

Neither McCarrison nor Aykroyd singly could have achieved so much without the assistance of a band of enthusiastic workers. They had with them clever, intelligent and hard-working young scientists some of whom are to-day occupying important positions in the scientific world of India. It is invidious to make distinctions by naming one or more individuals for all have given their best. It will be in the fairness of things to state here that their love of science, initiative and loyalty to the institution and to their chiefs have contributed in no small measure to the success of the Laboratories.

Now the Nutrition Research Laboratories are entering a new phase in the post-war India. Till recently the organisation has been functioning as one of the many scattered institutions devoted to the task of preventive medicine

considered in its broadest aspect. In future its fate is likely to be linked with the growth of a Central Medical Research Organisation as has been conceived by the Health Surveys and Development Committee of the Government of India. It is inevitable that there should be a great expansion in the scope and activities of the Nutrition Research Laboratories both in the realm of basic and applied researches on Nutrition. When that takes place it will be such that the needs of science and the community are equally well served.

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INDIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF HISTORY OF MEDICINE

At a meeting of the members of the staff of the Madras Medical and the Stanley Medical Colleges, held on the 5th February 1947, the above Association was inaugurated. Major-General Huban who presided over the meeting referred to the history of medicine as a fascinating one which was being studied in America by many Institutions and Societies. Dr. Kutumbiah, Principal, Stanley Medical College, explained the objects of the Association and suggested that the Association could stimulate interest in the subject by organising exhibitions of medical manuscripts, old printed books, paintings and objects pertaining to the History of Medicine.

To promote study of and investigations in medical history, they would collect books dealing with history of medicine of various countries as well as the classics in medicine and place the library at the disposal of scholars interested in special subjects. They expect also to collect some manuscripts and get the co-operation of Sanskrit scholars and Arabic scholars in the study of rare manuscripts and printed works in these languages. Archæologists and anthropologists as well as historians

will also be requested to co-operate with them, in the study of the various aspects of medicine. It was also intended to run a Journal on behalf of the Association. Proceedings of the meetings, papers and discussions of original articles, critical studies, reviews of books and lists of publications on history of medicine will in this manner reach the wider public in India and the learned Societies abroad. He hoped that the Society will be able to secure good support from the medical profession and the cultured public in India. He was confident that, with the support of the distinguished members of the profession present on the occasion and of those who have promised hearty co-operation, the Association will soon be able to give a good account of its work and stimulate great interest in the study of history of medicine and make valuable contributions to medical history. He was anxious that the Society should establish contacts with similar Associations, Societies and Clubs devoted to the study of History of Medicine in Europe and America.

Dr. P. Kutumbiah (Stanley Medical College) and Dr. D. V. S. Reddy (Medical College) were respectively elected President and Secretary of the Association.