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shoulder-girdle; much is made of the function of the trapezius muscle, but the supraspinatus tendon and its syndrome appear to have been sunk without trace. In ankylosing spondylitis, deep x rays are but briefly mentioned, though for osteo-arthritis they are thought to be the best treatment (p. 118); pride of place in treatment is given to implants of calf-pituitary. The method has now been so simplified that all that is required is to place the hypophysis of a freshly-killed calf in normal saline and implant it in the patient's buttock, after preliminary infiltration with novocaine and penicillin. A whole page is devoted to the technique of the operation and it is claimed that, after it, neither patient nor implant ever looks back. But it would be interesting to watch the reactions of British patients (and of their buttocks) to this procedure.

The print and paper are of first-class quality, but the illustrations consist mainly of x-ray films, and in a book dealing with the arthritides there is no photograph of a live arthritic joint. The bibliography, massed at the end of the book, is international in character. Finally, one has the impression that German rheumatology, though still encumbered by old-fashioned ideas, is making notable progress and is closing the gap left by the Hitlerian era.

D. PREISKEL.

**Manual for Arthritis Clinics.** 1952. Pp. 63. Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation Inc., New York. 50 cts.

This manual was produced as the result of a survey of arthritis clinics in the metropolitan area of New York which revealed defects in their location, organization, and

conduct. Its aim is to point out how such departments can fulfil more effectively the three reasons for their existence: the diagnosis and treatment of patients, the education of physicians in rheumatic and articular disorders, and the promotion of research.

It recommends that the chief of clinic should be a general physician with an active interest and wide experience in the rheumatic diseases, and that his associates should include an orthopaedic surgeon and a physician specializing in physical medicine. Both this recommendation and the one stating that it is desirable that physicians who staff arthritis clinics should have a wide knowledge of internal medicine sufficient to obtain a higher qualification in general medicine will be endorsed by the Empire Rheumatism Council; they follow the recommendation for training as laid down by the recent Committee of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

Emphasis is laid on the necessity for suitable diagnostic facilities and for access to hospital beds where cases can be studied in detail. The chart suggested for the recording of joint findings is rather cumbersome for routine clinical work though it might be useful for research cases.

Much of the manual is devoted to diagnostic criteria for various types of rheumatic and articular disorders, followed by a classification devised for the assessment of improvement in rheumatoid arthritis.

Attention is drawn to the importance of regular clinic conferences at which free discussion can be held on clinical cases, current literature, and the results of therapy. Finally the function of the social worker is described, and the importance of her place in the clinic team is emphasized.

OSWALD SAVAGE.

## LIGUE INTERNATIONALE CONTRE LE RHUMATISME

### EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, 1953

#### (SECOND ANNOUNCEMENT)

The Eighth International Congress of Rheumatic Diseases will be held at Geneva from August 24 to 28, 1953, under the auspices of the Ligue Internationale contre le Rhumatisme. It is being organized by the Swiss Society of Physical Medicine and Rheumatology under the presidency of Prof. E. Jarløv (*Copenhagen*). The programme, which has been drawn up with the collaboration of some of the most eminent scientific authorities in rheumatological studies, will include the following series of discussions:

(1) **Connective Tissue** (J. H. Kellgren, *Manchester*, G. Teilmann, *Copenhagen*, and E. Hartmann, *Göttingen*).

(2) **Steroid Hormones** (T. Reichstein, *Basle* (Nobel Prizeman, 1950), P. S. Hench, *Rochester, U.S.A.* (Nobel Prizeman, 1950), F. Coste, *Paris*, and A. Ruiz Moreno, *Buenos Aires*).

(3) **Surgery in the Treatment of Rheumatism** (R. Judet

and R. Merle d'Aubigné, *Paris*, will discuss the end-results of surgery of the hip).

(4) **Chronic Rheumatism** (W. Tegner, *London*, and H. Rusk, *New York*, will demonstrate the possibilities of rehabilitation and employment of those disabled by rheumatism).

These sessions will be reserved for the presentation of individual papers on the subjects set. Authors are asked to have their papers approved by the Executive Committee of the National League to which they belong.

