

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL OFFICERS

61st Annual General Meeting

The 61st annual general meeting of the Association was held in the Lecture Theatre of the Royal Society of Tropical Medicine in London, on October 27 and at the London Hospital on October 28, 1950.

On the morning of October 27 the following papers were read: "Preventive Medicine in Weed and Pest Control" by Dr. A. David, medical officer, Pest Control Ltd.; "The Work of a University Department of Industrial Health" by Professor R. C. Browne, Department of Industrial Health, King's College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne; "Some Problems of Railway Medicine" by Dr. G. O. Hughes, medical officer, British Railways; "Some Human Relation Problems in Industry" by Dr. D. S. F. Robertson, medical officer, Lever Bros. and Unilever Ltd.

This session was followed by a symposium on "Accident Prevention", in which the following speakers took part: Mr. G. P. Barnett, H.M. Chief Inspector of Factories, Ministry of Labour and National Service, who spoke on "The Fundamentals of Accident Prevention"; and Dr. J. A. A. Mekelburg, medical officer of Peek Frean and Co. Ltd., on "Industrial Accidents—a National Problem". The symposium was concluded by Dr. T. Bedford, Director of the Environmental Research Unit, Medical Research Council, who spoke on the subject of "Thermal Conditions in Relation to Accidents".

In the evening a dinner was held at St. Ermin's Hotel, London, when an address was given by Mrs. Helena Normanton, K.C. entitled "Doctors as Criminals".

On October 28, 1950, a clinical meeting and demonstration was given by Dr. Kenneth Perry at the London Hospital. The subject was "Medical Cases from the Point of View of Industry".

Branch Meetings

Since the last issue of this journal the following reports have been received.

The **Tees-side Group** heard at their November meeting an address by Dr. Williams, consultant physician, Middlesbrough General Hospital, on "A.C.T.H. in Relation to the Adaptation Theory".

The third annual business meeting of the **South Wales and West of England Group** was held in October, when the Chairman, Dr. J. Gwynne Morgan, and Secretary, Dr. T. H. Jenkins, were re-elected.

A visit was paid to the Landore Works to see a new silica brick works and a new ingot mould works being

constructed, to the National Dock Labour Board port medical services in Swansea, and to the factory of the Viscose Development Company.

The **Scottish Group** met in Glasgow in October as the guests of the Industrial Nurses' Group, when an address was given by Miss Carol Mann, industrial nurses' organizer of the Royal College of Nursing, on "Nursing Aspects of an Occupational Health Service".

For the November meeting a whole-day visit was paid to the Ardeer Factory of I.C.I. Ltd.

A meeting of the **Yorkshire Group** was held in Sheffield in October jointly with the **North Western Group**. Members visited the new medical department of Messrs. Steel, Peach, and Tozer as guests of the medical officer, Dr. R. A. Trevethick. The clinical session was devoted to a showing and discussion of the B.M.A. film "The Treatment of Infections of the Hand".

The **North Western Group** held a three-day meeting at Whitehaven in September, when the programme included visits to the haematite mines at Beckermere and Egremont and to the clinic for the mine workers at Whitehaven, where Dr. Craw, the medical director, outlined the development of preventive measures from 1935 till the present day.

The **September meeting of the Birmingham and District Group** took the form of a visit to the works of Needle Industries Ltd., Studley, which has 400 employees and a weekly output of 30 million needles. The annual business meeting was held in October, when Dr. N. G. Marr was elected chairman and Dr. J. G. Lawson representative on the Council of the Association. After the business meeting Dr. Dorothy Campbell spoke on "Miner's Nystagmus".

The November meeting was a joint one with the Industrial Nurses' Group of the Birmingham and Three Counties Branch, Royal College of Nursing, when the following papers were read: "Backache" by Dr. A. Hutton Wilson; "Dust Diseases of the Lung", by Dr. A. J. Amor; "The Placement in Industry of the Tuberculous Worker" and "Recent Advances in the Treatment of Tuberculosis", by Dr. J. E. Geddes; "General Medical Practice in Relation to an Industrial Medical Service", by Dr. R. C. L. Burgess and Dr. R. J. F. H. Pinsent.

In December a visit was paid to the Nether-ton Iron Works, Dudley.



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