

Society Reports

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The 1963 Osler Lecture (being the fourth Annual Students' Lecture) was given at Apothecaries' Hall on Wednesday 5 June by Dr. Hugh Clegg, the Editor of the *British Medical Journal*. His theme was 'State Medicine in Ancient Egypt and Ancient Greece', the antiquity of state supervision of medical care being amply demonstrated by many telling quotations from some of the earliest records. The lecture will be published in a forthcoming issue of this journal.

At the same meeting the Chairman of the Faculty, Dr. W. S. C. Copeman, awarded the 1963 Maccabaeus Prize (of 25 guineas) and Medal to Mr. Peter F. M. Wrigley, for his essay on 'Ischaemic Heart Disease in the Nineteenth Century', Mr. Wrigley, who is aged 24, took a B.Sc. in Anatomy at University College, London, in 1961 and is now a third year medical student at Oxford.

Entries for the 1964 Prize and Medal are now invited for an essay of 5000 to 7000 words on some aspect of the history of medicine or pharmacy. Intending candidates, who must be under thirty years of age on 15 March 1964, may apply for further particulars to the Hon. Secretary of the Faculty, Dr. F. N. L. Poynter, The Wellcome Historical Medical Library, The Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

SECTION OF MEDICAL HISTORY IN THE AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Victorian Branch

ON 10 September 1962, the meeting of the Section was devoted to paying tribute to the memory of the immediate past President, the late Sir William Johnston, whose death a fortnight before had come as a great shock to all who had known him. In addition to members of the Section, a large number of visitors were present representing the various bodies with which Sir William had been associated including members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade of which he had been Chief Commissioner for Australia, The Melbourne Medical Post-Graduate Committee for which he had worked untiringly for many years, the Victorian Branch of the Australian Medical Association and the staff of the library of the Medical Society of Victoria.

Tributes were paid to Sir William by the President of the Section, Dr. Clive Fitts, by Sir Kingsley Norris, former Director General of Medical Services in the Australian Military Forces; by Dr. G. A. Birnie, and by Dr. Colin Macdonald, a Past President both of the Royal Historical Society of Victoria and of the Section.

At the conclusion of these tributes Dr. Bryan Gandevia, after a brief personal tribute to Sir William, read a paper entitled, 'Dr. J. E. Neild and the Origins of the St. John Ambulance Association in Victoria', which Sir William had prepared shortly before his death with the intention of presenting at the meeting.

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On 26 November 1962, the meeting of the Section was held in conjunction with the Annual Dinner. The speaker was Dr. George Cole who gave a talk entitled 'Early Geelong Doctors' in which he discussed the medical pioneers of Victoria's leading provincial city.