Apart from these meetings and discussions, scientific films will be shown, and there will be a technical exhibition (medical literature, drugs, and physiotherapy apparatus), and also a scientific exhibition in which members are invited to demonstrate the results of their researches.

On Wednesday, August 26, members of the Congress will be received by the civic authorities of Aix-

les-Bains, and the Medical Society of the Rheumatological Centre there has drawn up a special programme of lectures and visits.

The Congress at Geneva will finish on Friday, August 28, in order to enable members to visit Zürich, where they will be entertained by the Zürich League against Rheumatism.

Further information may be had from the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Prof. K.-M. Walthard, Institut de Physiatrie, Hôpital Cantonal, Geneva (Telegrams: Rhumatisme Genève). Travel and accommodation will be arranged by the American Express Company, to whom all applications should be made.

## HEBERDEN SOCIETY

### ANNUAL REPORT, 1952

The year 1952 has maintained the progress achieved in 1951. The Ordinary Membership has now been filled to capacity by the election of Dr. Campbell Golding, Dr. John Currie, Mr. R. W. Plewes, and Dr. J. S. Richardson. In furtherance of Rule 6, a further four Associates have also been admitted to membership, Dr. B. Cruickshank, Dr. B. E. W. Mace, Dr. L. Mandel, and Dr. J. Shulman, bringing the total Associate Membership to seven.

The Annual Meeting endorsed the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the society be affiliated to the British Branch of the European League against Rheumatism. Thus all members of the Heberden Society will automatically become members of the British Branch of the European League, and will be able to attend and give papers at the International Congresses of the European League without further fees.

This affiliation will also regularize the somewhat anomalous position of the Heberden Society, which is at present without any international status although it is the main British rheumatological society. The Society will appear in the official handbook of the International League with the names and addresses of all members. To meet the affiliation fee, all subscriptions will be raised by 5s., which will be remitted by the society to the British Branch. These increased subscriptions will, as heretofore, include the cost of the *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*.

The president reported that the society was again indebted to the Empire Rheumatism Council for the generous grant-in-aid of £100 which had been an important contributory factor to the maintenance and expansion of educational activities during the year. Without this annual grant the society might be obliged to curtail part of its very useful work.

**Activities.**—At a meeting held by kind permission of Dr. W. S. Tegner at the Bearsted Clinical Theatre,

London Hospital, on February 29, cases were exhibited by Mr. Osmond-Clarke, Sir Russell Brain, Sir Horace Evans, and Dr. J. O. Storey (*Annals*, 1952, 11, 175).

The Heberden Round was given on April 18 at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary by invitation of the President, Sir Henry Cohen (*Annals*, 1952, 11, 175).

On June 20, Dr. F. Dudley Hart gave an address at the Meyerstein Theatre of the Westminster Medical School, London, on "The Treatment of the Rheumatic Diseases in the U.S.A."

In July, members of the Heberden Society were invited to attend a meeting of the International Congress of Physical Medicine at King's College, London, and the Society, jointly with the Empire Rheumatism Council, entertained members of the congress at a reception (*Annals*, 1952, 11, 232).

On October 24, a clinical meeting held at the Post-Graduate Medical School, Hammersmith, under the auspices of Dr. E. G. L. Bywaters, was attended by a number of leading French rheumatologists, and formed part of the programme arranged for the week-end of the Heberden Oration. Papers were given by Dr. R. I. S. Bayliss, Dr. I. Meanock, Dr. E. G. L. Bywaters, Dr. G. R. Fearnley, and Dr. C. Fletcher (*Annals*, 1952, 11, 324).

On October 25, at B.M.A. House, Lord Horder delivered the Heberden Oration for 1952, taking as his subject "Rheumatism—A National Problem". The meeting was well attended and Lord Horder was presented with the Heberden Medal for 1952 by the President (*Annals*, 1953, 12, 1).

