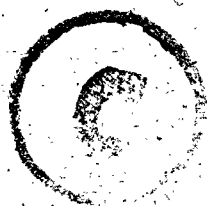


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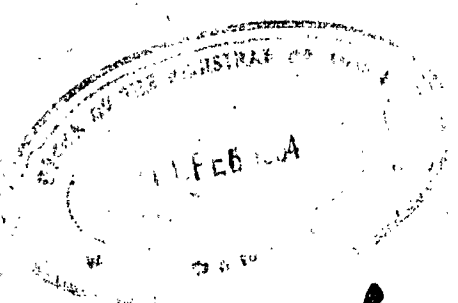
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W.H.O. expert on Venereology. The lecturer dealt in detail with the dosage schedules of Penicillin to be adopted for full cure in Syphilis and warned against inadequate causes of treatment.

Tea was kindly provided by Messrs. The Mysore Industrial and Testing Laboratory Ltd. Bangalore. Reassembling after Tea, the members heard the last lecture for the day by Dr. A. N. Subbaraman, M.S., Dist. Medical Officer, Tiruchy on "Appendicitis" in which the lecturer gave a bird's eye view of the entire subject while also specially stressing the general practitioners' angle.

All the lectures were very much appreciated by the members and in the interesting discussion that followed each lecture, many members took part. Then the new Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to all the lecturers for having kindly addressed the association, to the various firms who stood as hosts for the meeting and to the authorities of the Bishop Heber High School, for placing the hall at our disposal for the meeting. Then a film show on "Surgical Treatment of Hypertension" was shown to the members by Messrs. Lederle Labs, Bombay which was very much appreciated by the members. After a dinner provided by Messrs. Madras Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Madras, the grand function came to a close at 9-30 p.m.

The 25th Inaugural Meeting of the association was held at 5-30 p.m. on Saturday the 28th November 1953 in the premises of the Bishop Heber High School, Teppakulam, Tiruchirapalli with Dr. T. V. Srinivasan the President in the chair. Tea to the members was provided by the President. The proceedings began with the passing of a condolence resolution touching the demise of Dr. T. S. S. Rajan all the members standing in silence for a

minute. The following resolution was passed.

"This meeting of the Tiruchy Branch of the I.M.A., places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the passing away on Tuesday the 27th October 1953 of Dr. T. S. S. Rajan who was a founder member and a former President of the Association, an eminent member of the profession and a political leader of All-India repute." The Secretary then read the minutes of last meeting and the minutes was passed.

In view of the resignation of Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan of his membership to the Central and Provincial Council, elections to these places were held. For the Central Council Dr. V. Iravatham's name was proposed by Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam and seconded by Dr. M. R. Bhat. As there was no other nominations, Dr. V. Iravatham was declared elected as a member of the Central Council. For the Provincial Council Dr. R. Sambasivan's name was proposed by Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan and seconded by Dr. T. V. Ranganathan. As there was no other nominations Dr. R. Sambasivan was declared elected as a member of the Provincial Council. The letter from Dist. Medical Officer, Tiruchy regarding "Leave Panel" Honorary Scheme was read and also a letter from the Dist. Health Officer, Tiruchy requesting a doctor's service for the cholera duty. The Secretary then read a report of the progress of the building work since the last meeting and also a list of donations received. The next subject on the agenda was consideration of Silver Jubilee celebrations. But at this stage Dr. G. Joseph Gnanadickam proposed that in view of the lateness of the hour and shortness of the time availed, the discussion of the matter stand postponed. This was seconded by Dr. S. Venkatesan and the sense of the house was for postponement of the matter for consideration at a subsequent meeting. The President then introduced the

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SOUTH INDIAN PROVINCIAL BRANCH

Annual Report for the year 1952-'53 and Budget Estimates for the year 1953-'54

(Presented at the Annual Provincial Council Meeting on 19-11-1953 at Madras)

FRIENDS,

Short History of the Provincial Association: In presenting to you the Annual Report of the South Indian Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association for the year 1952-'53, I propose giving a very brief sketch of the history of our branch ever since its inception 13 years ago on Sunday, the 15th December, 1940. Representatives from the Medical Associations of Madras, Madura, Ramnad, South Arcot, Tiruchy and Tinnevely met in an informal meeting in Madras on 20-9-1940 and resolved to join together to form a Provincial Branch called the South Indian Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association. The first meeting of the Council of the newly formed Provincial Branch was held at Madras on 15-12-1940 when the draft rules of the Provincial Branch were approved and a Vice-President and a Secretary cum Treasurer were elected. The following is the list of successive office-bearers of the Provincial Branch since its inception upto now:

