

News, Notes and Queries

On 26 October 1900, the Club is reported to have held its 100th meeting, which was followed by a dinner in what was then called the New Library of the Royal College of Physicians. Thirty-three members were present, and Sir John Batty Tuke presided.

The 500th meeting was celebrated on 8 December 1954 by a dinner in the Royal College of Surgeons, with an attendance of 92, although it was a very stormy night. Professor Drennan was in the Chair, and Sir Robert Muir was the principal guest. One of the main topics that evening was the Clark Bequest to the 'Edinburgh Pathologist Society', which enabled the Club to found the Clark Lectureship. The Club, which for many years had only a very small income, suddenly became, if not affluent, at least solvent. Dr. A. W. G. Clark of Fauldhouse, West Lothian, left his entire estate of over £5,000 to the Club for 'lectures on cancer'; the first Clark Lecture was given by Professor Alexander Haddow, and the second by Professor Norman Davidson.

The institution of the Clark Lectureship has naturally added to the importance and usefulness of the Edinburgh Pathological Club, which now has a membership of 265.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE IN IRELAND

Section of the History of Medicine

During the 1964–65 session the following papers were read:

Sir William Wilde and the Census of 1851, by Dr. Peter Froggatt (Published in *Med. Hist.*, 1965, 9, 302–327).

George Gabriel Stokes on haemoglobin, by Dr. C. S. Breathnach.

Montgomery and the follicles of the areola as a sign of pregnancy, by Prof. J. B. Fleming.

The Georgian Squares of Dublin and their doctors, by Dr. F. O. Meenan.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

Lecture on Linnaeus precedes annual meeting

Dr. Birger Strandell, a member of the faculty of the Caroline Institute, Stockholm, and editor of *Acta Medica Scandinavica*, will lecture on 'Linnaeus' at Rochester, Minnesota, on 10 May, 1966. Dr. Strandell is a direct descendant of Linnaeus and possesses an extensive library of volumes and papers by and about the great botanist, including a superb manuscript collection.

The lecture, sponsored by the Mayo Foundation chapter of Sigma Xi, will be held a day before the opening of the annual meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine. It is hoped that members of the Association planning to attend the 1966 annual meeting (11–14 May, 1966) in Rochester, Minnesota, will plan to come a day early to hear Dr. Strandell.