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he could have acquired enough of the local English to be seen by the most scrupulous inquisitor as a menace to the faith of the common people. Was the brass ball, perhaps, given as bullets were given, to bite on? If so, the example of the practice of Montpellier may not have been entirely lost on the philosopher turned inquisitor who had recorded a practice of thoughtfulness for the *forefaciens*.

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THE new Rare Book Room of the Biomedical Library, UCLA, was formally opened 5 February, 1968 during inaugural ceremonies for a five-day International Symposium on the History of Medical Education sponsored by the Department of Medical History, UCLA, and supported by the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation. A bronze plaque was unveiled by Chancellor Franklin D. Murphy as an expression of appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. John A. Benjamin of Rochester, New York, for their extensive and distinguished contributions to the historical holdings of the Biomedical Library. In their honour also the Catalogue and First Supplement of the John A. Benjamin Collection of Medical History was reprinted and a Second Supplement issued. Compiled by Martha Teach Gnudi, the latter lists some fifty books presented by the Benjamins during the past two years. An exhibit of manuscripts, incunabula and first editions from the Benjamin Collection was mounted in the Rare Book Room.

A large exhibition of books, manuscripts, scrolls and artifacts illustrating the traditional medical system of the Chinese people, on loan from the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum, was opened with a talk by Dr. John Z. Bowers, President of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation on the Sunday afternoon preceding the Symposium.