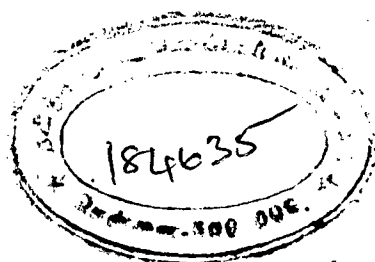
1940-'41	Interim President	Dr. D. V. Venkappa, Madras
	Vice-President	" V. D. Nimbkar, Madras
	Secretary and Treasurer	" M. V. Natesan, Madurai
1941-'42	President	" T. S. Tirumurthi, Madras
	Vice-President	" V. D. Nimbkar, Madras
	Secretary and Treasurer	" M. V. Natesan, Madurai
1944-'45	President	" T. S. Tirumurthi, Madras
	Vice-President	" T. S. Shetty, Chettinad
	Secretary and Treasurer	" M. V. Natesan, Madurai
1945-'46	President	" T. S. Tirumurthi, Madras
	Vice-President	" Joseph Gnanadikkam, Madras
	Secretary and Treasurer	" P. A. S. Raghavan, Trichy
1946-'47	President	" T. S. Tirumurthi, Madras
	Vice-President	" Joseph Gnanadikkam, Madras
	Secretary and Treasurer	" P. A. S. Raghavan, Trichy
1947-'48	President	" T. S. Tirumurthi, Madras
	Vice-President	" Mrs. K. I. Vythilingam, Vellore
	Secretary and Treasurer	" P. A. S. Raghavan, Trichy

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lecturer of the evening Dr. P. Arunachalam, M.D., M.R.C.P., T.D.D., D.M.R., as a great physician, a distinguished professor and an able administrator and requested him to inaugurate the year and give his lecture. Dr. Arunachalam at the outset congratulated the association on its 25 years of service to its members and suggested that more importance be given to demons-

tration of cases at these meetings. He then gave a very interesting and informative talk on the Problem of Hypertension. This was followed by a lively discussion. The usual vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary to the lecturer the host of the evening and to the authorities of the Bishop Heber High School, the meeting terminated at 8-45 p.m.



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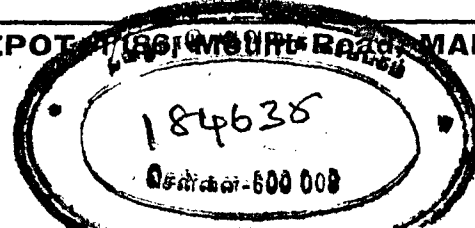
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1948—'49	President	Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan, Trichy
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		" Mrs. K. I. Vythilingam, Vellore
	Secretary	" A. K. Rajagopalan, Madurai
	Joint-Secretary	" D. V. Venkappa, Madras
1949—'50	Treasurer	" P. V. Sundaram, Trichy
	President	" P. A. S. Raghavan, Trichy
	Vice-Presidents	" K. R. Kini, Mangalore
		" Mrs. K. I. Vythilingam, Vellore
	Secretary	" A. K. Rajagopalan, Madurai
1950—'51	Joint Secretary	" D. V. Venkappa, Madras
	Treasurer	" P. V. Sundaram, Trichy
	President	" U. Krishna Rau, Madras
	Vice-Presidents	" Y. P. Vasudevan, Coimbatore
		" P. S. Srinivasan, Kancheepuram
1951—'52	Secretary	" A. K. Rajagopalan, Madurai
	Joint-Secretary	" K. Rama Rao, Madras
	Treasurer	" P. V. Sundaram, Trichy
	President	" U. Krishna Rau, Madras
		(resigned on 12-4-1952)
1952—'53		" Y. P. Vasudevan, Coimbatore
	Vice-Presidents	(Acting President from 13-4-1952)
		" Y. P. Vasudevan, Coimbatore
		" P. Vadamalayan, Madurai
	Secretary	" A. G. Leelakrishnan, Coimbatore
1953—'54	Joint-Secretary	" K. Rama Rao, Madras
	Treasurer	" A. K. Rajagopalan, Madurai
	President	" K. C. Nambiar, Madras
	Vice-Presidents	" P. Vadamalayan, Madurai
		" N. R. Subramanyan, Tanjore

The first Provincial Conference was organised at Trichy in October 1945. In December 1946 the 23rd All India Medical Conference was organised at Madura at the invitation of our Provincial Branch. The 2nd Provincial Medical Conference was held at Coimbatore and from then onwards such conferences became a regular feature every year.

S. No.	Year	Place	Dates
1	1945	Trichy	26th—27th October, 1945
2	1947	Coimbatore	17th—19th " 1947
3	1948	Madras	22nd—24th " 1948
4	1949	Annamalainagar	8th—10th " 1949
5	1950	Mangalore	13th—15th " 1950
6	1951	Kozhikode	5th—7th " 1951
7	1952	Palamkottah	20th—22nd September, 1952
8	1953	Madras	20th—22nd November, 1953

Our Condolences: On this day we pause to pay special honour and final tribute to those of our members who, during the course of the year, laid down their mortal remains and have passed on to their eternal reward. We, who are left behind, while paying our humble tribute to the departed souls, also pledge renewed efforts in our service to each other and to mankind.

