

## NEWS LETTER

### BRITISH COLUMBIA DIVISION

The 118 members of the most westerly division of the Society have enjoyed a most active programme in recent months. Economic problems were a major consideration in the closing months of 1959, but the emphasis changed to preparations for our role as host to the meeting of the Western Divisions of the Society, to be held in Victoria, April 28 to 30 this year.

Regular monthly meetings of the Division have provided the opportunity for members to hear the following speakers and topics:

- Dr. T. D. Stout, Provincial Medical Director, Canadian Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service, speaking on "Changes and Problems in the Past Five Years in Blood Transfusion Service."
- Dr. J. E. Merriman, Department of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, discussing "Circulatory Dynamics in Health and Disease."
- Dr. R. A. Gordon, Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Anaesthetists' Society, giving a "Review of Problems of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society."
- Dr. R. G. B. Gilbert, Professor of Anaesthesia, McGill University, speaking about "Anaesthesia for Neurosurgery."
- Dr. Lucien Morris, Professor of Anesthesiology, University of Washington, Seattle, reviewing "Pitfalls in the Use of Anaesthetic Apparatus."

In March, the New Westminster anaesthetists were hosts to the Division for the presentation of several papers by our own members.

The B.C. Division again this year provided a bursary to the University of British Columbia to aid a medical student chosen by the University.

Dr. A. K. Gibbons, Dr. David Allan, and Dr. R. S. Moir have joined the group of anaesthetists at the Burnaby and Grace Hospitals in Greater Vancouver. Dr. A. C. Blair has become the Director of the Department of Anaesthesia at Burnaby General Hospital, and Dr. J. J. Carroll is Director of Anaesthesia at Grace Hospital.

One of the long-time practitioners of anaesthesia in British Columbia was lost to us with the death of Dr. Norman McLeod Thornton on January 11, 1960, at the age of 69. Dr. Thornton, a 1924 graduate of the University of Manitoba, was on the anaesthetic staff of the Vancouver General Hospital from 1928 until his retirement in 1956.

Dr. L. C. Jenkins, who recently gained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of Canada, has now joined the partnership of Associated Anaesthetic Services in Vancouver.

Dr. Irene Millar and Dr. Tom Powell have joined the staff of the Vancouver General Hospital's Department of Anaesthesia.

The Post-Graduate Course in Anaesthesia sponsored by the staff of the Vancouver General Hospital and Sub-Section of Anaesthesia of the University of British Columbia was held January 27 to 29. Dr. R. G. B. Gilbert of Montreal was

the featured speaker, with a supporting faculty of 25 participants. This excellent course was attended by more than 60 doctors from the western provinces and states.

We anticipate the pleasure of seeing many of you at the Western Divisions Meeting in Victoria, April 28, 29, and 30.

#### ALBERTA DIVISION

The Alberta Division of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society met at the Macdonald Hotel, Edmonton, on September 29, 1959. The meeting was well attended and after the business meeting there was a buffet supper for members and their wives at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Learmonth.

The Calgary Anaesthetists' Society has been reorganized. The executive for this year is: *President*, Dr. J. Lawrence; *Secretary*, Dr. W. M. Jones; *Director*, Dr. W. Johns. A dinner meeting was held January 26 at which Dr. E. A. Gain was the guest speaker.

#### SASKATCHEWAN DIVISION

The Saskatchewan Division held a business meeting in Saskatoon on October 21, 1959, concurrent with the Annual Meeting of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.

The Government of Saskatchewan has announced a Medical Care Programme to be put in operation in 1961. This is subject to the result of the provincial election due in 1960. So far the medical profession of this province has recorded its unanimous opposition to a medical care programme which is completely under Government control.

#### ONTARIO DIVISION

The anaesthetists of eight general hospitals in the suburbs of Toronto have formed a Society of Anaesthetists known as the Toronto Suburban Anaesthetists' Group. Meetings of the group to be held monthly, except during the summer months, at each of the suburban hospitals in turn. The members of the group are affiliated with the following hospitals: Queensway Hospital, South Peel Hospital, St. Joseph's Hospital, Northwestern Hospital, Branson Hospital, Humber Memorial Hospital, Oakville-Trafalgar Hospital and Scarborough General Hospital.

Dr. Stuart L. Vandewater has been appointed Associate Professor and Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia at Queen's University, Kingston, and Chief of the Department of Anaesthesia at Kingston General Hospital.

Dr. Raymond L. Matthews and Dr. Brian M. Marshall have been appointed to the Department of Anaesthesia of the University of Toronto and to the attending staff of the Toronto General Hospital.

The Tariff Committee of the Ontario Division has prepared a fee schedule on a procedural basis for presentation to the Tariff Committee of the Ontario Medical Association.

## NEWFOUNDLAND DIVISION

In November, 1959, the Newfoundland Division was honoured by a visit from Dr. R. A. Gordon. This visit was jointly sponsored by the Newfoundland Division and the College of General Practice. Doctor Gordon took an active part in the convention of the College of General Practice by giving a paper entitled "Pre-Anaesthetic Evaluation of the Patient" and sitting in on a round table discussion of "New Drugs."

The local division gave a dinner at Baly Haly Golf and Country Club. On this occasion only members of the local division and Dr. Gordon were present. Following the dinner, a film, *The Big Island*, was shown by kindness of the Canadian National Railway. The evening concluded with informal discussion of anaesthetic problems, both clinical and economical. Dr. Gordon's visit here was greatly appreciated and our only regret was that it was not long enough for more leisure moments.

Dr. C. U. Henderson attended the Maritime Anaesthetic Meeting in April 1959.

Dr. T. G. Stentaforde attended the annual meeting of the Canadian Anaesthetists' Society at the Seigniory Club.

Dr. C. D. Kean attended the joint meeting of the Canadian and British Medical Societies in Edinburgh.

Dr. Robert Macdonald joined the Newfoundland Anaesthesia Associates in May, 1958, and was successful in passing his certification examinations.

Dr. John Tyl also joined the Newfoundland Anaesthesia Associates in January, 1960.

Dr. Alan Simpson finished his residency at the St. John's General Hospital in June, 1959, and continued his training in Montreal.

Dr. John Francis finished his residency at the St. John's General Hospital in September, 1959, and moved to the Stephenville Cottage Hospital in a position of general practice.

Dr. John McGrath joined the residency staff at the St. John's General Hospital in October, 1959.