members attended the Annual Meeting in Glasgow and Edinburgh. The Dominions were represented by Mr Keith Kirkland (Australia), and the Association was honoured by the presence of the President of the International Society of Urology, Dr George Gilbert Smith, of Boston, U.S.A. Dr W. W. Scott of the Buchanan Brady Institute of the Johns Hopkins Hospital also was there to represent American urology. Professor de la Peña (Madrid) and Drs Leander and Ljunggren (Scandinavia) also attended.

Following the business meeting at 10 A.M. on 28th June in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, three short papers, each followed by a discussion, were submitted:—

1. "Development of the Fœtal Ureter." Mr D. Innes Williams (London).
2. "Ectopic Openings of the Ureter." Mr Thomas Moore (Manchester).
3. "Ureteric Compression by Traction Diverticulum of the Duodenum." Mr A. W. Adams (Bristol).

These papers were of considerable interest, and numerous members took the opportunity of discussing them and of asking questions; all were illustrated by lantern slides.

Following lunch at the Royal Faculty, operating sessions and clinical demonstrations were held at four hospitals:—

1. The Royal Infirmary (Mr Arthur Jacobs and Mr W. B. Stirling).
2. The Victoria Infirmary (Mr T. L. Chapman and Mr J. W. Sutherland).
3. The Western Infirmary (Theatre A: The President and Mr W. Laird Milne; Theatre B: Mr A. I. L. Maitland and Mr A. A. Murison).
4. The Royal Cancer Hospital (Mr W. S. Mack and Mr J. H. McBeath).

The Annual Dinner, at which 110 members and their guests attended, was held in the Hall of the Royal Faculty. The members and guests were received by the President, Mr Walter W. Galbraith. The guests included: The Visitor, the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Dr Andrew Alison; the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Mr W. Quarry Wood; the President of the International Society of Urology, Dr George Gilbert Smith; the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, the University of Glasgow, Professor G. M. Wishart; the Chairman of the Western Regional Hospital Board, Sir Alexander MacGregor; the St Mungo Professor of Surgery, Professor J. A. G. Burton; the Regius Professor of Obstetrics and Gynæcology, Professor R. A. Lennie; the St Mungo Professor of Pathology, Professor G. L. Montgomery; the Honorary Lecturer on Art, University of Glasgow, Dr T. J. Honeyman.

Following the Dinner and the Royal Toast, "The Association" was proposed by Professor R. A. Lennie. In his speech he referred to the liaison existing between the gynæcologists and the urologists and to the necessity for specialisation. He congratulated the Association on the progress they had made in seven years and wished them continued success.

The President, replying to the toast, referred to the honour which had been conferred on the Association by the presence of Dr George Gilbert Smith, who had undertaken the long and arduous journey from America for this special purpose. In connection with the fifth centenary celebrations of the foundation of the University of Glasgow, the President thought it particularly happy that the Association should be meeting there. He pointed out that at the foundation of the University there was no medical faculty and that, in fact, the first organised medical body in the city was the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, which had received its charter from King James VI of Scotland (later James I of England) in 1599. He thought it fitting that this young Association should meet under the roof of such an historic and ancient Royal Corporation. He reminded his English friends that the famous brothers, William and John Hunter, came from the immediate environs of the city and that the elder was an M.D. of the University, and he reminded his Edinburgh friends that two

of his predecessors as President of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, William Cullen and Joseph Black, had played a major part in the foundation of the modern great Edinburgh School. Further, he stated that modern surgery was born in Glasgow when Lister, then Professor of Surgery there, evolved the antiseptic method in the wards of the Royal Infirmary. The President went on to state that meetings such as this meant much to those taking part in them. Not that anything revolutionary would be found, but even small points in technique might be picked up and avenues of possible research brought to notice, but above all, he considered that medical meetings were valuable for the contacts made, the old friendships renewed and the new friendships formed, and he regarded this as one of the chief functions of the Association. He stated how much he had valued the great honour conferred on him two years ago when he was elected, and he referred to the support he had received from all the members of the Council and from the officials of the Association. He also expressed the thanks of the Association to the local Secretary, Mr W. S. Mack, for the very efficient arrangements he had made, and finally he offered to the President Elect, Mr E. W. Riches, his best wishes for a happy term of office and for the continued success and prosperity of the young and lusty infant conceived by Mr Ogier Ward out of adversity, the British Association of Urological Surgeons.

