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Dear Fellow Congressmen:

The 1969 meeting of the Congress promises to be one of the best ever! Now it is time for each of us to start making plans and reservations for the trip to Boston. Pre-registration is now underway. In view of the fact that room space in Boston is tight at this particular time, and the hotel cannot guarantee that rooms will be available for reservations made after September 1st, members should send their hotel reservation cards directly back to the Sheraton-Boston Hotel as soon as possible. Remember the meeting is to be held at the Sheraton-Boston, not the Sheraton-Plaza, which is also in Boston.

The various committees have worked hard and have done an excellent job in working out the details for the Scientific Program, Local Arrangements, and the Supplementary Convention to the Congress of Neurological Surgeons in Bermuda.

HONORED GUEST

Our Honored Guest, Dr. Wallace B. Hamby, was born in Ennis, Texas, and lived most of his early life in Georgia, which probably accounts for his warm and friendly manner and for the slight drawl that has remained with him. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1924. His alma mater bestowed upon him her Distinguished Service Award in 1967. He is a member of many professional and non-professional societies and has been President of the American Academy of Neurological Surgery and Vice President of the Harvey Cushing Society.

An early interest in vascular problems of the central nervous system was evidenced by Dr. Hamby's first medical paper in 1933 while he was still a resident at the Cleveland Clinic. He and his chief, Dr. W. James Gardner, published an account of their efforts in controlling pulsating exophthalmos due to carotid-cavernous fistulas. In this paper, they reported the first successful intracranial ligation of the carotid artery.

Upon completion of this training, Dr. Hamby established the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Buffalo. He was Professor of Neurosurgery for almost twenty years and, for a time, Professor of Neurology as well. He developed the department and training program into a center of international reputation.

In 1960 our Honored Guest returned to the Cleveland Clinic as Head of the Department of Neurological Surgery, succeeding Dr. Gardner. More than twenty five men have had part or all of their training under his tutelage.

His interest in the surgical treatment of intracranial vascular lesions continued to occupy his attention throughout his career. He is the author of twenty one papers on varied aspects of intracranial vascular problems and has also written two books on this subject, one of which, Intracranial Aneurysms, has become the standard reference text for neurosurgeons and related specialties throughout the world.

Dr. Hamby is a master surgical technician who makes the difficult seem routine. The ease and skill with which he accomplishes surgery perhaps is a reflection of his artistic talent, which is also manifested in his hobbies of painting, drawing and carving. The development of new operative techniques and instruments has always been an important phase of his surgical achievement; in fact, thirteen of his papers have been concerned with this area of endeavor.

He has made important contributions in the treatment of tic douloureux, intervertebral disc protrusions, spinal cord tumors, intractable pain, and involuntary movement disorders. He elucidated the clinical features of surgical air embolism and described a successful method of treatment. His literary efforts have not been confined to the technology of neurosurgery. He has maintained a keen interest in medical history, particularly in regards to the life and works of Ambroise Paré. He is an authority on Paré and has written three books about him, one of which is a translation of Paré's case reports and autopsy records.

Dr. Hamby has the ability to classify, organize and record surgical and clinical experience, as well as literature, photographs, etc., in a most useful and meaningful fashion. This self-disciplined effort is one of the facets of his personality for residents and associates to emulate.

In November of 1968, because of the Clinic's compulsory retirement ruling, our Honored Guest left Cleveland for Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he claims to have given up the practice of neurosurgery in favor of a life of ease. He and his wife, Mary Jane, are trying to lower their golf handicaps by means of frequent trips to the links. He has found that there is scarcely time in the day to accomplish all the projects he has put off in anticipation of these days of leisure.

SEMINARS IN FUNDAMENTAL NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY

As in the past years, the Seminars in Fundamental problems will start off our Boston meeting. Bill Coxe and his group have arranged four excellent talks by well known experts. They are: "The Anatomy of the Hypothalamus" by Dr. Walle Nauta, "Hypothalamic Control of the Anterior Pituitary" by Dr. Seymour Reichlin, "Neurological Manifestations of Hypothalamic Disease" by Dr. Joseph Martin, and "The Physiology and Pharmacology of Brain Catecholamines" by Dr. Richard Wurtman.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Barton Brown and his committee have done an unusual job of getting the program together and they all deserve our thanks.

AUXILIARY

of the

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

August 1969

(PLEASE TAKE HOME TO YOUR WIFE)

Dear Auxiliary Member:

You are coming to Boston, of course! It's going to be far too much fun to miss. And that includes our Annual Meeting and Luncheon. It will be held out of the hotel at a nautical restaurant known for its seafood and our entertainment will be a Wig Show with lots of good ideas to help each one be more attractive.

