

News, Notes, and Queries

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The Society met on four occasions during the session 1985/6. The first meeting was held at Belvidere Hospital Glasgow, on 9 November 1985. Mrs Brenda White of the Department of Economic History, Glasgow University, spoke on Dr J. B. Russell, Physician Superintendent at Belvidere 1868–72 and Medical Officer of Health in Glasgow for twenty-six years. There followed a lively talk by Dr Peter McKenzie, himself a former Physician Superintendent of Belvidere, on Dr John Brownlee, who treated patients during the bubonic plague and cerebrospinal fever outbreaks early this century.

The next meeting took place at the Glasgow Dental Hospital on 22 March 1986. Prof. David Mason, in a paper entitled 'Roots', described some of the highlights of British dentistry. Dr Henry Noble then spoke on 'Dental advertising in the nineteenth century'. A display of historical dental equipment was arranged, which Mr John McCrindle introduced.

A joint meeting with the Pybus Club in the University of Newcastle Medical School was held on 17 May 1986. Dr Daniel Reid of the Scottish Communicable Diseases Unit gave an entertaining paper on 'Travellers' diseases', and Mrs Ann Holohan spoke on 'St Kilda—immigrants and disease'.

The Eleventh British Congress of the History of Medicine—a joint meeting with the British Society of the History of Medicine—was held at the Royal College of Surgeons and Pollock Halls in Edinburgh on 22–24 August 1986. Over 100 people attended this most enjoyable gathering. The theme was 'Medicine Furth of Scotland', and thirteen speakers contributed. It is hoped that the proceedings of this meeting will be made available during 1987.

PROFESSOR D. V. SUBBA REDDY

The Editors regret to report the death, at the age of eighty-seven, of Prof. D. V. Subba Reddy, the doyen of historians of medicine in India. Originally inspired to historical scholarship by Henry Sigerist, Prof. Subba Reddy was a prolific author whose work has done much to further our knowledge of all aspects of medicine in India. His death marks the end of an era and will be felt by his many friends and admirers throughout the world.