The President then called on Mr Ogier Ward and Mr Terence Millin separately, and to each of them he read the following citations before presenting them with the St Peter's Medal:—

“Ronald Ogier Ward: Of the varied duties that have fallen to me during my two presidential years, none has afforded me greater pleasure than the one I now carry out, of presenting you on behalf of this Association with the St Peter's Medal. You have been chosen as a recipient of this medal because of your distinguished record in urology, consistently maintained throughout the years you have devoted to the specialty. Your work and writings on the subjects of bladder diverticula, bladder tumours, and prostatic disease, and your notable contribution to the problems of bilharzial disease and its effects on the urinary tract are particularly valued by this Association.

“We urologists are indebted to you, moreover, for reasons additional to those engendered by your scientific contributions. It was you who first sensed our need for an organisation which would ‘promote a higher standard in the practice of urology,’ and it was largely due to your exertions that the British Association of Urological Surgeons came into being.

“You have thus made notable contributions to the advancement of urology which are worthy of the highest award this Association can offer you. In making this presentation I would like you to know that we remember with pride and gratitude those other services rendered to your country: as an artillery officer in the first world war and again in the second world war, when no longer a young man, you were commissioned in the R.A.M.C., saw service in France, Egypt, and Africa, and attained the rank of Brigadier. Your life of devoted endeavour is an example to us all.”

“Terence Millin: Because of the brilliance of your professional achievements, you too have been deemed a worthy recipient of the St Peter's Medal. Your most notable contribution to the advancement of urology has been the method of retropubic prostatectomy you devised some six years ago, an operation which has now been accepted and practised in many centres not only in this country but in Europe and the Americas. Your reputation in consequence is international and you have advanced the prestige of British urology throughout the world. Although it is in this field of activity that the name of Millin is chiefly associated, your zeal and surgical craftsmanship have placed their mark on many aspects of urology and proved you a master in your calling.

“To those of us with knowledge of the interests you pursued during your undergraduate days—interests as diverse as that of international rugby player and brilliant mathematical scholar—the news that you had embarked on yet an additional sphere of activity was not so surprising. We contemplate the possibility that sometime in the near future this Association will sit down to its Annual Dinner and consume a joint of the Millin product. Your colleagues wish you well in your enterprise, but trust you will continue for many future years to exercise the stimulating influence on urology that has long been your rôle in the past.”

Each recipient in turn thanked the Association for the honour which had been conferred on him. Mr Ogier Ward stated that it was the greatest honour that he had ever received. Mr Millin, after formal thanks, convulsed the audience by telling them one or two of his famous Irish stories.

The toast of “The Guests” was proposed by the Honorary Treasurer, Mr R. H. O. B. Robinson, in an amusing speech.

Dr George Gilbert Smith, in reply, stated that this was his first visit to Scotland, and he was very happy to attend his first meeting of the British Association of Urological Surgeons. He thought that the standard of urology in this country was extremely high, and he wished the Association every success and prosperity.

Dr T. J. Honeyman also replied in a characteristically witty and amusing speech, in which he interspersed several apposite stories.

The health of the President was proposed by Mr Clifford Morson.

At 9 A.M. on Friday, 29th June, in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, a meeting of the British Section of the International Society of Urology was held. At 9.30 A.M. a discussion on "New Growths of the Kidney and Ureter" was opened by Mr E. W. Riches, followed by Mr I. H. Griffiths and Dr A. C. Thackray. The members were greatly impressed at the diligence of the openers and the value of the unique series of case histories, including pathology, which had been collected. The amount and complexity of the material were such as to make it almost impossible to form a complete and accurate picture during the speeches. Printed statistical tables showing the result of the collective investigations had been prepared, and these were presented to each member. On completion of the opening papers coffee was taken, and during the short interval the members had a chance of recovering from the surfeit of figures and facts. When the meeting resumed there was an excellent discussion—about sixteen members taking part. The members restricted their remarks and did not drift from the point, and thus the discussion was brought to a close by a masterful summing up by Mr Riches a few minutes after 1 o'clock.

Lunch was taken at the Royal Faculty, and at 2 P.M. the members met in the Lister Theatre of the Royal Infirmary. In welcoming them to this theatre the President pointed out that they were now sitting on hallowed ground and, in fact, on the exact site of the building in which Lister revolutionised surgery. The following short papers were presented:—

1. "Imperfect Descent of the Testicle." Mr T. W. Mimpriss (London).
2. "The Use of Electronic Flash in the Photography of Bladder Tumours in the Operating Theatre." Mr Spenser Breslin (Glasgow), introduced by Mr W. S. Mack.
3. "Solitary Cyst of the Kidney." Mr A. Walsh (Liverpool).
4. Film: "The 'Punch' Operation for Prostatic Obstruction." Mr T. L. Chapman (Glasgow).

