

ABOUT OURSELVES.

Senior Medical Officers' Conference.

The third week of January, 1954, will be long remembered as an important landmark in the development of the Medical Services of the Indian Air Force. For the first time senior medical officers met at a conference at Air Headquarters, New Delhi to discuss various medical problems of the I. A. F. The conference was presided by Group Captain P. P. Chowdry, Director of Medical Services (Air). The first two days 22nd and 23rd January were devoted to the scientific session. Several interesting papers were presented, some of which appear in this journal. On the third day medical administrative problems were discussed.

Air Commodore Arjan Singh, Air Officer Personnel and Organisation, addressed the officers and briefly outlined the future of the medical branch of the I. A. F. He stated that a gathering of this nature was of great value as it enables units to discuss their various difficulties and problems. He stressed the importance of Aviation Medicine and the responsibility of medical officers in the care of the flier in the present Jet age of flying. He expressed the hope that more and more medical officers will take to the air and thus help to solve the many medical problems which face our pilots and aircrews.

D. M. S. (Air) welcomed all officers and stressed the importance of setting up high professional and service standards for the medical care and treatment. He said, higher the standards we establish today better will be the foundations around which our young medical service will grow. He was pleased with the work done by them, and would like to see greater effort in the future. All medical officers must remember the heavy responsibilities that rest on their shoulders in a growing service like the Air Force.

Annual Dinner.

The Medical Dinner was held on the 22nd January, 1954, at the IAF Officers' Mess, New Delhi. The Commander-in-Chief was our chief guest. Other guests of the evening were the Deputy Air Chief, Principal Staff Officers, A. O. C. Operational Command, Air Commodore P. C. Lal, Deputy Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat (Military Wing), Station Commanders and the P. M. C. A very pleasant evening indeed.

Social Activities.

For the visiting officers, a Garden Tea Party was organised on the 23rd January at the Central Vista Mess. The beautiful Mess garden was in full bloom. The charming ladies in their colourful saris added glamour to a cold and sunny delightful afternoon.

On Sunday morning, 25th January, we went cricketing to Palam, as guests of the P.M.O. and medical officers of the Operational Command. The cricket match was played between the medical officers of the Command Vs. Rest. The match was followed by lunch at the Officer's Mess.

Articles for the Next Issue of the Journal.

All medical officers are invited to submit original articles of medical interest for publication. Articles should be forwarded in duplicate typed in double space to the Secretary, Aero Medical Society, Medical Directorate, Air Headquarters, New Delhi.