Society Reports

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NORWEGIAN SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

A MEETING of the Society was held in Damms Bokhus, Oslo, on 5 November 1959. Dr. Wolfram Kock, director of the Medico-historical Museum of Stockholm, gave a most interesting account of his tour in Europe and the United States, in the course of which he visited medical museums and historical institutes in Copenhagen, Leyden, Paris, Vienna, Chicago, Cleveland, Rochester and Washington. Dr. Kock also spoke about the relatively new historical museum in Stockholm, where some 8,000 items have already been collected. Dr. Kock's lecture was most inspiring and it is felt that it has done much to stimulate the effort to establish a medico-historical museum in Norway.

The last meeting of the session was held on 26 November, when Professor Folke Henschen, M.D., gave an account of his work on the identification of the skull of Emanuel Swedenborg. The problem was to decide whether the skull in the coffin which was taken to Sweden after the philosopher's death or the skull which is still preserved in England was the genuine one. In Professor Henschen's opinion, the skull in the coffin cannot possibly be that of Swedenborg and there is, on the other hand, a considerable amount of evidence in favour of the authenticity of the 'English' cranium.

The Society has had a very successful year and the membership has risen from 70 to 90.

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SECTION OF MEDICAL HISTORY IN THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
(Victorian Branch)

A MEETING of the Section of Medical History was held on Monday, 14 September 1959, when papers were presented by three of the members.

Professor K. F. Russell showed a copy of Matthew Baillie's 'Series of Engravings

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