

Clinical Research

Chairman: O. K. Skinsnes

Dr. Binford. We shall now go on to clinical investigations. Dr. Skinsnes, Professor of Pathology at the University of Chicago, is, as you know, well known in leprosy work. He was for several years Senior Lecturer at the University of Hong Kong, and while there became greatly interested in leprosy. He is doing what Dr. Cochrane has urged, viz., bringing leprosy research into a university circle. We are much pleased that he will this afternoon be the chairman of the session on clinical research.

Dr. Skinsnes. Pathologists have been happy to attend a conference avowedly dedicated to study of bottleneck problems in cultivating mycobacteria, particu-

larly *M. leprae*. Like Dr. Binford I have a personal aversion to counting bacilli, but I am awed by those who have the patience, the persistence and the dexterity to do so. We are more concerned with the functions of tissue resistance to pathogens than with the technic of the cultivation of *M. leprae*, but we stand waiting breathlessly for somebody to cultivate enough of the organism to give us more tools to work with. We have several interesting papers this afternoon. Dr. Browne from Nigeria and many other parts of the world, whom we have met at many conferences before, who is known to all of us, and needs no further introduction, will speak on "Some clinical problems awaiting solution by research."