



### **News Update..... Latest Group Activities**

THE Group was given the honour of opening the proceedings on the first full day of the University of Glasgow, BDS Jubilee Celebrations in the Bute Hall on Friday 11 September 1998. This took the form of an address to the Alumnus Association entitled "All Our Yesterdays" co-written by Dr H Noble, Dr R M Ross and Bill Smith and presented by Dr Noble. This, the seventeenth Menzies Campbell lecture outlined various facets of dentistry over the past fifty years and is reported in full elsewhere in the newsletter.

Members of the Group also arranged a display in the adjoining trade exhibition which featured a comparison of the curriculum and fees in 1945 and currently. Simon Bennett from University Archives and Dr Noble were responsible for the material which attracted a considerable amount of attention and resulted in the addition of a number of names to the Newsletter mailing list.

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The Update to the History of the Glasgow Dental Hospital and School 1879-1979, now officially The History of the Glasgow Dental Hospital and School 1979-1989 subtitled, Ten Years On From Tom Brown Henderson, was distributed free to all delegates at the Jubilee Celebrations.

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The Autumn Conference of the Lindsay Society for the History of Dentistry hosted by the Group, was hailed by all concerned as an outstanding success. The opening speaker, James Beaton, Librarian, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, whose topic was Treasures of the College, set a high standard with a comprehensive review of the historical dental books in the library. James produced an extensive 21 page catalogue together with a provenance index and two concordances for the Menzies Campbell and Garrison and Morton bibliographies. This work will prove invaluable for researchers in dental history. A copy is available in the dental branch library.

Sir David Mason addressed himself to the wider picture with his Milestones in Dental Education. Ranging from Peter Lowe, the Hunter brothers, Pierre Fauchard through to the present day. His vision of the future of dentistry evoked considerable discussion.

Professor David McGowan's talk - Dental Schools - A Theory of Evolution was a challenging address tracing the dental hospital training and treatment through his descriptive historical and geological epochs. The talk produced a lively discussion on the future of the University Hospital and the provision of dental teaching and treatment.

The last speaker, Dr Robin Orchardson, dealt with Robert Burns: Toothache and Other Pains. This was an unusual historical view of Burns and one which our English colleagues found fascinating. The talk was illustrated with lines not only from Burns but from Sir Walter Scott, Dorothy Wordsworth and others.

The visit to the Hunter family home at Calderwood, East Kilbride was enjoyed by the delegates and the evening was rounded off with an informal dinner in the Royal Automobile Club.

It is hoped to publish a transcribed version of the talks in a forthcoming issue of the *Dental Historian*.

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Reminiscences from retired dental personnel recording their memories of the past are welcomed and the Group would be pleased to receive suggestions for future articles. This issue features an interview with Miss Mary McDonald, who served four Deans during her career as secretary.

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The Group continues to attract new members. Dr Robin Orchardson, Biomedical and Life Sciences and Archie Whitelaw, retired General Dental practitioner are the latest recruits.

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#### Present Members of the HDRG

James Beaton, Professor JWS Kerr, Sir David Mason, Professor David McGowan, R McKechnie, Dr Helen Marlborough, Professor K F Moos, Dr H W Noble, Dr R Orchardson, Ms C Parry, Ms L Richmond, Dr R M Ross, W Smith, A Whitelaw.