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NLM MICROFICHE CATALOGUE

The National Library of Medicine has published a microfiche catalogue of virtually all the catalogued titles in its collection. For the first time since the completion of the first *Index-catalogue* in 1895, NLM users will have available in a single published source information about the Library's holdings from the sixteenth century to the present.

The *NLM Catalog* (1984 ed.) consists of about 800 microfiche. Included among its approximately 575,000 citations are most of the holdings of the History of Medicine Division: sixteenth- to eighteenth-century monographs, serials, pamphlets, and dissertations (approximately 56,000 titles), and nineteenth-century monographs and serials (approximately 65,000 titles). In addition, it includes most of the modern manuscript collection, modern reference works and monographs in the history of medicine, and modern editions of early works. Citations are entered under personal and corporate names and under title.

Previously, information about NLM's holdings has been divided among several printed sources: the *National Library of Medicine current catalog* (1965 to the present), the *National Library of Medicine catalog* (1955–65), the *Armed Forces Medical Library catalog* (1950–55), and the *Index-catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon-General's Office*, series 1-5 (1880–1961). A portion of the early works in the Library's collection is listed in *A catalogue of sixteenth-century printed books in the National Library of Medicine* (1967), edited by Richard J. Durling, and *A short-title catalogue of eighteenth-century printed books in the National Library of Medicine* (1979), edited by John B. Blake. Now, in the microfiche catalogue, the user can find all the editions of the works of an author in a single listing, with the exceptions noted in the following paragraph.

Nineteenth- and twentieth-century dissertations and pamphlets, early manuscripts, most incunabula, and part of the modern manuscript collection do not appear in the microfiche catalogue. Some of this material will be included in future supplements. The *Index-catalogue* is still the primary source for searching the NLM's collection of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century pamphlets. They are listed by author and, in many cases, under subject headings as well. *A catalogue of incunabula and manuscripts in the Army Medical Library* (1948), edited by Dorothy M. Schullian and Francis E. Sommers, contains information about incunabula, early western manuscripts, and oriental manuscripts, which were in the NLM collection before 1948. For information about specific items that are not listed in any of these sources, the Reference Librarian, History of Medicine Division, should be consulted.

The microfiche catalogue was created from NLM's CATLINE database. All the citations on microfiche can also be searched online in CATLINE. This database may be searched, for a fee, at NLM and at many other medical libraries. CATLINE allows searching by year of publication, language, type of publication (e.g. monograph, serial, dissertation), and, in some cases, by country of publication, as well as by author and title. For instance, a list of works published in German in 1650 can be obtained by searching for a combination of language and year. NLM's early works have not been

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assigned subject headings, but CATLINE's textword searching capabilities enable the user to devise a search that includes some subject selection.

The *NLM catalog* (1984 ed.) may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, US Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. The stock number is 017-052-00156-2. The domestic price is \$65 and the foreign price is \$81.25. Quarterly supplements to the 1984 catalogue will be published to include works subsequently catalogued or entered online.

For further information about searching early works in the microfiche catalogue or in CATLINE, write: Dr John Parascandola, Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md. 20894, USA.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY (HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY)

The William Gies Foundation has awarded a grant to the Columbia University, Health Sciences Library, New York, NY 10032, USA. William Gies, author of the 1924 Carnegie Commission Report on Dentistry in the USA and Canada, was a professor of biochemistry at Columbia and a close colleague of William and Henry Sage Dunning, School of Dental and Oral Surgery. The grant will be used to catalogue and preserve the papers of Gies and the Dunning brothers, which contain original correspondence on the establishment of dental education in the early part of this century, and on the founding of the *Journal of Dental Research*.

SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The autumn seminar on 'French medicine' will be held fortnightly at the Institute of Historical Research, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1, at 5 p.m. from 24 October to 5 December. A one-day conference on 'Paramedics' will be held at Leicester on 25 October, organized by Roy Porter.

For further details, and all enquiries concerning the Society, please contact the Secretary, Linda Bryder, The Queen's College, Oxford OX1 4AW.

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON THE COMPARATIVE HISTORY OF MEDICINE—EAST AND WEST

The eleventh symposium in this series was held at the Fuji Institute of Education and Training at Susoni-shi, Shizuoka, Japan, from 31 August to 6 September 1986. The theme was 'The History of Hospitals', and the speakers included A. Gunji, T. Hasegawa, and J. Kusakari (Japan); Lindsay Granshaw (Wellcome Institute, London); A. P. Langeveld (The Netherlands); M. Rochaix (France); E. Seidler (West Germany); M. J. Vogel (Temple University, USA). The proceedings of this symposium will be published in 1987.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF PHILADELPHIA

The Francis C. Wood Institute for the History of Medicine of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia announces its Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Residency Program. Two grants of \$25,000 each will be awarded to scholars who will spend the academic year 1987-88 in residence conducting research in the College

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library and participating in the Wood Institute seminar programme. Grants will not be made for doctoral research. Deadline for applications is 15 January 1987. For further information please contact: Roselind Valentin, Wood Institute, 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, USA.

WELLCOME INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The following symposia will be held at the Institute (183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP):

17 October 1986 – Medical Charities and Medical Research

21 November 1986 – History of Self-Medication

30 January 1987 – History of the Pharmaceutical Industry

27 March 1987 – Brunonianism in Europe and America

22 May 1987 – Museums: Classification and Knowledge

11/12 June 1987 – Medicine and the Five Senses

The research seminar continues on the theme 'The History of Hospitals', and the Islamic seminar also continues on 'Science, Medicine, and Technology in Islamic Civilization: the Formative Period'. The seminar and reading group will study 'Plague'. Details of these and other events may be obtained from the Secretary to the Academic Unit at the above address.

MEMORIAL TO STEPHEN HALES (1677–1761)

The memorial floor to Stephen Hales in Teddington Parish Church (St Mary with St Alban), where he was "Perpedual Curate" from 1709 until his death, has now been replaced and reconsecrated. In 1980, Professor E. T. Pengelly of the University of California suggested this restoration, and assisted by Dr R. M. Chasson and Dr Alan Sykes, promoted the project and raised the necessary funds. A short biography of Hales and a note on the memorial floor is available from the church.