At the outset let us pay our respects to Dr. T. S. Tirumurthi, who was not only an eminent Physician and Pathologist of All India repute and also the Teacher of many of our members, he had the unique honour of being the first elected permanent President of our Branch and was re-elected continuously for four years thus holding the record of having been President for five years. As a fitting reward for his services to the Association, he was elected President of the All India Medical Association which post he held with distinction throughout last year and toured the country extensively on behalf of the Indian Medical Association.

1. Dr. C. V. Ekambara Mudaliar—Chingleput.
2. " K. S. Bhandary —Puttur
3. " R. R. Rao —Coimbatore
4. Captain T. C. Gopalan —Madras
5. Dr. M. Sanjiva Rao —Mangalore
6. " G. P. Raghaviah —Madras
7. " P. S. Subramania Iyer —Cherpalchery
8. " K. R. P. Chidambaram —Manjeri
9. " S. R. Madangopala Naidu—Madras
10. Major N. Gangadharan —Madras
11. Dr. Paul Jabamani —Tinnevely
12. " P. S. Srinivasan —Madras
13. " D. S. Asirvada Nadar —Palamcottah

May their souls rest in peace.

Provincial Council and its working: We had 4 Provincial Council meetings during the year as detailed below:—

1. Palamcottah	Annual	20—9—1952
2. Cuddalore	1st	18—1—1953
3. Yercaud (Salem District)	2nd	28—3—1953
4. Udipi (South Kanara District)	3rd	30—6—1953

The attendance at these Council meetings, though sufficient for quorum purposes can hardly be claimed as good. It will be noticed that but for the local members of the place in which the Council meetings are held, the same group of people are found almost in all the Council meetings.

The rules of our Provincial Council have been modified in some important respects. The election of the President and vice-Presidents have been held under the new rules. As per these rules the Secretary and Treasurer are to be elected from among the members of the Provincial Council from the same place, so as to increase the efficiency of the Provincial Office. As I reported last year, the office is working under a great handicap because the staff is not permanent and would like to have security of service even at the risk of getting a smaller salary. I hope the future Secretary will have a smoother machinery to manage and a substantial reduction in the volume of correspondence since the Treasurer's Office also will be in the same place.

Dr. K. C. Nambiar, our Provincial President has been re-elected for another term. Dr. T. V. Sivanandam of Coimbatore and Dr. S. Subramaniam

of Karaikudi have been elected as our new Vice-Presidents for the coming year. I am sure that under the guidance of these 3 able leaders of our profession, our association will have a momentous career this year.

Membership: The year 1951-52 began with 19 active branches and a membership strength of 1335. One more new branch was formed during the course of the year—the North Malabar branch—with a membership strength of 67. The comparative strengths of all our constituent branches are tabulated below:—

S. No.	Name of the branch.	Membership strength		
		1950-51.	1951-52.	1952-53.
1.	Anamalais branch	...	14	14
2.	Chettinad branch	27	21	19
3.	Chingleput	35	29	33
4.	Coimbatore	183	174	168
5.	Erode	11	16	22
6.	Madras	220	279	402
7.	Malabar	109	143	92
8.	Madura	137	152	170
9.	Negapatam	21	19	22
10.	Nilgiris	59	57	70
11.	North Arcot	...	31	27
12.	North Malabar	...	...	67
13.	Pudukottah	17	15	14
14.	Ramnad	37	21	45
15.	Salem	76	87	82
16.	South Arcot	72	55	61
17.	South Kanara	92	98	110
18.	Tanjore	84	13	81
19.	Tirunelveli	68	95	100
20.	Trichy	86	98	104
	Direct members	1	2	3
	Attached members	...	...	1
		<u>1,335</u>	<u>1,489</u>	<u>1,707</u>

It will be seen that there is an appreciable increase in membership of our branch of 218 over that of last year and I congratulate the Branch Secretaries responsible for this increase.

Thanks: To our 2 Vice-Presidents and other office-bearers of the year, I offer my thanks for their unostentatious advice and support. Dr. A. K. Rajagopalan, our Provincial Treasurer has been very intimately associated with our Provincial Office for over 5 years and his experience has been of immense benefit. I take this opportunity of acknowledging the valuable help rendered to me by the Provincial Council members by their healthy criticisms and to all the energetic Secretaries of our 20 constituent branches, but for whose continuous unstinted co-operation, I would have found it very difficult to run the office. Lastly my thanks are also due to the hard working clerks of the Provincial Office, Lakshminarayanan and Viswanathan who had only the interests of the Association in their hearts.

