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Dr. E. Somasekhar,
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The Miscellany

After editing the Miscellany ever since its commencement, two decades ago, almost continuously, except for a year during my absence in Europe and a couple of years during the dark days of the war, when the torch was kept burning by my late lamented friend Dr. D. Srinivasan, I am now handing over the management to my worthy colleague Dr. R. Kalamegham, B.A., M.B.B.S., of Triuchy from 1st January 1955.

I feel I have discharged a small duty to the local branch of the I.M.A. in the early years, and the Provincial Branch of the I.M.A. in later years, however imperfect that duty might have been discharged. If I have been able to induce a few doctors to become members of the I.M.A. by giving publicity to the agitation carried on by the Association on behalf of the Railway or Local Board Services or the useful information purveyed, such as Sales Tax exemptions, or information about International Certification etc., I am more than gratified. If the Miscellany has stimulated the activities of a few dormant branches by publishing the activities of other branches, I am more than rewarded.

I crave the patronage of members for the continued success of the journal by contributing case notes and original articles, as that is the only way to improve oneself and the journal.

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Though I am handing over the management to my colleague I hope I will be able to spare sometime for the Miscellany, at least to contribute to the Odds and Ends page.

I wish the Miscellany long life and prosperity.

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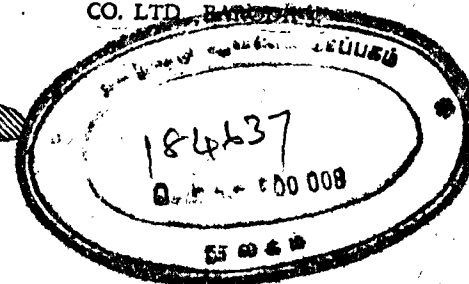
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Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the South Indian Provincial Branch of
The Indian Medical Association held at Tanjore on the 29th August 1954 at 2 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT :

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| 1. Dr. K. C. Nambiar | ... President |
| 2. Dr. T. V. Sivanandam | ... Vice-President |
| 3. Dr. R. Sankaran | ... Honorary Secretary |
| 4. Dr. A. M. Sivaraman | ... Honorary Treasurer |
| 5. Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan | ... Trichy (Ex-President, Ex-officio) |
| 6. Dr. Y. P. Vasudevan | ... Coimbatore (Ex-President, Ex-officio) |
| 7. Dr. U. Krishna Rau | ... Madras (Ex-President, Ex-officio) |
| 8. Dr. P. K. Varughese | ... Tambaram, Chingleput District |
| 9. Dr. N. Thiagarajan | ... Pudukkottah (Hony. Br. Secretary, Ex-officio) |
| 10. Dr. P. K. Raghavan | ... Pudukkottah |
| 11. Dr. S. Ganapathi | ... Coimbatore |
| 12. Dr. D. Sundareswaran | ... Coimbatore |
| 13. Dr. S. Subbanarayanan | ... Sivaganga |
| 14. Dr. T. S. Shetty | ... Chettinad |
| 15. Dr. G. A. Naidu | ... Mathurai |
| 16. Dr. K. Gopal | ... Mathurai |
| 17. Dr. S. Narayanan | ... Tanjore (Hony. Br. Secretary, Ex-officio) |
| 18. Dr. N. R. Subramanyan | ... Tanjore |
| 19. Dr. P. Narayana Rao | ... Tanjore |
| 20. Dr. T. R. Chandra | ... Tanjore |
| 21. Dr. K. Rama Rao | ... Tanjore |
| 22. Dr. D. Andal | ... Tanjore |
| 23. Dr. C. Alamelu | ... Tanjore } Co-opted. |
| 24. Dr. M. Santhosham | ... Madras |
| 25. Dr. D. V. Venkappa | ... Madras |
| 26. Dr. T. S. Balasubramaniam | ... Trichy |
| 27. Dr. R. Sambasivam | ... Trichy |
| 28. Dr. (Capt.) R. S. K. Raman | ... Erode |

Dr. K. C. Nambiar presided.

1. As per Rule No. 7(c) of the South Indian Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association, the President co-opted Dr C. Alamelu and Dr. D. Andal of Tanjore for this meeting of the Provincial Council.

