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immediately available, this problem can probably be solved by the co-operation of professional historians.

Physicians, pharmacists, dentists, veterinarians, and others who are interested, can be accepted as members of the Society.

At the first meeting, Dr. Per Hanssen delivered a most interesting lecture on Sir William Osler. This topic, the speaker said, provides a basis for a number of lectures, e.g. Osler the scientist, clinician, teacher, humanist, author, bibliophile and medical historian. After the lecture there was a good discussion, and the new Society was presented with a unique collection of books by and about Sir William Osler, including a copy of his first paper—'Christmas and the Microscope'—written at the age of nineteen.

This valuable collection was given by A/S Apotekeraes Laboratorium, one of our pharmaceutical firms, 'in the hope that something of Osler's spirit may be conveyed to those of a generation that has not known him'.

Another pharmaceutical firm, Marwell Hauge A/S, representing Lederle Laboratories, offered an annual prize to be awarded for the best work on the history of medicine.

The second meeting of the Society was held in November 1956.

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PROGRAMME FOR 1957

Thursday, 24 January, 8.15 p.m., at the Royal College of Physicians.

Sir Russell Brain, Bt., M.D., P.R.C.P., on 'Thomas Lawrence (1711-83)'.

Wednesday, 27 February, 8.15 p.m., at the Institut Français du Royaume-Uni, Queensbury Place, South Kensington, S.W.7.

'Parathyroid Evening' in honour of Eugène Gley (b. 16 January 1857).

Speaker: Dr. Peter Bishop.

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Tuesday, 26 March, 8.15 p.m., at the Medical Society of London.

'Cardiac Surgery Evening' in honour of Sir Geoffrey Keynes's seventieth birthday.

Speakers: Sir Gordon Gordon-Taylor, Sir Russell Brock, Sir Henry Souttar, Dr. A. H. T. Robb-Smith.

Wednesday, 24 April, 8.15 p.m., at the Medical College Library, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Annual General Meeting, followed by a 'Family Evening' (short papers).

May. Date and place to be announced.

Speaker: Sir Reginald Watson-Jones, on 'Sir Robert Jones' (*b.* 26 June 1857).

Thursday, 6 June, at Chelsea Physic Garden.

Meeting in honour of Linné (*b.* 24 May 1707).

Speaker: Sir Edward Salisbury, F.R.S., on 'Physic Gardens and Herbals'.

Friday, 12 July, 7 for 7.30 p.m., at the Hotel Rembrandt.

Annual Dinner.

20th Oslerian Oration on 'The Discovery of Insulin', by Professor Charles H. Best, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.S.

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