This year also the Provincial Office was housed in the spacious buildings of the Coimbatore District Medical Association. Our sincere thanks are due to the President and members of this Association for placing unreservedly at

our disposal their premises and part of their furniture for the use of my office. In this connection, I will be failing in my duty if I do not bring to the notice of the Council the ever-increasing volume of records of the office. Periodical shifting of the records from place to place is bound to result in the loss or damage to our records. The Provincial Council will have to seriously consider this problem in all its bearings and decide about the permanent location of the office in the very near future.

The Miscellany: The Miscellany, the monthly journal, published on behalf of the South Indian Provincial Branch by the Tiruchirapalli Branch under the able guidance of Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan, the Managing Editor, is doing useful work in publishing the activities of the various Branches, thus stimulating the Branches, to greater activities. It is a pity that due to dearth of advertisers and dwindling income, the number of pages in the Miscellany had to be reduced, thus disabling the Managing Editor from publishing fuller reports of the activities of the Branches. It is hoped that members will take greater interest in the Miscellany and strive to secure more advertisements so that the journal may be enlarged.

Employees' State Insurance Scheme: The Governments both at the Centre and in the States are aiming at a Welfare State and it may not be long before our health Services are nationalised. As a first step towards a comprehensive social insurance in our country, the Government have introduced a State Insurance scheme covering the majority of industrial labourers in the country. This Employees' State Insurance Scheme has been already introduced in Delhi, Cawnpur and Punjab and in our State this scheme is proposed to be introduced very shortly. Our profession and our Association are very much interested in the mode of administration of medical benefits for the insured employees under the scheme. As a matter of fact the success of the entire scheme of Social Insurance will have to ultimately depend upon the willing co-operation of the medical profession. Our Association, both in the Centre and in our State, has formed Sub-Committees consisting of experts in the field of Industrial Medicine and they have submitted very practical recommendations to the Central and State Governments and to the profession. The Governments will be well advised to give effect to these recommendations to the fullest possible extent and to consult our Association before taking any important steps in the introduction of the scheme in our State. I take this opportunity of appealing to all the members of our profession in the State, especially in the industrial cities of Coimbatore, Madura, Trichy, Madras etc., not to execute contracts of service without consulting our Association.

Specialist Sections in the I. M. A.: Last year I suggested that the I. M. A. should take steps to incorporate within itself the various specialist organisations in this country, viz, the Surgeons, the Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, the Industrial Medical Officers, the Radiologists etc. But I am pained to see from the reports of the proceedings of the Working Committee of the I. M. A., that some members at least in the Working Committee view with disfavour such specialist organisations asking for mutual representation with the I. M. A. Since the I. M. A. claims to represent the entire medical profession in the country irrespective of their being general practitioners or specialists it is the bounden duty of the I. M. A. to represent the view points of all sections of the profession. Otherwise there is the danger of the I. M. A. losing its representative character, the specialists and others gradually drifting away from the Association. Such a contingency should be avoided at all costs and the Working Committee of the I. M. A. will be well advised

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to reconsider its decision and to that end our Provincial representatives in the Working Committee should strive.

C. F. C.: The Central Office has once again come out with an appeal for an increase in its subscription. Our Provincial Council will have to agree with the views expressed by almost all our local branches that any increase in the C. F. C. is not justified at the present time. The Central Office will be well advised to drop its demand for an increase in the C. F. C. for the present in the best interests of the Association.

Rural Medical Aid: Our State Government has virtually dropped its proposals for starting a short term medical course. It will be remembered that the medical profession throughout this State was unanimous in condemning these proposals and our Government has accepted the unanimous advice of our profession in the best interests of the people of the State. Our State Government has now accepted certain proposals from the Central Government to train S. S. L. C. passed young men and women for a short period in the General Hospitals and then post them as Medical Assistants in villages where they will be working under the supervision of fully qualified medical officers. These proposals have not yet been considered by our Council; and I am sure that whatever opinion our Council expresses on this scheme will be accepted by our Government.

Rendering satisfactory medical aid for the numerous outlying villages in our State should be the aim of the State Government and also our Association. May I, on behalf of our Association, offer to our State Government all help, co-operation and guidance in all agreed measures the State Government may take with this end in view. I may also be permitted to remind the Government that our Association should be officially consulted in all matters—medical, affecting the State and the profession.

Our Aims: Friends, you have thought fit to elect me as your Secretary for 2 terms. The task, though hard, difficult and exacting was rendered pleasant and smooth, thanks to the unstinted help and co operation, sympathy and kindness given to me by everyone generously. I have in an humble way tried my best to serve the Association. Any shortcomings or laxity or defects in the Provincial Office are to be attributed only to my own drawbacks; I am sure my successor in office will find ample opportunities to serve the public and the profession. It is upto our association to initiate a scheme of Health Insurance to the public on a voluntary pre-payment basis without waiting for a lead from our State Government. The existing hospitals in our State are grossly over-crowded. The members of our Association could join together in running co-operative hospitals of their own in every town with 50 or more beds, 50% of which will be for paying patients and a portion of the income from the paying patients to be used for the free treatment of the remaining 50% of the beds which may be reserved for the indigent patients. Details could be worked out to suit the needs of the place and the number of doctors available.