2. Messages of inability to attend:—The following members have sent messages expressing their inability to attend the Provincial Council Meeting:

1. Dr. R. Varadarajan	... Chingleput
2. Dr. C. Arumugham	... Coimbatore
3. Dr. A. G. Leelakrishnan	... Coimbatore
4. Dr. V. Krishnamurthy	... Cuddalore
5. Dr. S. Subramaniam	... Karaikudi
6. Dr. C. V. Narayana Iyer	... Kozikode
7. Dr. B. R. Hegde	... Mangalore
8. Dr. V. R. Bhat	... Mangalore
9. Dr. (Capt.) S. Padmanabhan	... Tuticorin
10. Dr. S. Swaminathan	... Mathurai
11. Dr. Abdul Sattar	... Mathurai
12. Dr. K. P. S. Nambiar	... Nilgiris
13. Dr. C. S. Srilal	... Nilgiris
14. Dr. M. K. R. Jayachandran	... Valparai
15. Dr. B. Ramamurthi	... Madras
16. Dr. P. T. Raghavachari	... Madras
17. Dr. (Capt.) G. Sriramulu	... Madras
18. Dr. A. V. Avadhani	... Madras
19. Dr. T. V. Ranganathan	... Trichy
20. Dr. M. Narayana Shenoy	... Erode
21. Dr. K. R. C. Natesan	... Salem

8. Condolence Resolution:—Resolution condoling the death of the following members was moved from the chair and passed unanimously all members standing for a minute:

1. Dr. K. Rajasekhara Iyer	... Salem
2. Dr. M. Sundaram	... Kozhikode
3. Dr. N. Achuthan	... Kozhikode

The Honorary Secretary was requested to communicate the resolution to the members of the bereaved families.

4. Results of the election for the offices of the President and two Vice-Presidents of The South Indian Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association for the year 1954-55:—The election results scrutinised and announced by the Sub-Committee formed by the President with the following members were approved and confirmed by the Provincial Council:

Members of the Sub-committee:

1. Dr. K. C. Nambiar, F.R.C.S., President, Indian Medical Association, South Indian Provincial Branch, Madras.
2. Dr. P. Natesan, M.B., B.S., President, Indian Medical Association, Madras City Branch, Madras.
3. Dr. D. V. Venkappa, L.M.P., Senior Vice-President, Indian Medical Association (Central), Madras.
4. Dr. T. S. Shetty, M.D., Member, South Indian Provincial Council, Madras.

5. Dr. R. Sankaran, L.M.P., Honorary Provincial Secretary, Indian Medical Association, South Indian Provincial Branch, Madras.

—Convener.

Dr. T. V. Sivanandam, M.B., B.S., of Coimbatore was also present.

The following are the results of the election for the Offices of the President and two Vice-Presidents of the South Indian Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association for the year 1954-55:

- (1) Dr. Y. P. Vasudevan, M.B., B.S., B.S.Sc.,
"Aravinda"

9/70, Ranganathapuram Extension,
COIMBATORE.

—President.

- (1) Dr. T. V. Sivanandam, M.B., B.S.,
Rathanasabhapathapuram Post,
COIMBATORE.

—Senior Vice-President.

- (2) Dr. T. S. Balasubramaniam, M.B., B.S.,
Andar Street, Teppakulam,
TIRUCHIRAPALLI.

—Vice-President.

The Council congratulated the President-elect and the Vice-Presidents-elect on their success.

5. President's Introductory Remarks:—Dr. K. C. Nambiar, President, Indian Medical Association, South Indian Provincial Branch, said that this will be the last meeting over which he will preside. He thanked the members and office-bearers for the co-operation that he had for the last 2 years during his term of office as the President of the South Indian Provincial Branch of the I.M.A. He hoped that Dr. Y. P. Vasudevan, the President-elect will further the cause of the Association and use his good offices to bring in all medical men with Registrable Modern Medical Qualifications under the folds of the Association and make the Government feel that they must consult the Indian Medical Association in all matters of medical and public health and give official representation to the I.M.A. in all Committees that are formed, as it is done in the formation of the Allocation Committee for the Employees' State Insurance Scheme in Coimbatore area.

6. Minutes of the previous Council Meeting:—The Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held at Tiruchirapalli was moved for adoption, as printed and circulated, by Dr. D. V. Venkappa and seconded by Dr. S. Narayanan. Dr. T. S. Balasubramaniam of Tiruchirapalli wanted his name also to be included in the list of members present. He said that he attended the above Meeting and some how or other he missed to sign in the Minutes Book. The Council approved of this and his name was included in the list of members present. As amended, the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting held at Tiruchirapalli on the 5th June 1954 was adopted.

