

BIRTHPLACE OF THE HUNTERS

The Times (24 August 1956) gave an account of the appeal for an endowment fund of £20,000 to maintain the birthplace of William and John Hunter at Long Calderwood, East Kilbride, as a place of pilgrimage, a museum, and a possible research centre. More than £2,000 has already been raised in Scotland towards the cost of restoring the fabric of the old farm-house, but a further £1,500 is urgently required to complete this first stage of the project. The wider appeal is sponsored by the East Kilbride Development Corporation, Glasgow University, the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, and the Western Regional Hospital Board. Contributions are invited by the Hon. Treasurer, Hunter House Memorial Fund, Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 242 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2.

MEDICAL HISTORY CONGRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1957

A JOINT meeting of the First Pan-American Congress of the History of Medicine and the Third Brazilian Congress of the History of Medicine will be held at Rio de Janeiro, 14–21 April 1957. The Congress is being organized by the Instituto Brasileiro de Historia da Medicina and the Secretary-General is Dr. Ordical Cassiano Gomes, Rua México, 164–2º Andar, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The main theme of the Congress will be Pre-Colombian Medicine, but papers on other aspects of the history of medicine and its related sciences and on medical philosophy, ethics, literature and folk-lore, may also be presented. Papers which should not exceed thirty double-spaced typewritten pages, must be sent to the Secretary-General before 28 February 1957.

HISTORICAL LECTURES AT MANCHESTER

ON 23 October 1956 Dr. Denis Leigh delivered a lecture on 'Recurrent Themes in the History of Psychiatry' as one of the series of lectures on the History of Medicine now being given at the Manchester Medical School. (Dr. Leigh's lecture will be published in a future issue of *Medical History*.)

On 19 February 1957 Dr. William Brockbank will speak on 'The Debt of Medicine to her Undergraduate Students', and on 5 March Dr. Peter Bishop on 'The Life and Work of Thomas Addison'.