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### THE SOCIETY

With regard to Public Business, the Addresses and Dissertations have been well received throughout the session. Private Business has been unusually well supported. The occasional introduction of guests, at Second Private Business, to lead discussion on particular topics has proved to be of particular value. Of the Inaugural Address, much is reproduced in this issue. The President's Valedictory Address, witty and informative, and likewise largely historical in content, dealt with the history of general practice.

Throughout the session, the Public Business Committee has been active in arranging film evenings, ward visits and other social functions. The Annual Ball, held in the Carlton Hotel was well-supported by members. The excellent cuisine and the warm esprit (to coin a phrase) both helped make a most pleasant and enjoyable evening.

### ALIENATION OF THE INDEX MEDICUS

The question of alienating the Cumulative Index Medicus has again been raised. The annual subscription for this publication is high, the volumes are rarely consulted, and only a few of the periodicals referred to are available in the Society's rooms. The Society possesses the series complete except for the first two volumes. It is regrettable that such a need should arise, but, in accordance with the Obligation, the first step has been taken and the Librorum Custos was empowered to find, if possible, a worthwhile market.

### THE JOURNAL

We are proud to publish in this issue the second in the series "Abdominal Crises," provided by Mr. I. S. R. Sinclair, Senior Lecturer, and Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, and an article provided by Professor Whitteridge. The lecture, given to students in the Royal Infirmary and on which the article is based, has aroused the greatest interest.

To the coming session, the Society looks forward with confidence. The election of Mr. John Calvert to the office of Senior President gave the greatest pleasure, and the traditions of the Society will certainly be maintained.