7. Business arising out of the previous Council Meeting:—

(i) Condolence Resolution:—The Secretary informed the House that the Condolence Resolution that was passed in the Provincial Council Meeting held on 5-6-1954 has been communicated to the members of the bereaved families through the concerned Branches.

(ii) Employees' State Insurance Scheme in the Madras State:—The proceedings of the Meeting of the Managing Committee and Provincial Council Members of the Coimbatore District Medical Association of the Indian Medical Association held on 2nd June, 1954 was taken into consideration, in accordance

with the decision of the previous Provincial Council Meeting, wherein it is stated that "on matters of policy the local branch will consult and act according to the advice of the Provincial and Central I.M.A., but in matters of details of implementing approved policies and schemes, they are fully competent to act on their own, but as a matter of *courtesy* will intimate the action taken to the parent bodies." The Honorary Provincial Secretary wanted to know the opinion of the House whether the term *courtesy* is appropriate. He personally felt that it is obligatory and not *courtesy*. Dr. Y. P. Vasudevan of Coimbatore said that he agreed that it is obligatory and the word "*courtesy*" is only a milder term. By the word "*courtesy*" the obligation is not repudiated. Dr. K. C. Nambiar felt that though the word "*courtesy*" is not appropriate and in view of the clarification given by Dr. Y. P. Vasudevan, a member of the Coimbatore Branch, further discussion on the matter was closed. At the same time he also appealed to the Branches to extend all their co-operation to the Provincial Branch and to follow the Rules of the Parent Body as well as the Provincial Branch in the interests of the Association. He further explained the circumstances under which the Honorary Provincial Secretary opened the correspondence with the Government with regard to the formation of the Allocation Committee for the Employees' State Insurance Scheme in Coimbatore area. At this stage the letter Ref. No. 4423/53-54 dated 22nd June, 1954 received from Dr. S. C. Sen, President, I.M.A., Parent Body was read out to the members by the Honorary Secretary. Dr. K. C. Nambiar said that since the Government have not replied with regard to the jurisdiction of the Allocation Committee of the Employees' State Insurance Scheme, the present Representatives of the I.M.A. in the Allocation Committee, Dr. T. V. Sivanandam and Dr. C. Nanjappa of Coimbatore, will continue as members of the Allocation Committee.

(iii) *Resolutions from:—*

1. *I.M.A., Madura Medical Association:—*Re. Allowing Medical Licentiates to examine Government Employees for the Postal Insurance for amounts more than Rs. 2000/—: The Secretary informed the House that according to the decision of the previous Council the same was sent to the Parent Body for necessary action.
2. *Dr. V. Govindan Nair, Guruvayoor, Malabar:—*Re. The Director of Medical Services of Madras State and the Dean of the Madras Medical College doing professional work in the Government General Hospital, Madras. The Secretary informed the House that the resolution passed on the above subject has been communicated to the Government.

(iv) *Letter from the Secretary of the Pharmaceutical Research Club:—*The Secretary informed the House that he has communicated the decision of the Council on the matter to the Secretary, Indian Pharmaceutical Research Club, Madras.

(v) *Compulsory Rural Service by the Medical Graduates:—*The Secretary informed the Council that the Madras State Government have replied in their letter Ref. No. 70944-H-I/54-I Health. (Health, Education and Local Administration Department) dated 29th July, 1954 in reply to the resolution passed by the Council on the above subject that "there is no proposal at present under the consideration of this Government to compel the newly passed Medical Graduates to work in Rural Areas before they become eligible either for Government Service or private practice."

—Recorded.

(vi) *Patenting of the Crest of the Association:—*The Honorary Secretary informed the House that he has communicated the decision of the Council on the above subject to the I.M.A. Parent Body.

(vii) *Resolution of thanks to the Tiruchirappalli Municipal Council:—*The Honorary Secretary informed the House that the Resolution of thanks passed in the previous Council Meeting was communicated to the Chairman, Tiruchirappalli Municipal Council, Tiruchirappalli.

(viii) *Resolution of congratulations to the Tiruchirappalli Medical Association:—*The Honorary Secretary informed the House that the Resolution of congratulation passed in the previous Council Meeting was communicated to the Honorary Secretary, Tiruchirappalli District Medical Association of the I.M.A.

8. *Arrears of Central Fund Contribution and Connected Matters:—*The Honorary Secretary read out the names of the Branches on whose behalf the arrears of C.F.C. for the year 1953-54 is due and the steps he has taken to collect the arrears and he placed all the correspondence pertaining to the subject with the Centre as well as with the Branches. In this connection he pointed out that according to Rule No. 55 (last para) under the heading "Election of Office-bearers" of Part III Bye-laws of the Association of the I.M.A., Parent Body, the votes of the Branches that are in arrears of C.F.C., for the 1st half of 1953-54 on 30-9-54 will become *invalid* in the election for the Offices of the President and 3 Vice-Presidents of the I.M.A. Parent Body for the year 1954-55. The House was of the opinion that in view of the amended Rules that this Rule is not legally correct and as such wanted the Honorary Secretary to write to the President, I.M.A., Parent Body, for his opinion and clarification and place the same before the next Council Meeting. Further, the Council authorised the Honorary Secretary to give notice of the amendment to the Rules of the I.M.A. Parent Body to delete the following: (Last paragraph of Rule No. 55 of Part III. Bye-laws of the Association of the I.M.A., Parent Body.)

"Votes of such Local Branches shall not be counted on whose account C.F.C. up to the end of the first half year has not been received in full, along with an up-to-date strength of Membership at the Central Office on or before the 30th September."

9. *Clarification regarding the members permanently residing under the jurisdiction of one Branch and continuing to be members of another Branch and also be representatives in the Provincial Council of the Non-Resident Branch:—*The Honorary Secretary read out the list of members who permanently reside under the jurisdiction of one Branch and continue to be members Branch of the I.M.A. under the jurisdiction of this Provincial Branch.

He also read the letter Ref. No. 4907/53-54 dated 3rd August 1954 received from Dr. S. C. Sen, President, Indian Medical Association, Central Office, in reply for clarification of the Rules on the above subject and the Council accepted the Ruling of the President and further consideration on the subject was dropped.

10. *Clarification from the centre regarding the representation in the working committee from the State or Territorial Branches:—*The Honorary Secretary read out the letter Ref. No. 4765/53-54 dated 22nd July, 1954 received from the President, I.M.A., Parent Body, on the above subject and the same was recorded.

11. Statement of Accounts:—The Statement of Accounts for the months of June and July, 1954 as printed and circulated was approved and recorded.

12. Distribution of Dienestrol Tablets:—The Honorary Secretary informed the House that still there are roughly 1 lakh of Dienestrol Tablets with him and he is making all efforts to have them distributed through the various Branches, Government Institutions and Registered Medical Practitioners for free distribution to poor patients. —Recorded.

13. Letters from the Managing Editor "The Miscellany", Teppakulam, Tiruchirapalli:—The Letter received from Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan, Z.M.R.E., Managing Editor, The Miscellany, dated 8th July 1954 regarding the financial condition of the Miscellany and his inability to manage the Journal any further, was recorded. He also informed the House that he has intimated his decision to the Tiruchirapalli District Branch of the I.M.A. and that he is waiting for their reply. The Council postponed further consideration of the subject pending the decision of the Tiruchirapalli District Branch of the I.M.A.

14. Madras General Sales Tax and the Medical Profession:—The Honorary Secretary placed the correspondence and resolutions on the above subject received from the Honorary Secretaries of the I.M.A., Salem, Coimbatore, South Arcot and Madras Branches and the letters that he has addressed to the Commissioner of Sales Tax, Madras State on the subject. (Letters Ref. Nos. 902/53-54 dated 2nd August, 1954 and 958/53-54 dated 21st August, 1954). He further informed the House that as a result of a personal talk, that he got the information that those Practitioners who do not charge consultation fees and dispense medicines for their own patients and recover the cost of medicine will not come under the operation of the General Sales Tax. He informed the House that so far he has not received any written communication from the Government on the subject. Dr. U. Krishna Rau also confirmed the fact that his information is also the same as that of the Honorary Provincial Secretary. —Recorded.

15. Letter from the I. M. A. Central Office, Delhi, regarding the visit of 2 members of the United States Committee of the World Medical Association to Vellore, South India, between 29th December, 1954 and 1st January, 1955:—The Honorary Secretary was requested to write to the Honorary Secretaries of the North Arcot District and Madras Branches of the Indian Medical Association to find out whether any one of Branches is willing to arrange for a meeting and to intimate the reply received from the above Branches to the Central Office.

16. Supply of approved stamps to the Branch Secretaries and connected matters:—The Honorary Secretary informed the House that he has received a letter from the Director of Medical Services of Madras State that the stock of Approved Stamps has not been received from the Government of India and as soon as the stamps are received they will be supplied to all the Branch Secretaries under this Provincial Branch. He requested such of those Branch Secretaries who have not applied for "Approved Stamps" to apply to the Director of Medical Services, Madras State, early to avoid delay in getting the supply.

17. Letter from the Director of Medical Services, Madras State, regarding the Post-Graduate Training Course in the Upgraded Venereal Diseases Department, Madras Medical College, on 1st October, 1954:—Read and Recorded.



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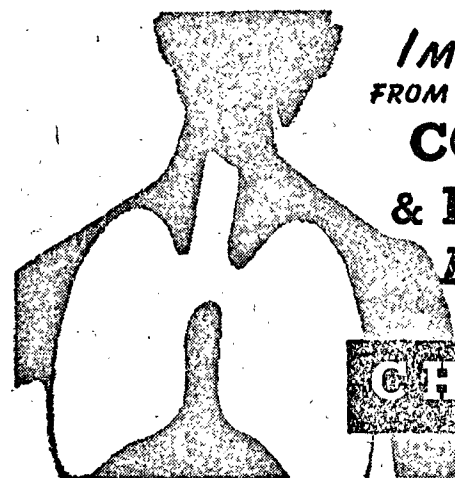
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18. I. M. A. Circulars:—

- (1) Circular No. 33/53-54 Re. Formation of a Medical Pharmaceutical Council and the reply given by the President and the Secretary of the Provincial Branch was read approved and recorded.
- (2) Circular Nos. 37 & 38/53-54 Re. I.M.A. Research Fellowship was read and recorded.
- (3) Circular No. PGTA/10/53-54 dated 5th July, 1954 was read and recorded.
- (4) Circular No. PGTA/38/53-54 Re. Internships and Residencies in U. S. A. and Canada for members of the I. M. A.: A sub-committee consisting of the following members was formed to consider the applications and to select the candidates from this Provincial Branch to be sent to the I.M.A., Central Office, Delhi as per instructions given in the above circular.

Members of the Committee:

1. Dr. K. C. Nambiar, F.R.C.S., President, I.M.A., S.I. Provincial Branch Madras.
2. Dr. U. Krishna Rao, M.B.B.S., M. L. A., Ex-President, I.M.A. South Indian Provincial Branch, Madras.
3. Dr. D. V. Venkappa, L.M.P., Senior Vice-President, I.M.A., Central, Madras.
3. Dr. T. S. Shetty, M.D., Member, South Indian Provincial Council, Madras.
5. Dr. R. Sankaran, L.M.P., Honorary Provincial Secretary, I.M.A., South Indian Provincial Branch, Madras.—Convener.
- (5) Circular No. 40/53-54 dated 9th August, 1954 regarding W. H. O. Campaign to Abolish the Importation and Production of Heroin was read and the same was approved and recorded.

19. Provincial Office Circulars:—

- (1) Circular No. 21/53-54 dated 24th July, 1954 regarding "Approved Stamps" was recorded.
- (2) Circular No. 22/53-54 dated 21st August, 1954 Re. Internships & Residencies was recorded.

20. **Venue of the Provincial Conference and the Annual General body Meeting:**—The Secretary informed the House that the Madura Branch of the I.M.A. has invited the 9th South Indian Provincial Medical Conference-1954 to Mathurai to be held in the middle of November, 1954 and that a Reception Committee has been formed with Dr. S. Swaminathan, M.B.B.S., the Honorary Secretary of the Madura Branch of the I. M. A. as the Honorary General Secretary of the Conference and that the conference will be for 2 days. As no other Branch has invited the Conference, the Honorary Secretary informed the House that he has accepted the invitation with the permission of the President in anticipation of the approval of the Council.—*Approved & Recorded.*

It was also decided to hold the Annual Provincial Council Meeting at Madura along with the Conference.

21. **Budget of Expenses for that part of the year 1954-55 till the next Annual General Body Meeting:**—The Secretary was authorised to incur the necessary expenses from 1st October 1954 till the Annual Provincial Council Meeting on the same basis as provided in the budget for the year 1953-54.

22. **Amendments to the Present Provincial Rules:**—The following amendments to the Rules of the Provincial Branch as printed and circulated by the Hony. Provincial Secretary in accordance with the decision of the previous Council Meeting were accepted after a thorough discussion. It was further resolved that these amendments shall come into force from 1st October 1954.

AMENDMENTS

1. Page 1. Rule No. 1. The name of the Association, "South Indian Provincial Branch" be changed into "Madras State Branch."
"Rules 3-A (b) and C (b)" be changed into "Part II, Rule of the Association, Rule No. 6."
2. Wherever in the Rules Book there are "South Indian Provincial Branch" "Provincial Branch" or "Provincial", they shall be changed into "Madras State Branch", "State Branch" and "State" respectively.
3. Rule No. 3; Delete the following:
(a) "for the present." (b) "except Andhra Districts."
4. (a) Page 2, Line 13, "15th of November" be changed into "1st October."
(b) Page 3, Line 5. Rule No. 7(f):—After the words "Council" add "Whose name has been intimated to the State Branch at least 4 weeks before the date of the ensuing meeting of the State Council."
5. Page 3. Rule No. 8. Line 3:—Change "1st October and 1st April" into "15th October and 15th April."
6. Page 4. Rule No. 9(b) *Procedure for election*: Election of President and Vice-Presidents:
(a) In Line 12 delete the word "Intimations" and add "the Voting Paper with instructions bearing the signature or the signature facsimile of the State Branch Secretary."
(b) Line 17. After the words "to send" delete "an Vice-Presidents," instead add "the actual number of votes secured by each candidate at the General Body Meeting voted by the members actually present at the General Body Meeting together with a list of members present at the General Body Meeting, both duly signed by the President as well as the Secretary of the concerned Branch."
(c) Line 20 & 21. Delete "copies of Resolutions" instead add "voting paper and the list of members present at the General Body Meeting."
(d) In Line 23. Delete "or election."
7. Page 8. Rule No. 19 Line 2. "Rule No. 12Ab" be changed into "Rule No. 32 of Part II, of Rules of the I.M.A., Parent Body."

The following amendments were not accepted by the House and hence dropped.

1. Page 2. Rule No. 7(a) Line 2:—After the word "Representatives" add "from among its Members who reside or practise within the jurisdiction of the concerned Branch."

2. Page 4. Rule No. 9 (b) *Procedure for Election*:—Election of President and Vice-Presidents, Line 27, After the words "to the members" add the following:

"The votes of the members of the Branches as in the list of the State Office on whose behalf the Central Fund Contribution has been received in full for the year by the State Office before the 1st June, of the year, only will be counted. If the Votes of such of those members, on whose behalf the CFC has not been received by the State Branch before the 1st June, are also included in the Voting for election, the Voting shall become INVALID. The Voting of the Branch shall become invalid if the Results of the Voting are published either in the Dailies or in any Journal on or before the last date fixed for the Receipt of the Voting Papers by the State Branch.

In this connection, the letter received from Dr. S. Subramaniam of Karaikudi was also read.

23. Rent control order and Medical Men:—The following resolution moved from chair on the above subject was passed unanimously and the Secretary was authorised to communicate the same to the Minister in charge of Rent Control and Accommodation:

Resolution:—"This Council of the South Indian Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association is of the opinion that the present time is not opportune to repeal the Rent Control Order in as much as houses are not freely available, even though the shortage may not be so acute as it was before the formation of the Andhra State. If the Rent Control Order is repealed, the tenants, especially Medical Men, will be put into great inconvenience and as such this Council requests the Government not to repeal the Rent Control Order till such time the houses are freely available.

If, for some extraordinary reasons, the Government contemplate to abolish the Rent Control Order, this Council requests the Government to give protection to the Medical Men from being evicted from the present premises occupied by them, by the landlords, as otherwise the Medical Men will not be able to get suitable accommodation in the localities in which they practise, which will be a great handicap and hardship both for the medical men and for their patients."

24. Any other Item with the Permission of the President:—A proposal was brought in by Dr. D. V. Venkappa, with the permission of the President, to give T.A. to Vice Presidents for attending the Provincial Council Meeting and it was seconded by Dr. A. M. Sivaraman. Dr. P. A. S. Ragavan and Dr. T. S. Shetty opposed the same. As the general sense of the house was not in favour of the proposal, Dr. D. V. Venkappa, withdrew his proposal with the permission of the House.

Dr. T. S. Shetty brought in a Resolution to stop giving the T. A. to the Honorary Joint Secretary for attending the Provincial Council Meeting. Dr. R. Sankaran, Honorary Provincial Secretary explained to the House that the Honorary Joint Secretary is expected to conduct the meetings during the absence of the Hon. Provincial Secretary and as much he appealed to the member to withdraw his resolution. As the majority of the members were also of the same opinion, the mover withdrew his Resolution.

