

## THE MANCHESTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OF ANÆSTHETISTS

THE desirability of forming a Manchester Society of Anæsthetists had been long obvious to some of us. The circumstances, however, had not been propitious. The credit of at last translating thought into action is due to Drs. Marson and Hunter. As the result of enquiries which they made they came to the conclusion that the opportune moment had arrived, and so sent out the following letter:

Dear Dr.,

Many of us here in the Manchester area think that the time is ripe for the formation of a local Society of Anæsthetists. You are therefore cordially invited to attend a meeting of anæsthetists to be held in the Board Room of the Manchester Royal Infirmary on Thursday, November 29th, at 5.30 p.m. Dr. E. Falkner Hill, Senior Anæsthetist to the Infirmary, has kindly consented to take the chair.

At the meeting you will be asked to consider the following:

1. The desirability of the formation of a Manchester and District Anæsthetic Society.
2. If agreed on, to proceed to elect officers and committee for such a Society.
3. To discuss the relations of such a Society to existing organizations.

If you are unable to attend we should be very glad to receive your observations, in order that they may be presented to the meeting.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) E. A. MARSON

A. R. HUNTER.

Resulting from this circular letter a meeting was held at the Manchester Royal Infirmary on November 29th, 1945, and to our great surprise thirty-two anæsthetists attended.

Dr. E. Falkner Hill presided, and he formally put it to the meeting that an Anæsthetic Society should be formed, and this was agreed to unanimously.

A temporary committee was appointed with the object of drawing up rules and defining the functions of the Society and its relationship to the Association of Anæsthetists of Great Britain and Ireland. This committee met on several occasions, and a further meeting was held on February 21st, 1946, when the title of The Manchester and District Society of Anæsthetists was adopted and the Rules were passed and accepted.

In view of the fact that very strong support had been received from outside anæsthetists, from places as far away as Blackpool, Preston, Blackburn, Nelson, Rochdale and so on, it was felt that meetings should be arranged to combine a meal as well as the paper, so that members coming from a distance should not have the necessity of searching for a meal after coming a long journey, and accordingly the Society now meets four times a year, having a supper first at 7 o'clock and a paper read by one of the members at 8.15.

The original committee was as follows:

*President:* Dr. E. Falkner Hill (Royal Infirmary).

*Secretary:* Dr. E. A. Marson (Ancoats).

*Treasurer:* Dr. A. R. Hunter (Royal Infirmary).

*Council:* Drs. H. E. Barlow (Crumpsall Hospital), H. J. Brennan (Christie Hospital), J. C. Nicholson (Booth Hall), C. E. Sykes (Withington Hospital), R. E. Williams (St. Mary's Hospital), F. C. Simpson (Blackburn Royal).

At this meeting the newly-elected President, Dr. E. Falkner Hill, gave a very interesting address entitled "The Evolution of Anæsthesia in Manchester As I Have Seen It, 1900-1945."

Three other meetings have since been held, papers being read by Dr. J. C. Nicholson on "Anæsthesia for Penetrating Chest Wounds", two papers given on "Curare" by Dr. H. J. Simmons of Manchester and Dr. A. J. Gray of Preston, and the third one by Dr. D. Culbert of Nelson, who talked on "Trilene."

The attendance has been very good, and at the last two meetings forty-nine anæsthetists have been present on each occasion. Our circle seems likely to grow a little, as at the last meeting we had anæsthetists from as far apart as Lancaster in the north and Derby in the south.

The present membership numbers sixty-three, and all have expressed their agreement that the Society is filling a real need in the area. The attitude of the Society is that it shall be entirely non-political, and that it shall be for purely scientific and social purposes, and that anybody, whether attached to a hospital or not but whose prime interest is in anæsthetics, shall be eligible for membership.

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### OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

1946-1947

*President:* DR E. FALKNER HILL.

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DR. H. J. BRENNAN.  
DR. J. C. NICHOLSON.

DR. F. C. SIMPSON.  
DR. C. E. SYKES.  
DR. R. E. WILLIAMS.

