

News, Notes and Queries

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LETTERS OF PURKYNĚ

DR. VLADISLAV KRUTA (Komenského nám 2, Brno, Czechoslovakia), who has recently completed an edition of the complete works of Johann Evangelista Purkyně (1787–1869), is now editing the correspondence of the great physiologist. He would be glad to be informed of the whereabouts of any letters by or concerning Purkyně, especially any written to Martin Barry (1802–55) and any that show Purkyně's relations with the Royal Society. [A note on the new edition of Purkyně's Works and on recent studies of him appeared in *Brit. med. Bull.*, 1950, VII, 99.—Ed.]

GEORGE BERKELEY AND MEDICINE

THE recently published eighth volumes of *The Works of George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne*, edited by Dr. A. A. Luce, Berkeley Professor of Metaphysics, Trinity College, Dublin (London: Thomas Nelson & Sons, Ltd., 1956), contains Berkeley's *Letters*. Many of these deal with his famous specific, tar-water, and have references to Arbuthnot, Garth and other medical men. Twelve letters written by Berkeley to his disciple Samuel Johnson (1696–1772), President of King's College, New York, are mainly concerned with the sending of a collection of books for the library of Yale College. It may be noted that Berkeley's tracts on tar-water are contained in Vol. V of this definitive edition of the *Works*, published in 1953.

WELLCOME MEDAL AND PRIZE IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

THE Wellcome Medal and Prize for 1956 was awarded to Dr. E. W. Horton for his essay on 'The Early History of Endocrinology'.

The next award of the Medal and Prize will be in July 1957 for the best essay on 'Harvey's Treatise on the Circulation of the Blood'. Competitors must have been Members of the University Class of the History of Medicine within a period of five years preceding the date of award.

Essays must be lodged with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Edinburgh, on or before 1 May 1957.