The annual dinner was held on December 12 at the Royal College of Physicians, by kind permission of the President, Sir Russell Brain. Among the guests who attended were the Lord Chancellor and Lady Simonds, the Minister of Health, Mr. Iain Macleod, M.P., the President of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, Professor Barnard, Treasurer of the Royal College of Physicians,

Professor Dodds, Librarian, Dr. H. A. Clegg, editor of the *British Medical Journal*, and Dr. Douglas Wilson, representing the *Lancet*.

The annual general meeting was held on December 12 and 13 at the Eastman Dental Theatre, Royal Free Hospital, London, by invitation of Dr. Ernest Fletcher, and during the two scientific sessions the following papers were read:

- Dr. M. H. L. Desmarais (*Bath*): **Radiotherapy in Arthritis.\***  
 Dr. L. J. Potter (*Edinburgh*): **Possible Significance of the Systemic Effects of Radiotherapy in Ankylosing Spondylitis.**  
 Dr. J. Sharp (*Manchester*): **Analysis and Follow-up of 300 Cases of Ankylosing Spondylitis.†**  
 Mr. W. D. Coltart (*London*): **Choice of Operation in Chronic Arthritis of the Hip.**  
 Dr. H. F. West (*Sheffield*): **17-Ketogenic Steroids.†**  
 Dr. L. Mandel (*Bath*): **H.P.C. (3-Hydroxy-2-Phenylcinchoninic Acid) in Rheumatoid Arthritis.†**  
 Drs. J. J. R. Duthie and R. J. G. Sinclair (*Edinburgh*): **Nature of the Anaemia of Rheumatoid Arthritis.**  
 Dr. J. H. Kellgren (*Manchester*): **Points of Interest from the Clinical and Radiological Surveys at the Walkden Miners' Clinic.‡**

**Library.**—The Society's Library, which is housed at the Ciba Foundation (41 Portland Place, W.1), by kind permission of the Trustees, has received the following additions:

*Purchased by the Society from the President's Fund:*

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| COTUNNII, D.     | De Ischiade Nervosa Cokkentarius, 1775. (The work in which appears the first clinical description of sciatica.) |
| LOBB, THEOPHILUS | Treatise on the Stone and Gout, 1739. (An early work on the dietetic treatment of these conditions.)            |

*Presented by the Apothecaries' Society:*

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| SCUDAMORE, C. (SIR) | A Treatise on the Nature and Cure of Gout and Rheumatism, 1819. |
| RING, J.            | A Treatise on Gout, 1811.                                       |

*Presented by the Honorary Librarian:*

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| SCUDAMORE, C. (SIR) | Nature and Cure of Gout, 1817. (An earlier edition of the above.)              |
| DUMOULIN, M.        | Nouveau Traité du Rhumatisme et des Vapeurs, 1703. (A work unknown to Garrod.) |

The Honorary Librarian (Dr. W. S. C. Copeman) has also succeeded in purchasing an original letter written by Dr. William Heberden to a patient of his in 1772, and has offered this, suitably framed, to the Society. It is much hoped that members will present to the library any books or relics of rheumatological interest dating prior to 1914.

**Future Arrangements for 1953**

*April 10, Friday, 5 p.m.*—Clinical Meeting at the Middlesex Hospital, London, W.1.

*July 10, Friday, 2.30 p.m.*—The Heberden Round at Manchester, to be followed on Saturday morning by a visit to Buxton.

Titles and summaries of original communications which members wish to make to the society during 1953 should be sent to the Senior Hon. Secretary (Dr. Oswald Savage), together with an abstract not exceeding fifty words, at least one month before the date of meeting. Abstracts of all papers delivered are published in the *Annals of the Rheumatic Diseases*.

The dates of the Heberden Oration and Annual Meeting for 1953 will be announced later.

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\* See p. 25 of this issue.

† To be printed in a later issue of this Journal.

‡ See p. 5 of this issue.

**RHEUMATISM SOCIETY OF CHILE**

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# SOCIETÀ ITALIANA PER LO STUDIO DEL REUMATISMO

The position of President of the Italian Rheumatological Association, left vacant by the death of Prof. Giuseppe Sabatini, has been entrusted to Prof. Luigi Villa, Director of the General Medical Clinic of the

University of Milan. (*Secretary-General*: Prof. Tomaso Galli, Clinica Medica Generale, University of Genoa; *Editorial Secretary*: Prof. Giuseppe Stabilini, Clinica Medica Generale, University of Milan.)

