

News, Notes and Queries

SUPPLEMENT TO C. H. TALBOT AND E. A. HAMMOND, *THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS IN MEDIEVAL ENGLAND: A BIOGRAPHICAL REGISTER*

In 1965, the Wellcome Historical Medical Library published *The medical practitioners in medieval England: A biographical register*, prepared by Charles Talbot and Eugene Hammond. The work became a standard reference book, and its users need not be reminded of the service it has provided to all branches of medieval studies.

Nearly twenty years have passed since the book's publication, and, as its editors foresaw, advances in scholarship have brought to light a number of additions and corrections to the original volume. For that reason, Dr F. M. Getz and Dr V. Nutton, of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, are preparing a supplement, which will be presented in the first instance in *Medical History*, prior to being incorporated with additional material in a revision of *Medical practitioners*.

The editors of the supplement are asking scholars to contribute additional names they may have encountered in their own research, as well as corrections to the existing text, updating of bibliographical material, and instances where practitioners already listed have again appeared in other sources. The names of contributors will be acknowledged, and they may expect the first part of the supplement to come out in early 1984. Editorial policy will differ in the supplements somewhat from that of *Medical practitioners*. First of all, barbers and apothecaries will be included, even if they are not shown to have acted in a medical capacity. Second, the terminal date for the supplement has been extended forward to include practitioners who flourished before 1550.

The editors have prepared a form for use by contributors. Copies may be obtained, suggestions offered, and further information received, by writing to: Dr F. M. Getz, The Wellcome Institute, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP, England.

THE INTERNATIONAL HIPPOCRATIC FOUNDATION OF COS (IHFC)

The International Hippocratic Foundation of Cos was founded in 1960 with the purpose of reviving the Hippocratic tradition and ethic in medical thought and practice. It is a non-profit organization and, although formed primarily for members of the medical profession, it is also open to scholars and scientists in different fields who are motivated by its humanistic aims.

The main fields of activities of the Foundation are: (1) The promotion of the formation in each country of a National Chapter. (2) The creation in Cos of an International Medical Centre for meetings, teaching, and research in the human problems of medicine. The Centre will house the International Hippocratic House as well as National Pavilions of different countries. Part of the International Hippocratic House, with administrative offices and three conference chambers (150 seats each), is

already built and, since April 1979, has been functioning for scientific meetings. The remaining part to be built will include a large auditorium (1200 seats), an open-air amphitheatre, a museum of ancient Greek medicine, a library specializing in the literature concerning the Hippocratic writings, a restaurant, and a pavilion with boarding facilities for visitors. (3) The stimulation of studies on the Hippocratic writings. (4) The creation of an International Hippocratic Prize for major contributions in the field of medicine. (5) The furthering of the campaign to plant around the world trees derived from the original Hippocratic plane-tree of Cos (*Platanus orientalis Hippocratis*), to symbolize the continuity of the Hippocratic tradition through the ages to the present time. (6) The contribution to the better understanding and closer friendship between nations, by strengthening the spiritual links among physicians and scientists around the world.

Further information regarding membership and subscription may be obtained from the British representative: Dr Alex Sakula, MD, FRCP, Pilgrims Corner, Pilgrims Way, Reigate, Surrey.

CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF FOOT CARE AND FOOTWEAR

The Center for the History of Foot Care and Footwear was established at the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine in 1981. The Center welcomes contributions and enquiries from anyone interested in the history of chiropody-podiatry, all aspects of foot disorders and their treatment, and the history of footwear. Please address correspondence to the Director, Mrs Lisabeth M. Holloway, MLS, Center for the History of Foot Care and Footwear, Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine, 8th at Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107, USA.

HISTORY OF ANTHROPOLOGY

History of Anthropology is a new journal in book form, published annually. The first volume will be available in late 1983, and may be ordered from the University of Wisconsin Press. Each volume will contain several essays selected by the distinguished editorial board. All correspondence concerning editorial matters should be addressed to George W. Stocking Jr. (HOA), Department of Anthropology, 1126 E. 59th Street, University of Chicago, Illinois 60637, USA.

THEORETICAL MEDICINE

As from Volume 4 (1983), the journal *Metamedicine* has changed its name to *Theoretical Medicine* (An International Journal for the Philosophy and Methodology of Medical Research). Full details are available from D. Reidel Publishing Company (Dordrecht, Boston, and London).