I saw Boston under three feet of snow this winter, with hardly a footprint to mar the fields along the route of Paul Revere's ride (where we'll be touring). It ought to be equally beautiful with the first signs of autumn touching those rolling hills. Please do come in time to go with us Tuesday afternoon.

The Mother Church of Christ Scientist is one of the main tourist sights in Boston. We'll be walking through a colored glass "map" of the world and seeing how the Christian Science Monitor is published, as well as admiring the lovely church. Don't get there ahead of us and we'll all go together Friday afternoon.

I'm so glad you're coming.....see you there!!!

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SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

The call for Scientific Exhibits has met a warm response. Over twenty excellent exhibits are expected at the Boston meeting. As usual, George Ablin has done a good job.

FREE AFTERNOON

On Wednesday afternoon, September 17, a free afternoon is scheduled. Bob Ojemann and his Local Arrangements Committee have planned a trip to Old Sturbridge Village followed by dinner at the Yankee Drummer Inn. The visitor to Old Sturbridge Village turns his back on the Twentieth Century and steps into a New England country town of 150 years ago. A center of living history which brings to life the way people lived, worked, and traded during the first fifty years of American independence, Old Sturbridge Village is made up of more than thirty eight antique buildings moved from various sections of New England and reconstructed on rolling acres. Craftsmen recreate the life lived in these buildings demonstrating spinning, weaving, printing, pottery making, the skills of blacksmiths, pewtersmiths, tinsmiths, cabinet makers as well as the family arts of fireplace cooking, herb gardening, and candle dipping. Here from all parts of New England have been assembled useful and decorative household objects, furniture and tools designed and made with Yankee ingenuity and craftsmanship during the early years of our nation. Tickets for this which will include the round trip bus ride, admission to Old Sturbridge Village, and the dinner will be included as part of the pre-registration information.

In addition to the trip to Old Sturbridge Village, there is another activity planned for the free afternoon on Wednesday, September 17. Nat Simkins of Codman & Shurtleff, Inc., is offering a tour of the Codman plant to all who are interested. Additional information and signups for the tour may be obtained at the Codman & Shurtleff booth. Tentatively, the tour will be from approximately noon until 4:30 P.M., and will include special emphasis upon the making of special instruments.

RESIDENTS

The Congress will be hosts to residents in neurosurgery again this year. The residents will be housed in the Mid-Town Motor Inn which is separated by approximately two blocks from the Sheraton-Boston. Registration, rooms, a beer party, a breakfast, and certain other Congress functions will be complimentary. If you are inviting residents to attend, please remember that the invitation should be through Shelley Chou, Chairman of the Residents' Committee. Also, remind your residents that only those who are pre-registered will be assigned free rooms in the Mid-Town Motor Inn and that they will be billed personally for hotel charges other than the multiple occupancy rooms and the functions that are complimentary, from the Congress.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The Placement Committee has arranged a meeting for residents seeking placement and any practicing neurosurgeon who wishes to talk with them. The meeting will be at 6:30 P.M. in the Commonwealth Room of the Sheraton-Boston immediately preceding the Congress residents' beer party on Monday, September 15. Plan to attend if you need an assistant or partner or just want to 'test the water'.

MESSAGE CENTER

The telephone number of the Sheraton-Boston is (Area Code 617) 236-2000. For messages during the meeting, call this number and ask for the Congress Message Center. Please be sure to give this number to your secretary.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Harvey Frederick Wachsman

If any Congress member wishes to comment on any of the above applicants, please write to Chairman, Membership Committee: James T. Robertson, M.D., 101-B, 20 S. Dudley, Memphis, Tennessee 38103, within the next thirty (30) days.

PROGRAM BOOK

The packets containing the Program Book, hotel reservation card, pre-registration card, brochures, etc. were mailed between August 1st and 8th. The Secretary has learned, however, that several went astray and were unduly delayed in delivery. If you have not received your Program Book, etc. by now, please notify the Secretary, (Bernard S. Patrick, M.D., 2500 North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39216), and another will be promptly forwarded to you.

CLINICAL NEUROSURGERY

Clinical Neurosurgery, Volume 16, which contains the proceedings of the Congress meeting in Toronto in 1968, is at the printers. This volume containing 480 pages is the largest to date and will be available in September.

OBITUARY

Nancy Tolmach, wife of Bob Tolmach of Miami died on July 18th of this year. The membership of the Congress extends its heartfelt sympathies to Bob and shares with him a great feeling of loss.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Since this is the last issue of the Newsletter that I will edit, I would like to thank all of the individuals who have helped with suggestions, news, and comments. Expecially, I would like to thank my secretary, Miss Georgene Pucci, who has done so much of the work for which I have taken the credit.

Julian Youmans, M.D.
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