

dictates of his conscience and thinking avow in the deliberations of our Council.

Second, and almost needless to say, it is a tremendous honor and privilege accorded me by this Association, and I have a feeling on that score of great personal pride.

Third and last, it is with a feeling of utmost humility I receive this distinction and its attendant responsibilities. I do, however, approach this coming year with a sincere and not unfounded conviction that an acceptable accounting will be given you at the end of the year. This I earnestly believe will be true, especially when one considers the staunch support the membership, as a whole, has given in the past to the officers, and its innumerable committees.

Further, to substantiate this feeling of a reasonably successful year, I am not unmindful of the unlimited and unstinting time devoted to our work by the Affiliate units, the Board of State Governors, and the Assembly of Delegates.

I am further reminded of the enormous task being performed by hard-working, careful, deliberative committees, which I am sure will likewise give a productive year.

And finally, I am reminded of the over-all unbiased critical analysis of one's work by our two great executive and administrative groups, the Executive Committee and the Council.

With the assistance and wisdom of these groups, and last, but surely not least, with the cooperative organizational guidance of that most praiseworthy group, our staff at the Central Office, presided over by our own Mr. J. Richard Connelly, an incoming officer has the right to feel some security of productivity for the Association.

In closing, may I simply say I thank you for this very high honor.

JOHN A. REED, M.D.

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Hotel Mark Hopkins in San Francisco will be headquarters for the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the American Diabetes Association to be held June 21-22, 1958, immediately prior to the Annual Session of the American Medical Association, June 23-27. Information about hotel reservations will be sent to members shortly.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Physicians and other scientists are invited by Francis D. W. Lukens, M.D., Chairman of the Committee on Scientific Programs, to submit abstracts of papers which they would like to present at the Scientific Sessions. Those interested are requested to submit eleven copies of the

abstracts to expedite review by the Committee. They should be sent to Dr. Lukens in care of the national office.

SIXTH POSTGRADUATE COURSE

As previously announced, the American Diabetes Association will hold its Sixth Postgraduate Course in Diabetes and Basic Metabolic Problems Jan. 22, 23 and 24, 1958, in Atlanta, Georgia. Christopher J. McLoughlin, M.D., Atlanta, will serve as Director, with C. Raymond Arp, M.D., and Walter L. Bloom, M.D., Atlanta, as Associate Directors. This will be the first meeting of the Association to be held in the Southeast. Members and others who expect to attend may also wish to take advantage of this Georgia location in planning their winter vacations.

The preliminary program will be sent to the members of the Association in the near future. At the present time, the following half-day titles have been determined: "Hormonal Influences in Diabetes Mellitus" (Wednesday morning, January 22); "Special Considerations in Diagnosis," concluding with a Questions and Answers period (Wednesday afternoon, January 22); "Treatment" (Thursday morning, January 23); "Problems Encountered in the Treatment of Diabetes," followed by a panel discussion (Thursday afternoon, January 23); "Stress and Strain" (Friday, January 24 *all day*); "Socio-economic Problems of the Diabetic," (Friday morning, January 24). On Friday afternoon there will be a panel of the day's participants.

The Atlanta Biltmore will serve as headquarters hotel and registrants for the Course will be furnished with reservation cards. Those who plan to attend the Course are urged to register as soon as possible. Fees are \$40 for members and \$75 for nonmembers of the Association. All inquiries and applications should be addressed to the national office of the American Diabetes Association.

THIRD IDF CONGRESS

Plans are being formulated to charter a plane so that members of the American Diabetes Association and its Affiliates may, at reduced rates, attend the next Congress of the International Diabetes Federation at Dusseldorf, Germany. The Congress will be held July 21-25, 1958.

Dr. Howard F. Root, Vice President of IDF, has arranged that inquiries and reservations should be addressed to the Manning Travel Bureau, Hotel Kenmore, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.