

### *News, Notes and Queries*

1839, further confirmation, & expansion, of Petit's observat. I think you have that vol. ∴ you wrote you did not require my copy.

Oddly the whole 'cerv. symp.' paral. syndrome was not clinically recognized as such until E. S. Hare, a house surgeon at Stafford Gen. Hospital did so in a paper on a hard tumour in the neck, in 1838. He died that year, & never got the credit, which—as so often—went to a continental surgeon later—Horner (Horner's syndrome). Ferrier described dilat. of pupil on stim. 2nd thorac. spinal root *i.e.* origin of cerv. symp. in monkey, Roy. Soc. Proc. 1883. There is a picture of result in monkey of cutting cerv. symp. in a paper by me, J. of Physiol. vol. XIII. pl. XXI (drawn by Lapidge) 1892 *i.e.* the cerv. symp. syndrome. . . .

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

C. S. Sherrington.

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The second paper shows Sherrington's penetrating and sardonic intellect still 'asking the right questions' as he pursued the vagaries of truth and error through the pages of his predecessors in his ninety-third year. The notes are written on the back of a letter dated 16 June 1949, written to him on a quite different topic, which he gave to the library among some autographs of distinguished men.

The heart is the seat of sleep. *Yes.* 1668.

Movement of the heart due to fermentation of the blood. *No.* 1665.

Is the action of the heart after the manner of a muscle. *Yes.* 1688.

Is the blood driven by the sole energy of the heart. *No.* 1688.

Whether man's life is due to the circuit of the blood. *Yes.* 1689.

Is not bleeding from a vein the main & universal remedy for all major illnesses? *No.* 1691.

Is not bleeding from a vein at every period of life the chief and universal remedy for all major illnesses? *Yes.* 1687.

Whether disease deducible from the o of blood. *Yes.* 1693.

The movement of the dura mater due to the heart. *Yes.* 1726.

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## JOSIAH C. TRENT COLLECTION IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

*Fifty English Medical Books, 1525–1640* is an annotated catalogue of an exhibition in the Trent Room at Duke School of Medicine Library on the occasion of the Twenty-ninth Annual Meeting of the American Association of the History of Medicine. Compiled with loving care by Henry Schuman and Martha Alexander, the brochure was designed as a souvenir for those who

attended the meeting, but it will appeal to all medical bibliophiles. Dr. Trent was a young thoracic surgeon who, before his lamented death in 1948 at the age of thirty-four, collected with great discrimination a remarkable library of early medical books which now forms a permanent memorial to him at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina. As is pointed out in the foreword to this catalogue, early English books formed only one section of Dr. Trent's library. Dr. John Fulton, in his moving tribute to Dr. Trent (*J. Hist. Med.*, 1948, 3, 467-472) noted that the Trent library covered the whole range of medical history, and stated that 'its many rarities place it high among the collections in this country in private possession'. The earliest monuments of English medicine have a special appeal for many collectors, and British readers will note with interest that at least fourteen of the treasures described came from the library of the late Sir D'Arcy Power. All the books listed are of the highest quality and rarity, but special mention may be made of a thick paper copy of the first edition of Harvey's *De Motu Cordis*.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM HARVEY

THE *Guide to the Literature on William Harvey*, compiled by Dr. W. R. Bett, and published by Smith Kline and French Laboratories, Ltd., was one of the most useful by-products of the Harvey Tercentenary Congress. This admirably printed pamphlet is intended to pinpoint some of the more important and interesting of the innumerable writings about Harvey. It is a useful supplement to the selective bibliography of Harvey contained in the Wellcome Historical Medical Library's *Current Work in the History of Medicine* (January-March 1956). The annotated list of Harveian Orations will be particularly valuable—above all to future Orators.

## HARVEY TERCENTENARY

Dr. Kenneth Keele's Address on 'William Harvey, the Man and the College of Physicians,' which was printed under the above heading in the July issue of *Medical History* (pp. 265-278), was delivered at the Royal College of Physicians of London on 28 February, 1957.