

## BRAIN

### 1878 - 1978

In 1866 James Chrichton-Browne became medical director of the West Riding Asylum at Wakefield. In 1871 he founded and edited the annual West Riding Lunatic Asylum Medical Reports. These, the first of their kind in great Britain included contributions from J. Hughlings Jackson, Chrichton-Browne, Sir David Ferrier and others. The last volume appeared in 1876; the first volume of its successor, *Brain* appeared in 1878.

The BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL reviewing the first number wrote as follows. "The first number is extremely good. It has a valuable series of original papers, all of which deserve reading. This is the best neurological journal which has yet appeared, and, if it can be maintained at its present standard, deserves permanent success. It will be indispensable to working students of the physiology and disease of the nervous system". The LANCET reviewed the first issue "No doubt there is room for a journal of this character, and the names of the editors may be accepted as a guarantee that the whole area of the subject will be adequately represented, and that publication will not be allowed soon to become the exponent of any particular school."

The first seven years of publication were edited by Sir John Charles Bucknill, John Hughlings Jackson, Sir James Chrichton-Browne, and Sir David Ferrier. From April, 1885 to 1887 the

Journal was edited by the first four editors above plus James Ross and Thomas Buzzard. Armand de Watteville was also a co-editor from 1883 and sole editor from 1887 to 1900. Robert Percy Smith was editor from 1901 to 1904 and Sir Henry Head from 1905 to 1921. He was followed by Sir Gordon Morgan Holmes from 1922 to 1937 and Sir Francis Martin Rouse Walshe from 1938 to 1953. Lord Brain was editor from 1954 to 1966, Denis Williams from 1967 to 1974 and Charles Garrett Phillips, has been editor from 1975.

Professor Charles Phillips, Editor and Dr. Ronald Henson, Deputy Editor of *Brain* organized a scientific and social celebration to mark the occasion of 100 years of continuous publication of *BRAIN*. They did a superb job. The event was marked by one day of papers, both scientific and historical and a dinner. The celebrations were held in the Royal College of Physicians Building in London.

Professor Phillips and Dr. Henson chose excellent speakers and topics for the scientific program. Professor Phillips started the day with a short general introduction which was instructive and entertaining. This was followed by Dr. R. A. Henson who gave an account of the past editors of *BRAIN*. Cortical cytoarchitectonics was then presented

by Dr. T. P. S. Powell and this was followed by Dr. P. B. C. Matthews on muscle spindles and "muscle sense".

Dr. M. Vogt presented a paper on "The Impact on Neurology of 40 Years; Advances in Pharmacology". Dr. Louis Sokoloff then spoke on "Mapping of Local Cerebral Function Activity by Measurement of Local Cerebral Glucose Utilization with <sup>14</sup>C Deoxyglucose". The last paper of the day by Dr. Richard Johnson was entitled "Selective Vulnerability of the Neuro Cells to Viral Infection".

The celebrations were concluded with dinner in the Osler Room of the Royal College of Physicians. Those attending the dinner included the President of the Royal College of Physicians, the Editor, editorial staff, and guarantors of *Brain*, as well as editors of a number of other publications. These included Dr. A. B. Smith (Neuroscience), Dr. C. M. Munro (Lancet), Dr. L. P. Roland (Neurology), Professor T. A. Sears (Journal of Physiology), Professor W. B. Matthews (Journal of the Neurological Sciences), Dr. R. T. Ross (Canadian Journal of Neurological Sciences), Dr. S. P. Lock (British Medical Journal), Dr. A. Capon (Acta Neurologica et Psychiatrica Belgica), Dr. R. A. Fishman (Annals of Neurology), and Professor G. Baumgartner (Schweitz. Arch. f. Neurologie).