These and many more such will be the tasks of an energetic successor to me. Our Association is growing every day and our State Government can demand and will be entitled to receive our assistance and our guidance in all medical and public health matters of State. Our only motto is the welfare of the people and service to the sick above everything else.

Thanking you,

Coimbatore,
26th October, 1953.

Dr. A. G. Leelakrishnan,
Honorary Provincial Secretary.

BUDGET FOR 1953-'54

Income Receipts

Particulars	Estimated income for the year 1952-'53	Actual income for the year 1952-'53	Proposed income for the year 1953-'54
1. Provincial Share of C. F. C. ...	4800-0-0	5067-12-0	5400-0-0
2. Interest on fixed deposit ...	75-0-0	90-0-0	90-0-0
3. Delegates Fee ...	75-0-0	105-0-0	100-0-0
	4950-0-0	5262-12-0	5590-0-0

Expenditure

Particulars	Estimated Expenditure for the year 1952-'53	Actual Expenditure for the year 1952-'53	Proposed Expenditure for the year 1953-'54
1. Postage and Telegrams ...	350-0-0	401-13-9	450-0-0
2. Printing and stationery ...	575-0-0	806-6-0	850-0-0
3. Salaries ...	2460-0-0	2630-0-0	2500-0-0
4. T A. to office bearers and staff ...	1150-0-0	963-11-6	1200-0-0
5. Bonus to Staff ...	...	100-0-0	175-0-0
6. Audit fee ...	50-0-0	50-0-0	50-0-0
7. Bank Commission ...	...	41-5-3	50-0-0
8. Miscellaneous ...	25-0-0	24-10-6	50-0-0
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INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION TIRUCHY BRANCH

Annual Report for 1952-53

FRIENDS,

I take pleasure in presenting the 24th Annual Report of the Trichy Branch of the I. M. A. for the year 1952-53 on behalf of the Managing Committee. At the Annual Meeting held on 22nd November 1952 under the Presidency of Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam, Drs. R. Subramanyam, Lt. Col. V. R. Thayumanavaswamy, U. Mohan Rau and K. R. Doraiswamy addressed our members. After the lectures we had a film show by Messrs. May & Baker Ltd., Bombay on Flaxedil.

During the year we had 17 Managing Committee meeting and 12 Clinical meetings. For our Clinical meetings it was possible to secure several distinguished speakers from outside. The Association is greatly indebted to all the speakers who came over long distances at their own expense, to speak to us at the various meetings. Dr. K. Narayanamurthy, MD. Dr. V. Ramalingaswamy, M.D. D. Sc., Dr. K. C. Nambiar, F.R.C.S. Dr. R. Mahadevan, F.R.C.S. Dr. N. S. Narasimhan, F.R.C.S., Dr. V. K. Chitnis, D.O. F.C.C.P. Dr. S. Balakrishnan, F.R.C.P. Dr. P. K. Kalyanaraman, M.B.B.S. Dr. P. N. Krishnan, B.A., M.B.B.S., D.M.R., Major P. A. Menon, F.R.C.S., Dr. K. S. Sanjivi, M.D. and Dr. K. Ramachandran, M.S. gave us instructive talks of much practical value in their special subjects.

On behalf of the Association let me thank the then President, District Board, Superintendent, Rajaji Tuberculosis Sanatorium and the Principal, Bishop Heber High School, the District Medical Officer, Golden Rock and the Superintendent, Govt. Hd. Qrs. Hospital, Tiruchy for permitting us to use their hall for holding our meetings.

For the organisation of tea in connection with our meetings we are indebted to many friends who have readily agreed to be hosts. 14 new members have joined the Association. We welcome the new members listed below to the membership of this branch.

Dr. N. S. Krishnamurthy, Dr. I. Chandrasekaran, Dr. K. Rangaswamy Iyer, Dr. A. K. Vaitheswaran, Dr. T. J. Cherrian, Dr. S. Thilakam, Capt. S. S. Kalra, Dr. P. Ganesan, Dr. C. Tyagarajan, Dr. M. Abraham Paul, Dr. T. N. Sundararajulu, Dr. Miss N. Meenakshi, Dr. Miss Sheila Devaraj and Dr. A. Venkataramanan. 8 members have to be deleted from the rolls due to their transfer. Two members have been enrolled as life members.

Condolence resolution was passed at the death of Dr. T. S. Tirumurthy.

