III Czechoslovak Congress of Rheumatology

Piešťany, October 2 to 5, 1972

The Congress, which is open to all rheumatologists on an international basis, will be organized by the Czechoslovak Medical Society and the Czechoslovak Society of Rheumatology. The main fields to be covered are connective tissue diseases (clinical and immunological aspects), disorders of the spine, and miscellaneous topics (experimental research, therapy, etc.). The Congress will be preceded by an Osteological Symposium in Prague (see note in *Ann. rheum. Dis.*, (1971), 30, 445).

Further information may be obtained from the chairman of the Organizing Committee, Prof. Š. Šit'aj, Research Institute of Rheumatic Diseases, Piešťany, Czechoslovakia.

Obituary

W. S. Tegner, B.M., B.Ch. (Oxon.), F.R.C.P., 1906–1971

William Stuart Tegner, who died on November 16, 1971, at the age of 65 years, was a classics scholar at Winchester and went on to New College, Oxford, and then to the London Hospital, where he qualified as B.M. in 1932. In 1938 he held a Fellowship in the United States and in 1939 he became Assistant Physician in Physical Medicine at the London Hospital. From 1940 to 1945 he served in the R.A.M.C., attaining the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. At the end of the war he became Senior Physician in Physical Medicine and Rheumatology at the London Hospital, taking over from Sir Robert Stanton Woods; he also became Medical Director of the Papworth Village Settlement, and joined the staff of the Arthur Stanley Institute of the Middlesex Hospital. He retired from his hospital appointments in July, 1965, but continued with the Papworth Settlement until his death.

He was one of the first Specialists in Physical Medicine, as we know them today, one indeed of the original six present at Lord Horder's famous lunch at Claridges, when the many disciplines involved and their pugilistic protagonists were brought together. This meeting was the precursor of the founding of the British Association of Physical Medicine, of which Tegner later became President. He was also President of the Physical Medicine Section of the R.S.M. and was a prominent supporter of the Heberden Society. Will Tegner, though professionally so successful, had a rather tragic private life, being twice widowed. He was, however, very much loved and was a man with no enemies. He was admired for the speed and precision of his clinical work, but will perhaps be best remembered for his outstanding integrity and

for his true kindness and willingness to help where most needed.

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