PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF INDUSTRIAL MEDICAL OFFICERS

Sixtieth Meeting (Provincial)

The 60th meeting (provincial) of the Association was held in Birmingham from June 26 to June 30, 1950. The meeting was a residential one, at Ashorne Hill, near Leamington Spa.

The meeting opened with a symposium on the pre-employment examination, and Dr. L. G. Norman, President of the Association, was in the chair. Dr. J. A. Duncan, Medical Officer, I.C.I. Metals Division, Birmingham, gave a paper on "The Purpose of Pre-employment Examination", and Dr. J. G. Billington, Medical Officer, the General Electric Co., Birmingham, followed, and spoke about "The Conduct and Method of Pre-employment Examination".

The succeeding session was devoted to rehabilitation and resettlement in industry. The Chairman was Dr. W. Jeaffreson Lloyd, Chairman of the Birmingham and District Group of the Association. The speakers were Dr. Donald Stewart, Chief Medical Officer, Austin Motor Co., Birmingham, who gave an account of the Medical Research Council's resettlement investigation in Birmingham. Professor T. McKeown, of the Department of Social Medicine, University of Birmingham, dealt with "Rehabilitation and Resettlement as a Social Problem".

The third session was devoted to the treatment of burns, and the speaker was Mr. W. Gissane, Clinical Director, Birmingham Accident Hospital, with Dr. L. G. Norman in the chair.

On the second day of the meeting the B.M.A. Mackenzie Industrial Health Lecture, entitled "The Education and Function of the Industrial Health Team", was delivered by Professor R. E. Lane, of the Department of Occupational Health, University of Manchester. This was held in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.

On the third day, Dr. Neil G. Marr, Divisional Medical Officer, I.C.I. Metals, Birmingham, Lecturer in Occupational Health, University of Birmingham, and Dr. W. Jeaffreson Lloyd, Chief Medical Officer, Guest Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd., Lecturer in Occupational Health, University of Birmingham, were the speakers at a session entitled "Teaching in Occupational Health". The Chairman was Dr. Donald Stewart, Past Chairman of the Birmingham and District Group of the Association.

The next session was entitled "Clinical Snapshots" and various subjects were introduced. Dr. Neil G. Marr, I.C.I. Metals, Birmingham, took the chair.

The following is a list of the speakers, and their subjects: Dr. J. P. Bull, Assistant Director, Industrial Medical Research Unit, Medical Research Council, Birmingham, "A New Occlusive Wound Dressing"; Dr. A. Gordon Evans, Medical Director, Mass Chest Radiography Service, Birmingham Regional Hospital Board, "Tuberculosis Survey of Adolescents"; Dr. C. Gilray Simpson, Assistant Medical Officer, Guest Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd., and Austin Motor Co. Ltd., "Cyanide Poisoning"; Dr. W. Jeaffreson Lloyd, Chief Medical Officer, Guest Keen and Nettlefolds Ltd., "Chrome Ulceration of the Nose". An interesting discussion followed.

During the course of the meeting visits were arranged to the following factories: Alfred Bird & Son Ltd. (food products); Chance Brothers Ltd. (glass); Mitchell's and Butlers Ltd. (brewery); Needle Industries Ltd.

London Group

Chairman: Dr. L. J. Haydon,
British Railways (Southern Region),
London Bridge Station, S.E.I.

Hon. Secretary: Dr. R. E. W. Fisher,
Chief Medical Officer, South Eastern Gas Board,
589, Old Kent Road, S.E.15.

The annual business meeting was held at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on September 7.

The secretary announced that he had heard that Dr. J. Vincent Bates, a member of the London Group, had died very suddenly on August 14. He informed the meeting that he had written to
Mrs. Bates and expressed the sympathy of the London Group.

The following were elected:

**Chairman:** Dr. L. J. Haydon
**Hon. Secretary:** Dr. R. E. W. Fisher
**Committee:**
- Dr. M. L. Dobbie Bateman
- Dr. M. E. M. Herford
- Dr. J. J. O'Dwyer
- Dr. P. A. B. Raffle

**Group Representative to the Council:** Dr. M. L. Dobbie Bateman

Discussion took place on a letter from the Council asking for the views of the Group on the number of meetings to be held each year. The Council had decided as an experiment to hold three meetings in 1951, two in London and one in the provinces. This matter had been referred to the annual business meeting by the Committee of the Group. It was decided to inform the Council that the Group had no definite views at present but would watch the experiment with interest and, if necessary, would comment at a later date. The formal business of the meeting having been concluded the chairman announced that Dr. Dobbie Bateman, the outgoing chairman, had presented the Group with a handsome chairman's gavel. He thanked Dr. Dobbie Bateman on behalf of the Group.

**North Western Group**

**Chairman:** Dr. R. S. F. Schilling,
University of Manchester,
Manchester, 13.

**Hon. Secretary:** Dr. G. Taylor,
A. V. Roe & Co. Ltd.,
Greengate, Manchester.

On June 14, 1950, the Group paid a visit, arranged by Dr. H. P. Fay, to the Renold and Coventry Chain Company Ltd. and were cordially received by Sir Charles Renold and Mr. E. J. Parish, a director of the company. After an inspection of the works Mr. E. J. Parish spoke briefly on the “Development of the Welfare Work in the Renold and Coventry Chain Company Limited” which was followed by a discussion when matters of general interest were raised by members of the management and of the group.