This year we are very happy to record that the building of our Association is coming up nicely. It was our ambition to have a building of our own. It was planned in the year 1938 to have a building and the first donation of Rs. 25/- for this purpose was given by Late Dr. T. S. Tirumurthy. Then the major portion of the building fund was realised by organising musical entertainments. Late Dr. O. R. Balu secured nearly Rs. 4000/- by organising 3 performances and in 1945 Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam, the then Vice-President organised a musical festival and a sum of Rs. 4000/- was realised. Another source of income for the building fund was, by 15 of our members becoming Life Members by paying Rs. 100/- each. This was in response to an appeal made by

Dr. T. S. S. Rajan in 1943 when he himself contributed Rs. 200/- Due to the efforts of Dr. R. Kalamegham the then Secretary a plot of land was purchased in Woraiyur for putting up a building for the Association. Having these amounts on hand we were not able to construct the building as the town planning scheme had not been finalised. So the sum of Rs. 8000/- was invested in National Savings Certificates and Fixed Deposit. In 1952 our plot of land was sold to the Trichy Co-operative Building Construction Society for which we got Rs. 8,400/- At the beginning of this year through the efforts of our President and Dr. V. Subramanyam, we purchased a plot for Rs. 8,000/- from Mr. Ponniah in Salai Road. On 29-6-53 under the able supervision of Dr. V. Subramanyam the work was commenced.

The foundation for the building was laid on 25-7-53 by our President. I thank our members who have contributed to the building fund and request others also to contribute for the fund liberally as we are in need of funds now. I hope this building will bring the profession together, promote social and cultural contacts among the members and facilities, joint endeavours for our common good. Permit me to thank the members of the Public who have contributed for our building.

During the All India Khadhi Exhibition held in May-June this year a free health check up was done to all those who came. This was sponsored by Messrs. Prithvi Insurance Co. Ltd. Through the efforts of Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan, the Prithvi Insurance Co. Ltd. agreed to pay a sum of Rs. 1000/-

and have paid the amount in full. I thank them. The health check up was carried out regularly by some of our members and I thank them for their valuable services.

We congratulate Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan and Dr. R. P. Haran for their completing 60 years and wish them long life.

The Dist. Health Association, Red Cross and Hind Kusht Nivaran Sangh are being run efficiently by Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan and the Eye Specialists of our Association are doing the blind relief work as usual.

I thank the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and members of the Managing Committee and Building Committee for their help and guidance in making the association a useful body. To every member of this branch I express my sincere thanks for co-operation and for the participation in the various activities of this branch. I thank the authorities of the S.M.E.S. Corporation Ltd. and the Secretary, Indian Red Cross Society, Tiruchy Branch for kindly lending Epidiascope and Cinema Projector respectively at our monthly meetings.

I also thank Sri Sami Iyer, Retd. Head Draftsman, S. Ry. and Sri Rajagopala Iyengar, Retd. Executive Engineer, our Honorary consulting Engineer, who, in his old age came to the site many times by walking across the fields.

Thank you friends.

A. DHARMARAJAN,
Hony. Secretary.



Summary of Meetings Held During the year 1952-'53.

DATE	PRESIDENT	LECTURER	SUBJECT	HOST	PLACE
22-11-52	Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam	Dr. K. R. Doraiswamy, M.A.R.S. Lt. Col. V. R. Thayumanavasu, M.D., M. Ch., F.R.C.S. Dr. R. Subramanyam, B.Sc., M.D., M.R.C.P. Dr. U. Mohan Rau, M.S., F.R.C.S.	Tomography in relation to Pulmonary Tuberculosis Fracture neck of Femur Pulmonary Amoebiasis Dysuria	Messrs Fine Pharmaceuticals, Kumbakonam Messrs East India Pharmaceutical Work Ltd., Calcutta Dr. B. Ramamurthy, M.S., F.R.C.S.E. Mr. B. Krishnamurthy, B.Sc., M.S. Messrs Alembic Chemical Works Ltd., Baroda.	B. H. H. School Dt. Board Meeting Hall
7-2-53	Do	Dr. K. Narayana-murthy, M.D.	Clinical, Biochemical and Radiological findings during a 58 days fast	Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam	Dt. Board Meeting Hall
21-2-53	Do	Dr. Ramalinga-swamy, M.D., D.Sc.	The relation of liver disease in infancy and childhood to malnutrition	Dr. M. V. Subramanyam	Do
7-3-53	Do	Dr. K. C. Nambiar, F.R.C.S.	Acute Abdomen	Dr. James Devasahayam Dr. S. Venkatesan	Do
21-3-53	Do	Dr. R. Mahadevan, M.S., FRCS.	Surgery of the heart and Great Vessels	Dr. V. Ananthagiri Dr. M. K. Sahadevan	Do
18-4-53	Do	Dr. V. K. Chitnis, D.O., FCPS.	Prevention of Blindness in Children	Supdt. & Medical Officers of Rajaji Sanatorium	Rajaji Sanatorium
23-5-53	Do	Dr. N. S. Narasimha Iyer, FRCS.	Some lessons learnt from W.H.O.	Dr. S. David	Dt. Board Meeting Hall
20-6-53	Do	Dr. K. S. Sanjivi, M.D.	Chest Problems	Dr. V. A. Palanivelu	Do
8-8-53	Do	Dr. P. N. Krishnan, B.A., MBBS, D.M.R.	Clinical aspects of Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Dr. T. K. Ranganathan	Rajaji Sanatorium
22-8-53	Dr. T. V. Srinivasan	Dr. S. Bala-krishnan, FRCP.	Convulsive disorders in Children	Dr. R. Kalamegham	Do
5-9-53	Do	Dr. P. K. Kalyanaraman, MBBS.	Obscure Fevers	Dr. G. Viswanathan	Do
20-9-53	Do	Major P. A. Menon, FRCS.	Demonstration of some Clinical Cases	Major P. A. Menon	Hospital Annexe
10-10-53	Do	Dr. K. Ramachandran, M.S.	Management of some common Acute Abdominal Conditions in General Practice	Dr. L. K. Neelakantan Dr. M. Ramamurthy	Rajaji Sanatorium