Each of these papers was outstandingly good and of the greatest interest. Had the President allowed it the discussion would have been long, but time did not permit.

At 4.15 P.M. the President of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons (President of B.A.U.S.) gave a reception and tea in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons. This was attended by over 100 members and their ladies. It was a very enjoyable social occasion which was made notable by the exhibition of numerous treasures acquired by the Royal Faculty during its long existence. The Honorary Librarian to the Royal Faculty, Dr A. L. Goodall, was in attendance and explained the various exhibits.

At 7.30 P.M. a Reception, Dinner, and Dance were held in the large hall of the Grosvenor Restaurant. This function was attended by most of the members, who were accompanied by their wives and friends. It was a most happy occasion and notable by the fact that eight ladies and gentlemen in full Highland costume gave a beautiful exhibition of Highland Dancing. After this the guests were treated to a short session of pipe music by two Highland pipers, and then the Highland *Eightsome Reel* was danced by most of the members to the music of the pipes. After a further interval for dancing, a choir of youthful singers, male and female, rendered some Scottish songs ranging from Hebridean airs to Border ballads. Thereafter the guests participated in further dancing to an excellent band, and finally, a few minutes after 12 o'clock, the evening was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

On Saturday, 30th June, members and their wives left Glasgow by train for Edinburgh at 9 A.M. On arrival there they were met by motor cars which conveyed them to the Hall of the Royal College of Surgeons. Following coffee, the ladies proceeded to Princes Street to admire the view and the shops. The male members of the company walked to the Royal Infirmary, where they assembled in the large surgical lecture theatre.

The President expressed the pleasure of the members at being present in this historic building for their first meeting in Scotland's Capital City.

Mr R. Leslie Stewart shortly described the historic theatre in which they were seated, and he pointed to the benches occupied by the "Chiefs" of the Infirmary during operations in the old days.

Although the theatre had originally been an operating theatre, it was now used only for lectures.

The following papers by members of the Edinburgh School were then given :—

1. " Studies in Pyelovenous Backflow." Mr James Ross.
2. " Wilms' Tumours." Mr J. J. Mason Brown.
3. " Multifocal Renal Cyst." Mr J. Dermot O'Flynn.
4. " Restoration of Continuity of the Ureter." Mr W. Selby Tulloch.
5. " Congenital Umbilical Fistula." Mr J. R. Cameron.
6. " Tuberculous Epididymitis." Mr David Band.

At the conclusion of this session and immediately prior to adjourning for lunch a group photograph of all present was taken on the steps of the Royal Infirmary.¹

Lunch was served to members and their ladies in the Royal College of Surgeons at 1 p.m.

At 2 p.m., in the lecture theatre of the Department of Surgery, the following papers were read, each paper being illustrated by lantern slides :—

1. " Some Chemical Changes in Relation to Ureterocolic Anastomosis." Mr A. W. Wilkinson.
2. " The Use of Isotopes in Experimental Studies of the Circulation." Mr D. M. Douglas, Dr S. Rowlands, and Dr S. R. Mukherjee.

At the conclusion of the papers the company adjourned to the Wilkie Research Laboratory, where they admired a magnificent demonstration illustrating the renal circulation and the comparative anatomy of the kidney, including studies in pyelorenal backflow. This demonstration had been set up by Professor T. Grahame, Mr James A. Ross, and Dr J. W. A. Duckworth.

A further demonstration illustrating experimental methods making use of isotopes was given by Mr D. M. Douglas, Dr S. Rowlands, and Dr S. R. Mukherjee, and this also proved of great interest to the members.

At 4 p.m. tea was served to members at the Royal College of Surgeons, and thereafter the museum was visited, Mr J. N. J. Hartley, the Conservator, being in attendance.

At 5 p.m. all the members and their ladies were conducted on a historic tour of the city by Sir Henry Wade and Dr Douglas Guthrie.

At 7.30 p.m. all the members and their ladies, and friends (over 150), dined in the Hall of the Royal College of Surgeons.

After dinner and the Royal Toast, the President proposed " The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh." He expressed the indebtedness to the President, his Council, and his Fellows for their kindness, and he asked the members to be upstanding and drink to the success and prosperity of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, coupled with the name of the President, Mr Quarry Wood.

Mr Quarry Wood, replying, stated that it had given great pleasure to him and to his Council to give the Association the freedom of their Hall for their meetings that day.

The toast, " The Scottish Medical Schools," was proposed by the President Elect, Mr E. W. Riches, who referred to the great part which had been played in the advancement of urology by members of these schools and to the outstanding achievements in surgery which had emanated from the four Scottish Schools of St Andrews (the Senior), Glasgow, Aberdeen, and Edinburgh.

