

a succession of chairmen, but they had never had a better, and sincere thanks were due to him for the expeditious way in which he had carried through the business of the meeting.

Dr. J. W. BONE, in seconding the vote of thanks to his old colleague, said that Dr. Dain had surpassed himself on this occasion.

The vote of thanks was carried by the members rising in their places and applauding.

Dr. DAIN said he was grateful for this vote of thanks. He had begun to fear that he was showing too much of the iron hand and too little of the velvet glove, and that he was driving the meeting too hard. In his turn he had to thank the members for supporting his ruling and for the expeditious way in which speakers had answered their calls.

The Annual Representative Meeting terminated at 1 p.m.

Corrigenda

In the report of Saturday's proceedings in the Representative Body (July 23, pp. 75 and 76) the name of Dr. A. S. Wigfield (East Hertfordshire) was misspelt; and the final paragraph under "Public Medical Services" (p. 73, col. 2) should have read: "The motion was passed as an instruction to Council to present a formal motion on the subject next year."

THE ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner was held at the Ballard Institute, Plymouth, on Thursday, July 21, and was attended by 460 members and guests. The President of the Association (Dr. Colin D. Lindsay) presided, and had on his right and left the Lord Mayor (Alderman Solomon Stephens, J.P.) and the Lady Mayoress. Others at the principal table were the following:

Viscount Astor, Viscountess Astor, M.P., Lord and Lady Seaton, Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. H. C. Guest, M.P., the Bishop of Plymouth (Right Rev. F. Whitfield Daukes), the Bishop of Plymouth, R.C. (Right Rev. J. P. Barret), Admiral the Hon. Sir Reginald and Lady Plunket-Erle-Drax, Alderman G. P. Dymond (Deputy Lord Mayor), Vice-Admiral A. L. Snagge (Admiral Superintendent, H.M. Dockyard, Devonport).

Professor J. S. Barr (Boston, U.S.A.), Professor Karl Wessely (Munich), Professor Herbert Olivecrona (Stockholm), Dr. Wallace Wilson (Canadian Medical Association), Dr. H. P. Bell Walker (South Africa), Dr. Mervyn Archdall (Editor, *Medical Journal of Australia*), Dr. Ruth Young (principal, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi).

Sir Kaye Le Fleming (Chairman of Council) and Lady Le Fleming, Dr. H. Guy Dain (Chairman of Representative Body), Mr. N. Bishop Harman (Treasurer) and Mrs. Harman, Dr. Thomas Fraser (President-Elect) and Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Colin Lindsay, Sir Ewen Maclean (Past-President), Professor A. H. Burgess (Past-President) and Mrs. Burgess, Dr. R. G. and Mrs. Gordon, Mr. C. M. Kennedy (President, South-Western Branch, and Chairman, Plymouth Division) and Mrs. Kennedy, and Dr. G. C. Anderson (Secretary of the Association) and Mrs. Anderson.

The menu was decorated with quotations, not all of them complimentary, about the medical profession. One was G. B. Shaw's remark concerning "A devout believer in the department of witchcraft called medical science," and Tom Hood was even more devastating, but Ecclesiasticus, R. L. Stevenson, and Samuel Butler more than redressed the balance.

"The City of Plymouth"

After the loyal toast had been given, Dr. R. G. GORDON proposed "The City of Plymouth." One of the charms of the Annual Meeting, he said, was its peri-

patetic character—last year Northern Ireland, next year Northern Scotland, this year the South-West and glorious Devon. By birth he could claim acquaintance with the North, but by residence he had some knowledge of the West, and he found certain similarities between the two, one being the gift of hospitality, for which Plymouth was renowned. In the year 1620 the *Mayflower* sailed from Plymouth for a small unknown place which was afterwards to become the great city of Boston, but ever since then Boston had been coming back, and close to him at the table that evening were two Bostonians, Professor and Mrs. Barr. Many people coming from America and from the Empire over-seas found their first contact with England's green and pleasant land in the city of Plymouth, and the red cliffs of Devon were as significant of home as the white cliffs of Dover.

"When we come to consider the story of cities," said Dr. Gordon, "we sometimes have to look with considerable diligence through the history books to find anything about them in the past; at other times, as with Troy and Carthage, we have to scratch the earth and even then cannot be sure exactly where they were, but Plymouth enjoys the best of both worlds. She is a great city of the present, and her story goes back into the mists of antiquity. Famed even before the Conqueror, her great glory came in the age of Elizabeth, and it is quite obvious that the spirit of Drake and Hawkins and Frobisher still exists. The Service guests at this dinner remind us that Plymouth is just as eager to defend England as in the past. That she still retains the enterprise and courage that distinguished her citizens of former times is shown in the fact that some years ago she saw fit to enter into a tripartite marriage—not generally a successful arrangement in personal relationships, but apparently amazingly successful in civic ones."

In medical matters Plymouth had also shown an example. She had succeeded in amalgamating her hospitals into one effective unit—an example which might well be followed in many other places. In addition this year she had undertaken this great meeting—a task, as he knew from personal experience, which resulted in a great deal of good to all concerned. It brought people together, they learned each other's difficulties, they appreciated each other's good points, and as a profession they co-operated with the civic authorities, and all worked to one end. In the present meeting the medical profession had been singularly fortunate in the support it had received from everybody in the district, and especially from the Lord Mayor and his predecessors and the city council. Dr. Gordon mentioned in particular the services of Councillor A. M. Medland during his Lord Mayoralty. The present Lord Mayor (Alderman Stephens) had impressed them all with his generous hospitality and cordial welcome.

The LORD MAYOR spoke, in response, of the pleasure with which the city welcomed the B.M.A., a pleasure which was increased by the fact that the President of the Association this year was a Plymouth man. He complimented the Local Committee on its hard work and spirit of co-operation, and expressed thanks to Mr. Ballard for allowing the use of his magnificent institute for the Annual Dinner and for the Ladies' Club.

The PRESIDENT here read a telegram from Mr. Ballard conveying to the guests his gratification that the dinner should have been held in that building.

The President also made two further announcements—that the collection for medical charities at St. Andrew's at the religious service had been £37 15s., and that the winners of the golf competitions were as follows:

Notts Ladies' Challenge Cup: Mrs. Killard-Leavey of Barnstaple.

Leinster Cup: Dr. G. S. Aston of Barnstaple.

Childe Cup: Dr. Thomas Davies of Southerndown.

The Treasurer's Cup was not decided until the following day.