

FACULTY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
AND PHARMACY

THE Third British Congress on the History of Medicine and Pharmacy will be held in London on 26–28 September 1962. The Congress theme is 'The Evolution of British Hospitals' and the Congress President will be the Rt. Hon. the Lord Amulree. A number of leading authorities on the subject have already accepted invitations to contribute papers and by the courtesy of Mr. Michael Perrin, C.B.E., F.R.I.C., the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a reception will be held in the Great Hall of the hospital on the evening of Thursday, 27 September. All who wish to attend the Congress are urged to register as soon as possible. The Congress fee is two guineas and application forms may be obtained from the Honorary Secretary, Dr. F. N. L. Poynter, The Wellcome Historical Medical Library, The Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, OSMANIA MEDICAL COLLEGE, HYDERABAD, FOR THE PERIOD 1956–61

THE Department of the History of Medicine, Osmania Medical College, owes its existence to the inspiration of the late Professor Henry E. Sigerist who urged the creation of a separate Department of the History of Medicine as an integral part of the programme for the development of postgraduate medical education in India. In 1955 the Department of the History of Medicine of Andhra Medical College was founded under the aegis of Dr. D. V. Subba Reddy who remained at its head when the Department was upgraded in 1958 and transferred to Osmania Medical College, Hyderabad. It is the only department of its kind in India, but its facilities and funds for the development of the library, museum, archives, art section and photography department are necessarily limited. Dr. Subba Reddy would be grateful for gifts of books, journals, pictures, letters and other material.

News, Notes and Queries

A NOTE ON THE MILDENHALL COTTAGE HOSPITAL

A copy of the first Annual Report of the Mildenhall (Suffolk) Cottage Hospital has come into my hands recently. The paper cover is inscribed, 'First annual report (the only copy left)—showing cost of furnishing etc.'. The foundation took place in 1868, during a decade which saw the great majority of cottage hospitals established and the Committee consisted of 'All Annual Subscribers of Two Guineas and upwards'. As twenty-six members qualified, according to the list in the report, it is to be hoped that they did not all attend the meetings.

The Ladies Committee superintended and supervised the domestic arrangements 'thus ensuring all necessary economy, consistent with every requisite for the comfort of the patients'. At this date, the Ladies Committee consisted of the wives of two of the