

## POLISH CONGRESS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The 8th Polish Congress of the History of Medicine was held at Warsaw from 10–14 June 1947. Russian interest in the history of medicine is well known by the recently published translations of medical classics such as Vesalius and Avicenna. Moscow University has a strong department in the charge of Professor B. D. Petrov, who has published a textbook for the use of students. The Principal Medical Library at Warsaw, under the direction of Dr. St. Konopka, has published a catalogue of its section on medical history for visitors to the 8th Polish Congress, and it is gratifying to find that all the chief works on the subject published in England since the war are held by that library. The attractively produced congress programme has the themes printed in Polish and Latin. Now that the Japanese and Chinese are also publishing a good deal on medical history this example might well be followed. It would be strange but appropriate if the use of a dead language should lead to greater mutual understanding between the different peoples of the world!

## THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND MEDICINE AT LIÈGE

Professor Marcel Florin, of the Université de Liège, has for many years been collecting and publishing materials on the history of medicine and science in Liège. His latest work on this subject, *Un Prince, deux Préfets*, traces the developments in scientific and medical organization during a period of political transition (1771–1830). A product of devoted local patriotism, this work shows what light can be thrown on general history by a medical historian who is handling documents and other primary sources with skill and understanding.