*Honorary Secretary:*  
DR. E. A. MARSON,  
16, Milton Crescent,  
Cheadle,  
Cheshire.

*Honorary Treasurer:*  
DR. A. R. HUNTER,  
28, Grange Avenue,  
Cheadle Hulme,  
Cheshire.

#### RULES

1. The Society shall be called "The Manchester and District Society of Anæsthetists."
2. Its objects shall be: (a) To spread the knowledge and enhance the practice of anæsthesia. (b) To afford a medium for the exchange of ideas. (c) To promote harmony and good fellowship among anæsthetists.

3. Anyone on the staff of a hospital as anaesthetist or whose prime interest is in anaesthetics may be elected a member of the Society.

4. The affairs of the Society shall be managed by a Council consisting of the President, Secretary, Treasurer and six (6) other members.

Council meetings shall be held at least twice in each year; but the Council may meet more frequently, if advisable.

A Council meeting may be summoned upon the request in writing of two members of Council with consent of the President. Seven clear days' notice to be given.

The Council shall prepare a report for the Annual General Meeting.

5. The President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be elected annually at the General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election, except that the President shall not hold office for more than two years in succession.

The six ordinary members of Council shall hold office for three years. Two shall retire annually and shall not be eligible for re-election until after the lapse of one year.

*Note.* Of those elected at the First General Meeting two shall retire at the end of the first full year commencing in April, 1946, and two each year afterwards. Any candidate may be submitted for re-election to these offices if his name, duly proposed and seconded, has been sent to the Secretary at least one month before the Annual General Meeting. Should other vacancies occur, the Council shall have power to co-opt a member of the Society to fill such vacancies until the following Annual Meeting.

At a meeting of the Council, five shall form a quorum.

6. The Treasurer shall receive subscriptions, pay all bills, and present the accounts yearly to the Council and to the Annual General Meeting. He shall be authorized to sign cheques on behalf of the Society.

The accounts shall be audited by two members of the Society appointed by the Council.

7. The Secretary shall summon all meetings, shall prepare Agenda, and shall keep Minutes of the proceedings.

A copy of these Minutes shall be sent to each member of the Council. He shall send, not less than one week before the Annual General Meeting, to each member of the Society a list of candidates for the various offices, balloting papers and Agenda papers as may be necessary.

8. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in April and at least three ordinary Meetings during the year. Some meetings may be held in towns other than Manchester.

9. Ordinary meetings shall be held for the purpose of: (1) the election of new members; (2) any other business; (3) the reading of papers and discussions thereon.

10. New members may be elected at any ordinary Meeting on the nomination of the Council. Any member of the Society may, by letter to the Secretary not less than one month before an ordinary Meeting, propose the name of a candidate, who shall be personally known to him, and he shall submit reasons in support of his proposal. The proposal shall be seconded by a Member of the Council.

The list of candidates so nominated shall be sent by the Secretary, not less than one week before an ordinary Meeting, to each member of the Society, who shall record his votes and shall return the paper to the Secretary at, or before, the Meeting. Scrutineers shall be appointed by the Meeting to count the votes and the result shall be announced to the Meeting. Two adverse votes shall reject the nomination.

The list of candidates proposed for election to the Council shall be similarly circulated for voting. The election shall be conducted by ballot and the result announced at the Annual General Meeting.

11. Visitors, by permission of the President, may be introduced by members. Their names shall be entered into a book provided for the purpose. They may take part in discussions subject to the same rules as members but they may not vote.

12. The subscription shall be £1 10s. od. a year payable on July 1st. (This includes 4 meals.)

The membership of anyone whose subscription is more than one year in arrears lapses.

13. Notice of any proposal to amend and alter the existing rules, or to pass new rules, must be sent to the Secretary not less than one month before the next ensuing ordinary Meeting and must appear on the Agenda of the said Meeting in the form of a written proposal. The adoption of such a proposal, in order to be effective, shall be passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting.