

PPENDIX III—continued.

of cross references would be advisable. (Excerpt from letter): "I feel that the hospital records properly made and properly filed are amongst the most useful possessions of the profession and especially of the municipality, and I believe that most hospital records are abortive for the reason that a proper organization is lacking."

Prof. Osler: Paid medical and surgical registrars. Plenty of clerical help. The state of the hospital records is an index of the intelligence of the staff and the care with which the patient's maladies are studied.

Prof. Byrom Bramwell: Great importance ought to be assigned to clinical records. Each physician should be made primarily responsible for seeing that sufficiently full case records are kept.

Prof. Stewart: The director of each department, and under him, his house men should be responsible for the clinical records. They are of essential importance.

Prof. Allbutt: There is only one way to have trustworthy records; namely, the appointment of a medical registrar. The registrar should be a highly qualified young man who would look to the opportunity as opening the way to the senior ranks. The work would fill practically the whole time—associated, as it will be, with research in the cases—of each registrar.

Prof. Bradford: The clinical records should be under the control of a special officer appointed *ad hoc*, *i.e.*, a registrar.

Prof. Mott: The physician in charge of the patient is really responsible for the mode in which the notes of each case are taken. A medical registrar, on salary, should keep the records. The post should be held only by the best qualified men and should be considered the first step to the medical staff. The registrar instructs the clinical clerks. It is a good plan for physician in charge to dictate notes when making a physical examination of a case.

7. Would you consider it advisable to arrange a scheme of reciprocity with similar hospitals in other centres with reference to appointment of medical internes?

Prof. Fitz: No, the positions should be awarded after competitive examinations.

Prof. G. Thompson: No; take them from your own university.

Prof. Stockton: Not prepared to answer this.

Prof. L. F. Barker: Yes.