## FIRST ROMAN RHEUMATOLOGY DAY, 1953

A one-day congress was organized on February 11, 1953, by the Rheumatology Centre, Rome, under the direction of Professor T. Lucherini. Professor S. Rebecchini welcomed a distinguished gathering from all parts of Italy. The Minister of Health and Hygiene, On. Migliori, spoke of the great need for research in rheumatology, and Professor L. Condorelli conveyed the good wishes and ready co-operation of the Italian Cardiological Society. Professor L. Villa deplored the great loss the Association had sustained by the death of their former president, Prof. Giuseppe Sabatini.

The following papers were delivered:

PROF. F. CORELLI: *Treatment of Acute Rheumatism and Prevention of Cardiac Involvement—A Proposed National Scheme.*

PROF. T. LUCHERINI: *Acromegalic Rheumatism.*

PROF. D. SIBILIA: *The Heart in Rheumatoid Arthritis.*

DR. C. CERVINI: *Comparison between Peri-arthritis of the Shoulder and the Shoulder-Hand Syndrome.*

PROF. T. LUCHERINI and DRs. A. NATALE, CONESTABILE, and GOSPODINOFF: *Butazolidin in Acute and Chronic Rheumatism.*

PROF. E. CECCHI and DR. C. LONGO: *The Mandible and Rheumatoid Arthritis.*

DR. SCHIAVETTI: *Muscle Physiopathology in Rheumatic Disease.*

## VII ANNUAL CONGRESS, 1953

The Association will hold its Seventh Congress in Florence on June 5 and 6, 1953. The papers to be read include the following:

PROF. GIULIO CESARE DOGLIOTTI: *Prophylaxis of Rheumatic Fever.*

DOTT. VITTORIO BIANCHI: *Specific and Aspecific Aspects of Immunity in Rheumatology.*

Participation in the Congress is open to non-

members. The subscription is L. 1,500 for members, and L. 2,500 for non-members. Each subscriber may submit two papers.

Subscriptions, together with papers to be presented and résumés of not more than 200 words, should be sent to the Secretary-General, Prof. Tomaso Galli, Clinica Medica Generale, Università, Viale Benedetto XV, Genoa.

## EUROPEAN CORTISONE SYMPOSIUM, 1953

A European symposium on cortisone and the supra-renal cortex, sponsored by the Società Italiana di Reumatologia, will be organized at Milan University from August 31 to September 2, 1953. Scientists with high qualifications in this subject have been invited to the meeting. The symposium will consist of short biological and clinical papers (each

lasting not more than 20 minutes). A general discussion open to all will follow each paper. Italian, French, and English will be the official languages.

For information, please apply to Prof. C. B. Ballabio, Secretary of the Congress, Clinica Medica della Università di Milano, Via F. Sforza 35, Milano, Italy.

## ACQUI RHEUMATOLOGY PRIZE, 1954

A second international prize competition for an original and unpublished medical article dealing with the physiopathology, clinical history, and therapy of rheumatic and arthritic diseases is announced by the Acqui Spa Committee.

The competition is free and is open to all doctors, Italian and foreign. The prize of L. 1,000,000 will be

awarded by an international commission to the author of the article judged to be the best, or it may be divided between two authors.

Articles may be written in Italian, French, English, Spanish, or German. The competition will close on January 31, 1954. Further information may be obtained from the Azienda Autonoma di Cura, Acqui, Piemonte, Italy.

## **BRITISH RHEUMATIC ASSOCIATION**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1951-1952**

The Fifth Annual Report of this organization, which has just appeared, records steady progress and much important achievement in the direction of arousing the interest of the public in the campaign against the rheumatic diseases. There is undoubtedly a very great field for lay help in correcting popular errors, in making known the importance of early

treatment, and in providing aid for the handicapped chronic sufferers, home treatment under medical supervision, and rehabilitation. The Report furnishes much useful information of the work of the Association and deserves a wide circulation. Fuller information can be obtained from the Secretary at 5 Tite Street, London, S.W.3.