25. Vote of Thanks:—The Honorary Provincial Secretary, Dr. R. Sankaran thanked Dr. K. C. Nambiar for all the guidance and advice that he has

received from him in discharging his duties as the Provincial Secretary and if at all there is any success it is purely due to the guidance and advice of all the Office-bearers and members of the Provincial Council in general and that of Dr. K. C. Nambiar in particular.

He thanked the Honorary Secretary and Members of the Tanjore District Branch of the Indian Medical Association for the excellent arrangements that they have made for boarding, lodging and reception for the members attending the Provincial Council Meeting and for taking the members to the Saraswathi Mahal Library, Art Gallery, Brahadeeswarar Temple and the Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Sengipatti.

He also appealed to the Medical Men with Modern Registrable Medical Qualifications in Tanjore District who have not joined the Association, to join it and strengthen the Association.

The meeting terminated at 4-30 p.m.

(Sd.) K. C. Nambiar, F.R.C.S.,
President.

(Sd.) R. Sankaran, L.M.P.,
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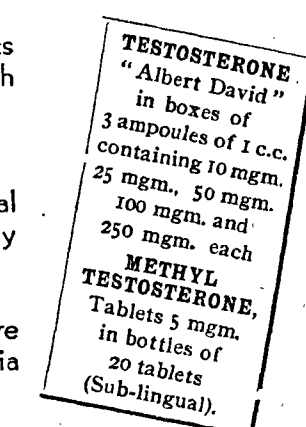
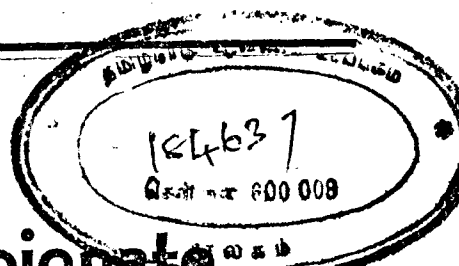
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SOUTH ARCOT BRANCH CUDDALORE

Annual Meeting held on 18-9-1954

The Annual Meeting of the South Arcot Branch of the Indian Medical Association was held on 18-9-1954 at 4 P.M. at the District Board Hall, Cuddalore with Dr. P. Vaidyanathan, President of the Association, in the chair.

Thirty two members and several other medical men and women (who are not members) were also present on invitations.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on 24-7-1954 were read and adopted.
2. The following letters and communications were read and recorded.
 - (i) Letter from the Hony. Provl. Secretary regarding the results of the election of President and two Vice-Presidents of the Provincial Association for the year 1954-55.
 - (ii) Letters from Dr. Y. P. Vasudevan and Dr. T. V. Sivanandam thanking the members of the South Arcot Branch for supporting them in the election.
 - (iii) Letter from the Hony. Provl. Secretary regarding the Madras Sales Tax Act 1939 and Private Medical Practitioners.
 - (iv) Letter from the President of the Indian Medical Association, appealing for contributions for medical relief in flooded areas.
3. The annual Report for the year 1953-54 was read and adopted.
4. The following Office-bearers and representatives for the various bodies were unanimously elected.

President: Dr. U. Maruthi Rao, M.B.B.S., D.L.O.

Vice-President: " C. Seshachalam Naidu

Secretary: " A. M. Khan, D.M. & S., L.O.

Joint Secretary: " C. Krishnaswamy Raju

Executive Committee

1. Dr. P. Vaidyanathan
2. Dr. A. Sitaratnam
3. Dr. C. S. Swaminathan
4. " A. Janakiraman
5. " M. Natchiappan

Representative to the Provincial Council: Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, L.M.P., L.O.

Representative to the Central Council: Dr. V. Krishnamurthy, L.M.P., L.O.

Representative to the South Arcot District Branch of the Hindu Kush Nirvan Sangh: Dr. V. Ekambaram.

5. Resolved to request the Government to accord necessary permission to Dr. U. Maruthi Rao, District Medical Officer, South Arcot, Cuddalore to be the President of the South Arcot Dist. Branch, Indian Medical Association, Cuddalore.

6. Resolved to elect the following as members of the "WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE" to take active steps for raising necessary funds for putting up a building for the Association.

1. Dr. S. Sankararaman...Chairman.
2. Dr. K. G. Sadagopan
3. " R. V. David
4. " S. Nataraja Jatavallabar
5. " V. Viswanathan
6. " P. Vaidyanathan
7. " P. Bhandary
8. " V. Krishnamoorthy Convener & Secretary

Dr. V. Krishnamurthy and Dr. P. Bhandary announced a contribution of Rs. 101/- each towards the Building Fund.

