The annual meeting of the American Gastroscopic Society held at the Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago on June 10, 1956 was high-lighted by two foreign guests: Dr John Tomenius of Stockholm, Sweden and Dr. P. E. Thompson Hancock of London, England.

The President, Dr. Donovan C. Browne, in the Chairman's address reviewed the accomplishments of the Society. He stressed the need of stimulating research to improve the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the esophagus and stomach. To implement this, he appointed a new committee on research and created an editorial board for the Society's publication.

Dr. Tomenius described the removing of tissue from the stomach for the differentiation of benign and cancerous diseases of the stomach by a new method which he has developed.

Dr. Hancock discussed the methods of performing gastroscopy in England and his own experience of taking tissue from the stomach.

Another outstanding feature of the program was the new method of taking motion pictures of the diseases of the esophagus and stomach which has been developed by Dr. Paul H. Holinger of Chicago.

These newer methods of examining the stomach and esophagus were demonstrated in the clinical session arranged by Drs. Leonidas H. Berry and Frederick Steigmann at the Cook County Hospital on Monday June 11th.

The following members participated in the program: Drs. R. Schindler, E. D. Palmer, E. B. Benedictt and John Tomenius.

At the final scientific session the following members were elected as officers for the coming year:

President, Dr. John T. Howard

Vice President, Dr. Clifford Barborka

Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. W. Wirts