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TIRUCHY BRANCH

President: Dr. T. V. Srinivasan.
Vice-President: " N. C. Subramanyam.
Hony. Secretary: " T. U. Ramaswamy.
Hony. Treasurer: " A. Dharmarajan.

A monthly meeting of the Association was held on Saturday the 10th October 1953 in the premises of the Rajaji Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Cantt., Tiruchirapally. 40 members were present. As the President was absent Dr. T. V. Srinivasan the Vice-president took the chair. After Tea kindly supplied by Dr. L. K. Neelakantan, L.M.S. and Dr. B. Ramamurthy B.Sc., M.B.B.S., the president requested the Secretary to read the minutes of the last meeting which was read and adopted by the members. Then the president read the circular received from the central Office regarding the forthcoming All India Medical Conference to be held in Hyderabad. Then he introduced Dr. K. Ramachandran, M.S., Madurai to the members and requested him to give his talk on "Management of some common Acute Abdominal conditions in general practice" which was very much appreciated by the members. After the usual discussion, the Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the lecturer, the hosts of the evening and to the Medical Supdt., Rajaji Sanatorium for allowing the premises, the meeting terminated at 8-30 p.m.

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The 24th Annual Meeting of the Association was held on Saturday the 24th October 1953 in the premises of the Bishop Heber High School, Teppakulam, Tiruchirapalli. About 120, including visitors, were present. Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam the President was in the Chair. After Light Refreshment provided by Messrs. Prof. 'Gajjar's Standard Chemical Works Ltd., Bombay, the following resolution was proposed from the Chair and passed unanimously. "This meeting of the Association approves of the resolution of the Manag-

ing Committee of the Association passed at its meeting on 23-10-1953 read out by the Chair given below regarding arrangements made with Dr. A. Dharmarajan for the financing of the construction of our building programme. "Whereas the Association has to proceed with its building programme to completion and whereas the Association has no borrowing powers and whereas the 12 years Post Office National Savings Certificates for the face value of Rs. 8,000/- in which our building fund is invested will complete 18 months period only on 8-5-1954 and therefore cannot be surrendered and cashed now, this committee hereby authorises Dr. A. Dharmarajan to borrow on his personal responsibility upto Rs. 8,000 at interest not exceeding 8% (8 per cent) and advance the same for our building purposes and he is also authorised to surrender the said 8 Post Office National Savings Certificates for the face value of Rs. 8,000/- on or after the 8th May 1954 reimburse himself the principal sum advanced and the interest thereon and pay the residue, if any, into the Current Account of the Association in the Indian Bank Ltd., Tiruchy.

Then the Secretary Dr. A. Dharmarajan presented the Annual Report for the year and proposed by Dr. R. Kalamegham and seconded by Dr. G. Joseph Gnanadickam the report was unanimously adopted. The President then suggested that the convention of electing the President and Vice-President unanimously on the floor of the house may be followed and it was accepted.

Proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously the following members were elected as President and Vice-President respectively for the year. Dr. T. V. Srinivasan, M.B.B.S., President

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and Dr. N. C. Subramanyam B.A., M.B.B.S., T.D.D., Vice-President. Proposed from the Chair and carried unanimously it was resolved to appoint the following Committee to revise the rules of the Association and bring them up-to-date. 1. President. 2. Secretary. 3. Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam. 4. Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan and 5. Dr. R. Sambasivan.