Collections for the flood relief fund was made at the meeting and a sum of Rs. Seventy-two was secured.

Soon after the meeting, the gathering was entertained at tea.

After Tea, Dr. N. Vaidyanathan, M.D., Professor of Medicine and Physician, Stanley Hospital, delivered a lecture on "Infective Hospitals" which was followed by an interesting discussion. Then Dr. U. Maruthi Rao, D.M.O., South Arcot gave a lecture on "Middle Ear Infection." There was exhibition of films. In the night the members were entertained at Dinner by the kind courtesy of Messrs. East India Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Madras.

SALEM BRANCH

President: S. Krishnamoorthy

Vice-President: P. S. Ramasamy

Secretary: K. R. C. Natesan

Joint-Secretary: S. Valeeswaran

Treasurer: K. V. Dhanakoti Naidu

A meeting of the Salem District Medical Association, a branch of I.M.A. was held at Foulkes Hall, Salem on Sunday the 25th July 1954 with Dr. S. Krishnamoorthy Rao, M.B.B.S., the President in the Chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27-6-54 and the proceedings of the executive committee held on 18-7-54 were read and approved.

Dr. N. Vaidyanathan, M.D. Professor of Medicine, Stanley Medical College and Physician Stanley Hospital Madras addressed the members of the Association on "Nephritis and Nephrosis" and their managements.

The lecture was exhaustive, instructive and interesting and there was a lively discussion after the lecture in which many members took part.

Voting for the election of President and two Vice-Presidents for the South Indian Provincial Branch of I.M.A. for the year 1954-55 took place.

After the presidential concluding remarks, the meeting terminated with the vote of thanks proposed by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. K. R. C. Natesan, M.B.B.S.

A meeting of the above association was held at the Foulkes Hall, Salem on Sunday the 29th August 1954 at 5 P.M. with Dr. S. Krishnamoorthy Rao, the President in the chair.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25-7-54 was read and approved and the treasurer's statement of accounts was read.

The lecturer of the evening Dr. S. Gurubatham, Eye Surgeon, Salem gave an interesting lecture on Conjunctivitis and many members took part in the discussion that followed the lecture.

Condolence Resolution

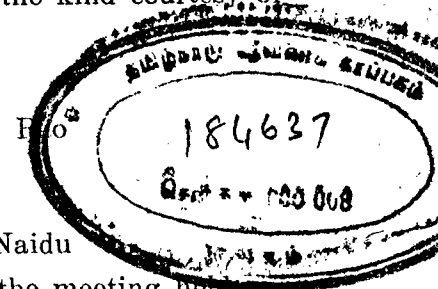
This meeting of the Salem District Medical Association places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the premature demise of Dr. K. Ragunathan, B.A., M.B.B.S, Salem, an ex-member of our association and requests the Hon. Secretary to convey this to the members of the bereaved family.

Voting for the offices of President and three Vice-presidents for the Indian Medical Association Central Office, was done.

A short discussion protesting on the Sales Tax to the medical profession took place in which many members took part.

Various communications from the Indian Medical Association Central Office and Madras State Branch were read by the Secretary for the benefit of the members.

After the President's concluding remarks, the meeting terminated with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. K. R. C. Natesan, M.B.B.S. the Secretary of the Branch.



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Q. What is the cause of bed wetting in girls of about 18?

A. Apart from the pathological causes such as tumour in the bladder, stone or infection, it is to draw the attention of the parents to get them married or to show disapproval of the bridegroom-select.

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Q. Who are Quacks and how to put down quackery? Are Quacks and Quakers the same?

A. Quacks can be Quakers and vice versa. It is difficult to define quackery. Unqualified persons who practice medicine are called Quacks, but many qualified persons can also be called Quacks if they do not use their knowledge properly or do things for which they had no training. It is difficult to put down quackery entirely by legislation, but it can be reduced to the minimum by qualified people acting properly following the dictates of their conscience and ethics. Also by penalising unqualified persons putting up sign-boards or advertising themselves.

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Q. Which is the biggest Mental Hospital in the World?

A. The World itself.

Q. What is polygamy, is it an offence and if so what is the penalty for marrying more wives than one, whom you cannot manage?

A. It is an offence in certain countries and certain communities. Apart from the legal punishments, having as many mothers-in-law as wives, is the greatest punishment.