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The following papers have been presented during the present session:

October 3

Dr. J. J. Keevil: 'Naval Medicine in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.'

November 7

Professor John Boyes: 'History of Dentistry and Medicine in Newcastle, 1700–1900'.

Dr. Bryn Thomas: 'A Jenner Letter'.

December 5

Dr. Cuthbert Dukes: 'History of St. Peter's Hospital'.

Mr. A. R. C. Higham: 'History of St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street'.

Meetings, all of which will be held at the Society's house, I Wimpole Street, W.I, at 5.15 p.m., have been arranged for the following Wednesdays in 1957: February 6, March 6, April 3, May I (Annual Meeting), and June 5.

Dr. Douglas Guthrie will give his Presidential Address on 'A Renaissance of Medical History?' on February 6, and Professor F. G. Young, F.R.S., will speak on 'Glycogen, 1857–1957' on March 6. Further details of the subsequent meetings will be given in our next issue.

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THE Twenty-seventh Meeting and Eighth Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on Friday, 12 October 1956, in the Hall of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, the President, A. L. Goodall, Esq., F.R.C.S., in the chair. The Society's Annual Report was presented by the Secretary, and was unanimously accepted, while the Honorary Treasurer's Report, presented in his absence by the Secretary, revealed that the Society's finances were sound. Officers and Council for the Session 1956–57 were elected as follows:

> President: Mr. A. L. Goodall Vice-Presidents: Dr. John Ritchie Dr. W. S. Mitchell Hon. Secretary: Dr. H. P. Tait, 26 Cluny Drive, Edinburgh 10 Hon. Treasurer: Dr. W. A. Alexander, 9 Randolph Crescent, Edinburgh 3.

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After the private business, a cineradiograph taken by Dr. John McIntyre of Glasgow in 1897 was shown. This film was quite unique in many ways, in that it showed movement of the lower limb of a young child, the movements of the heart and of the stomach, in the latter case after a bismuth meal had been swallowed. Thereafter, Mr. Goodall delivered a presidential address, the first of its kind to be officially so called, though previous presidents had given papers during their terms of office. It is hoped that a presidential address will become a standard feature of the Society's proceedings in the future. [Mr. Goodall's address on 'The Health of James the Sixth of Scotland and First of England' is printed in this issue (p. 17)].