

Society Reports

FACULTY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY WORSHIPFUL SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES

A FACULTY of the History of Medicine and Pharmacy was founded recently under the auspices of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London (which received its Charter in 1617).

Its aim is to foster and extend more general interest in medical history; and to attract co-operation of general historians, so that work in this field may be co-ordinated with wider historical studies. It will provide in its ancient Hall a central meeting-point for historians, and medical and pharmaceutical historical societies.

In addition to the annual Gideon de Laune Oration, which will next be delivered by Sir John Charles, in April, 1960, it has an endowment for two additional lectures which can be delivered in London or the provinces.

A research Fellowship, generously endowed by the Wellcome Trustees, is held at present by Mr. R. S. Roberts, a professional historian, who is working upon the early organization of the drug trade from the sixteenth century.

It is proposed to hold occasional symposia, discussions, and joint meetings with other bodies; invitations to visit sites of medical historical interest have already been received. Announcements and reports of meetings will appear in the official organ of the Faculty, *Medical History*, which is published quarterly.

The foundation members of the Faculty are:

Sir John Charles	Sir Arthur MacNalty
Sir Zachary Cope	Dr. W. H. McMenemey
Dr. W. S. C. Copeman (Chairman)	Professor Douglas McKie
Dr. Macdonald Critchley	Sir Robert Platt, Bt.
Professor Sir Charles Dodds	Dr. F. N. L. Poynter
Professor J. G. Edwards	Dr. H. M. Sinclair
Professor John Fulton (Yale, USA)	Professor Charles Singer
Dr. F. H. K. Green	Dr. R. R. Trail
Dr. Douglas Guthrie	Sir Cecil Wakeley, Bt.
Sir Hugh Lett, Bt.	Mr. A. Dickson Wright

and the Master and Wardens of the Society of
Apothecaries, (ex officio).

Ordinary membership of the Faculty is by election, the life membership fee being two guineas. Applications for affiliation from student historical, medical or pharmaceutical societies or similar bodies, who should nominate a representative, can also be accepted.

All members are eligible to attend the general lectures, receptions and other functions of the Faculty.

Applications for membership should be addressed to Ernest Busby, Esq., Clerk to the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, Blackfriars Lane, London, E.C.4.

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