This toast was replied to by Professor Sir James Learmonth.

On Sunday, 1st July, the members, their ladies, and guests assembled at Queen Street Station, Glasgow, at 11.40 a.m., where they joined a reserved portion of the train which conveyed them down the north bank of the Clyde, by Clydebank and the shipbuilding yards, to Craighendran. Here they joined one of the Clyde steamers, in which special accommodation had been reserved. The steamer proceeded down the Clyde to the Kyles of Bute, making a stop *en route* at Rothesay where the members were able to view the yachts lying at anchor and preparing for the Clyde Fortnight Regattas which recommenced the following day. The sail was continued right through the Kyles of Bute and into the Kilbrennan Sound between the Isle of Arran and the mainland of Kintyre, from which point the steamer returned to Craighendran.

¹ Copies of this photograph may be obtained from Messrs E. R. Yerbury & Son, 92 Morningside Road, Edinburgh, 10.

At a Council meeting on 26th April the following were elected Associate Members: Charles Dundon, F.R.C.S., Preston; James Henderson Levack, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.G., Glasgow; Harold Benjamin Louis Levy, M.S., F.R.C.S.(Ed.), Sunderland; George Maurice Lunn, F.R.C.S., Cheam; Louis Philippe Naz, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Carshalton; George Stewart Murchison Wilson, F.R.C.S., Salford.

At the Council meeting on 28th June the following were also elected Associate Members: James Roderick Johnston Cameron, F.R.C.S.(Ed.), Edinburgh; Walter Gordon Campbell, Ch.M., F.R.C.S., Dundee; Alan Campbell Gairdner, F.R.C.S., Exeter; John Alec Stephen Green, F.R.C.S., London; Edward Lipworth, F.R.C.S.(Ed.), Johannesburg, South Africa; Aubrey James Mason, M.Ch., F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., Ashburton, New Zealand; Alastair Ross Murison, F.R.C.S.(Ed.), Glasgow; Gurijala Pattabhi Ramayya, F.R.C.S., Deccan, India; Frederick Peter Raper, F.R.C.S., Leeds; William Leslie Francis Utley, F.R.C.S., London.

UROLOGICAL SOCIETY OF AUSTRALASIA

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society held in April 1951 the following Office-Bearers were elected to the Executive: *President*, A. C. Telfer, Sydney; *Past President*, F. W. Lukin, Brisbane; *Vice-President*, W. H. Moore, Melbourne; *Honorary Secretary*, A. H. Gee, Sydney; *Honorary Treasurer*, K. L. Kirkland, Sydney; *Members*, C. M. Edwards, Sydney, J. L. Laidley, Sydney, H. H. Pearson, Sydney.

Mr Telfer subsequently resigned from the office of President and Mr Moore was elected in his place.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF UROLOGY

A meeting of British members was held in Glasgow on 29th June 1951. The members of the National Committee are: Terence Millin, E. W. Riches, Clifford Morson (Delegate).

The following were nominated for election to membership at the Triennial Congress to be held in New York from 15th to 18th September 1952: George Doherty, London; F. E. Feilden, Hove; W. H. Graham, Preston; A. R. C. Higham, London; Norman Logie, Aberdeen; Ashton Miller, Bristol; R. A. Mogg, Cardiff; Ian Maitland, Glasgow; Harland Rees, London; J. Swinney, Newcastle; Bagot Walters, Lincoln.

Provisional Arrangements.—Scientific sessions on 16th, 17th, and 18th September; reception on 15th September; banquet on 18th September 1952. It is thought that rooms and meals in New York will cost about 10 to 12 dollars a day per person. Members will be informed of the arrangements through the Journal. If more than twenty members are willing to travel by the same ship ("Medea" or "Parthia," Cunard) some reduction in fares, which are normally £186 return, may be possible, but the Delegate must be notified without fail by December 1951.

CLIFFORD MORSON,
British Delegate.

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Selected Urological Subjects: 14th to 25th January 1952.

Weekly Lectures: October 1951 to March 1952. Day: Wednesday. Time: 5 P.M. No charge for attendance at these weekly lectures.

Further details of the syllabus may be obtained from the Secretary, Institute of Urology, St Peter's Hospital, London, W.C. 2.

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Owing to the constantly increasing costs of production the Editorial Committee of the Journal has regretfully decided that, in the meantime, no more illustrations for reproduction in colour can be accepted. It will also be necessary to restrict the Atlas of Urology, and the current volume will contain only the two sections already issued.