

and W. I. Glass outlined experiences with schemes already operating in New Zealand.

A further series of papers dealt with the place of physical medicine in the treatment of locomotor problems. Dr D. Gordon outlined the extent of the problem, Dr J. W. Gibb gave an account of a series of cases of painful necks classifying them from the clinical, prognostic, and therapeutic aspects, Dr M. J. Bishop pointed out the common ground in various theories of the aetiology of cervical headache, and Dr K. R. Orr talked on low back pain, emphasizing the frequency of various sacroiliac syndromes. Dr M. I. Hepburn discussed the importance of short leg in the production of back symptoms. Dr I. S. Broadfoot reviewed the cult of chiropractic with a plea that the medical profession should take positive action to counter the effects of expert sales talk. Dr R. G. Howes spoke on ice therapy in the treatment of various joint disorders. Dr D. Gash pointed out the economies which follow the establishment of industrial health clinics, particularly as applied to work accidents.

In February, 1970, the Association met in Dunedin with other specialist societies and the combined New Zealand and Australian sections of the College of Physicians. Dr John Webb, President of the Australian Rheumatism Association, spoke provocatively and very much to the point on politics and policies relating both individually and collectively to those interested in rheumatology—a theme also followed by Prof. T. C. Highton in his Presidential Address.

Professor Verna Wright

Dr Verna Wright has been appointed to a Personal Chair in Rheumatology, tenable at Leeds University. There are now four Chairs in the speciality in the United Kingdom.

Dr Wright has been Head of the Rheumatism Research Unit at the Leeds University School of Medicine for

Dr. H. L. F. Currey

Dr H. L. F. Currey has been appointed Reader in Rheumatology at the London Hospital Medical College.

Dr Currey's research interests lie in a number of fields, particularly that of experimental arthritis and its modification by various drugs.

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The Scientific Programme will include formal lectures by invited experts, symposia, round-table discussion, and free papers.

Correction

In the paper by R. Arinovic and G. Loewi (*Annals*, 1970, 29, No. 1, January), on p. 32, it should be noted

The following papers were presented.

D. B. Myers and D. G. Palmer (*Dunedin*) Joint compliance
T. C. Highton (*Dunedin*) and L. Donaldson and W. Bertaud (*Lower Hutt*) Scanning electron microscopy of synovial membrane

J. K. Laing (*Christchurch*) Septic arthritis in rheumatoid disease

B. Tait (*Hamilton*) Sensory trigeminal neuropathy in connective tissue diseases

B. L. J. Treadwell and E. W. Pomare (*Wellington*) Sustained release aspirin—A preliminary report

W. J. Weston (*Lower Hutt*) Radiographic anatomy of the digital flexor tendon sheaths

R. D. Wigley, A. Craig, K. Williamson, K. G. Couchman, and R. Maule (*Palmerston North*) Electronmicroscopy of PN mice showing virus-like particles

D. E. Caughey (*Auckland*) Hypothyroidism and joint disease

J. K. Laing (*Christchurch*) Still's disease in an adult

D. G. Palmer and T. C. Highton (*Dunedin*) Preliminary observations on measuring gold levels in patients with rheumatoid arthritis

J. M. Tweed (*Wellington*) Double-blind trial of Ibuprofen in rheumatoid disease

D. G. Palmer (*Dunedin*) Syncytial masses in cultures of synovial tissues involved by rheumatoid disease

A. G. Wasmuth (*Dunedin*) Biology and genetics of the disease rheumatoid arthritis

some years and is a leading authority on the mechanics of joint movement and lubrication.

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