

EDITORIAL

Several months ago the Dalhousie Medical School was shocked by the death of its leader, Dr. H. G. Grant, who for many years had led the school through great years of advancement. His great concern for the welfare of the medical student as well as for the school was widely known. With his passing, Dalhousie has lost a great benefactor.

To the new Dean, Dr. C. B. Stewart, the Dalhousie Medical Journal, on behalf of all the medical students, wishes to extend congratulations on his appointment and we feel sure that he will have the full cooperation of the medical students in all matters. With the beginning of the 1954-55 session, the Dalhousie Medical School, under his leadership may well be on its way to a new era in advancement and progress in medical education.

To the new medical class we say 'Welcome to the Dalhousie Medical School'. This is your Journal and in years to come it will be up to you to see that it is continued and maintained in its high place among medical student publications. You are invited to submit articles or writings

of any kind (medical or otherwise) for publication in this Journal at any time and we hope that some of you will have enough interest in the Journal to become staff members for the next volume which will put out its first issue in January, 1955.

We would also ask the new students to take an active part in the Dalhousie Medical Students' Society which sponsors this Journal. It is your society but it is only as good as your active participation. It can do many things for you in years to come, providing you give it your support.

With this issue, many of the present members of the staff of the Journal resign their positions. I would like to extend thanks to them and also to the faculty advisors for the assistance they rendered in this first volume of the revival of the Dalhousie Medical Journal. To the new editor and staff I extend best wishes for the future of the Journal and hope that the cooperation he receives from the students will be even greater than that which I received.

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Dalhousie Refresher Course is Great Success

The 28th Annual Refresher Course was presented by the Faculty of Medicine of Dalhousie University from October 25th - 29th, 1954. Approximately 150 medical men attended the course, representing all parts of the Atlantic Provinces.

The John Stewart Memorial Lecture was given by Dr. Waltman Walters, Professor of Surgery at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Walters also presented several surgical clinics during the Course. His prowess in Biliary and Gastric Surgery was well demon-

strated and Dalhousie University feels honoured to have had Dr. Walters as one of the Guest Speakers.

Other Guest Speakers were Dr. J. C. Moir, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Oxford University; Dr. N. M. Wrong, Associate Professor of Medicine in charge of Dermatology at the University of Toronto; Dr. F. J. Ingelfinger, Associate Professor of Medicine at Boston University; and Dr. H. E. MacMahon, Professor of Medicine of Pathology at Tufts College Medical School. Many members of the Dalhousie Medical Faculty also took part in the course.

Some of the highlights of the course were the Symposium on Gynaecology, moderated by Dr. H. B. Atlee; Round Table Discussion—"The Problem of Lung Carcinoma", moderated by Dr. R. L. Aikens; Round Table Discussion—"Hypertension—Medical and Surgical Aspects", moderated by Dr. L. C. Steeves; and the Round Table Discussion—"Jaundice", moderated by Dr. A. L. Murphy.

Special mention must be made of the Clinical Pathological Conference in which Dr. MacMahon and Dr. Ingelfinger were very impressive in their presentation and their discussion was stimulating to all, especially to the medical students.

The interest which all of these distinguished men take in teaching was clearly evident in the manner in which they presented their material.

The Refresher Course Committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. R. M. MacDonald, is to be congratulated on the organization of the course and also on the material selected for presentation. At the conclusion of the course Dr. MacDonald asked that any suggestions, which the medical men of the Atlantic Provinces may have to offer regarding the type of material presented at the Refresher Course, should be sent to the Executive Officer, Post-Graduate Committee, Dalhousie University Medical School.

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