Secretary:
Jt. Secretary & Treasurer:

Committee Members:
and

Representatives to the
Provincial Council:

Representatives to the
Central Council:

Then the following resolution was proposed from the Chair and passed unanimously.

"This meeting thanks the auditors Messrs. M. S. Krishnaswamy and Jegannathan and appoint them again for the coming year on the same remuneration."

The following other office-bearers were elected for the year 1953-1954.

Dr. T. V. Ranganathan
" A. Dharmarajan
" P. A. S. Raghavan
" V. Enock
" P. V. Sundaram
" S. Venkatesan
" T. M. Krishnamurthy

Secretary Ex. Officio
Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam
" P. A. S. Raghavan
" A. Dharmarajan
" R. Ganesan
" V. Iravatham

" T. S. Balasubramanyam
" T. V. Srinivasan
" P. A. S. Raghavan.

The New President Dr. T. V. Srinivasan then took the Chair. He thanked the members for having elected him unanimously as the President for the year and requested for the co-operation of all members in pushing through the building programme so that the opening of the building and the Silver Jubilee of the Association may be celebrated in a fitting manner in the year. Then Dr. M. S. Narayanan, L.M.S. read a paper on "Anaemias and their treatment" in the course of which he went into great detail about the various types of anæmias, their diagnosis by Bone marrow and blood pictures and their treatment. This was followed by a discussion and the President in his concluding remarks congratulated the lecturer on the work done by him which has proved the basis for the paper. The members then adjourned to Lunch kindly provided by Messrs. the Fairdeal Corporation Ltd., Bombay.

The afternoon session commenced at 2-30 p.m. with a lecture by Dr. G. Joseph Gnanadickam on "Glass—their use and abuse" in which in a simple and clear manner, the lecturer brought out all the salient points of the subject. In his concluding remarks, the President took the opportunity to congratulate the eye specialists of Tiruchy District on the excellent honorary service they were rendering by conducting the Blind Relief camps at various places under the combined auspices of the Rotary Club and the Indian Red Cross Society, Tiruchy Dist. Branch.

The next lecture was by Dr. R. V. Rajam M.S., M.R.C.P. etc. on the Medical Practitioner and the antibiotic Era in the Venereal Diseases Control. In introducing the lecturer the President referred to the outstanding achievements of the lecturer in the field of Venereology and of his services as a

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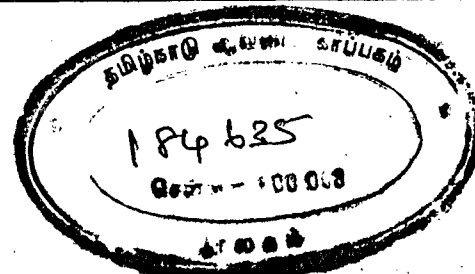
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Silver Jubilee

It is proposed to hold the Silver Jubilee celebrations and opening of the association buildings sometime in May 1954. The following sub-committees are formed. Souvenir with Dr. R. Kalamegham as Chairman and Dr. S. Venkatesan as Convener, Scientific Session with Major



P. A. Menon as Chairman and Dr. P. V. Sundaram as Convener, Reception, Transport, Accommodation and local Arrangements with Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan as Chairman and Dr. G. Joseph Gnanadickam and Dr. V. Enok as Conveners, Boarding with Dr. T. N. Subramanyam as Chairman and Dr. V. Subramanyam as Convener and Entertainment with Dr. T. S. Balasubramanyam as Chairman and Dr. T. M. Krishnamoorthy as Convener. It is also proposed to publish an attractive Souvenir on the occasion, and it will contain articles by eminent members of the profession and scientists of international repute on important medical and public health problems of the day. A limited number of pages in the Souvenir are open for advertisements from

leading manufacturers and dealers in medicines, drugs, surgical and all other equipment useful to the medical profession and their patients, and to medical and research institutions and clinics, both private and public.

P. A. S. Raghavan,
Managing Editor.

ODDS & ENDS

Two inmates of a Mental Hospital escaped from the Asylum and were returning to their village along the railway track.

"This is the longest stair case I have ever ascended" said one.

"With the shortest hand-rail I have ever known" said the other.

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The telephone bell rang with anxious persistence. The doctor answered the call.

"Yes" he said.

"Oh, doctor" said a worried voice, "something seems to have happened to my wife. Her mouth seems set, and she can't say a word".

"Why, she may have lockjaw" said the medical man.

"Do you think so, Doctor? Well, if you are up this way *next week*, I wish you would step in and see what you can do for her."

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A woman dashed to a telephone kiosk and dialled 99. "Is that 99" she asked.

"No" was the reply "this is 98."

"Well, would you mind rushing next door and telling them my house is on fire."

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"I am a character expert" said the first man. "I have watched you, and what you need in your business is push-push-push."

"You're quite wrong" replied the other. "I'm a dentist."