## **DANISH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AGAINST THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES**

### **ANNUAL REPORT, 1951-1952**

News of the further progress of the Association is contained in this report. Much of its activity consisted in paying for the treatment of impecunious patients at a number of establishments and 11,867 sick-days were financed. An Operative Committee has been formed for the building of curative establishments. A nursing and recreation home under construction at Middelfart will be the second such institution, so that the Association will have financed 50 beds from its funds. A physiotherapist is employed at Aalborg in co-operation with the Danish Association against Poliomyelitis and there are plans for the extension of this scheme to two other districts. There are now 160,000 members of the Association and the dissemination of information on the rheumatic diseases has been pushed forward by the circulation of printed matter and by lectures.

Research funds are controlled by a Committee, which during the last years has considered 253 applications for grants and has co-ordinated work done on the subject. Certain special laboratories covering various aspects of the basic scientific study of this group of diseases receive financial support from the Association. The work is collated by the Research Committee, and a large number of original papers have been published. In the hospital departments the main line of research has been in the study of cortisone and ACTH and many valuable observations have been made.

The report ends with an appeal for financial support for this excellent work which has now been gaining in momentum for some 13 years.

OSWALD SAVAGE.

## **CANADIAN ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM SOCIETY**

Since its foundation in 1948, the Society has made remarkable progress. There are now thirty fully organized out-patient arthritis clinics, and 44 mobile physiotherapy units. Twelve university scientific departments are participating in arthritis research, and 24 young physicians have been enabled to undertake specialist post-graduate studies mainly in the U.S.A. and Great Britain. Most of these fellowship holders have now returned to teaching and other appointments at leading general hospitals. During 1953 a

series of intensive propaganda campaigns has been planned in the eight provincial divisions. It is hoped to bring in not only more contributions but also more voluntary workers to enable the society to carry out the wide scheme of remedial treatment and rehabilitation which has been so successfully inaugurated. The chairman of the National Board of Directors has recently stated that the number of mobile units should be at least doubled, and the available beds for arthritis cases substantially increased.

## B.M.A. ANNUAL MEETING, 1953

### PLENARY SESSION—"FIBROSITIS"

Mr. A. Lawrence Abel, M.S., F.R.C.S., will take the chair on July 16, 1953, at 10 a.m., at a symposium on "Fibrositis" which will form part of the B.M.A. Annual Meeting at Cardiff. Opening papers will be given by the following speakers:

A. Talbot Rogers (*Bromley*): General Practice.  
A. H. Douthwaite (*London*): General Medicine.

J. P. Spillane (*Cardiff*): Psychiatry.  
Leslie H. W. Williams (*London*): Orthopaedics.  
J. H. Cyriax (*London*): Physical Medicine.  
G. D. Kersley (*Bath*): Rheumatology.

These papers will be followed by a general discussion.

### EMPIRE RHEUMATISM COUNCIL EXHIBIT

The E.R.C. is organizing and manning a double stand at the B.M.A. Scientific Exhibition at Cardiff on 13-17 July. The Exhibition will follow the general pattern of the famous American Medical Association counterpart at Atlantic City, and the Empire Rheumatism Council booth will seek to demonstrate to

medical practitioners, by means of notes, diagrams, x-ray photographs, and specimens, a general outline of current views on rheumatoid arthritis, spondylitis, osteo-arthritis, and gout. Rheumatism Centres throughout Great Britain are combining to complete this demonstration.

## AMERICAN RHEUMATISM ASSOCIATION

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## U.S. GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST ARTHRITIS

Last spring the United States Congress voted \$3,500,000 to the U.S. Public Health Service to be used by the "National Institute for Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases", now being created at Bethesda, Md. Dr. Joseph J. Bunim, formerly chairman of the Medical and Scientific Committee of the New York

Chapter of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Foundation, has been appointed head of the Arthritis Section. The Institute will conduct intra-mural clinical and scientific research in the rheumatic diseases, and will support extra-mural research and teaching in arthritis at American medical schools.