

Book Notices

ROBERT FORSTER and OREST RANUM (editors), *Medicine and society in France*, trans. by Elborg Forster and Patricia M. Ranum, Baltimore, Md., and London, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1980, 8vo, pp. ix, 176. \$5.95.

This volume in the useful series of translations from *Annales* will be of particular interest to readers of this journal. All of the articles in the present volume originally appeared in a special 1977 issue of *Annales*. They are of mixed quality, some rather long on rhetoric, but others of first-rate importance. Among the latter are Jacques Léonard on 'Women, religion, and medicine', and Muriel Joerger on eighteenth-century French hospitals. Other articles deal with popular medicine, obstetrics, occupational disease, physicians' *éloges*, and discussions of childhood. Most focus primarily on the Enlightenment. The translations read fluently, although there are a few signs of carelessness in editing and translation. For example, pharmacology and pharmacy are confused (p. 26), William Smellie is transmuted to Smellick (p. 75: he was "Smellic" in the original French article), and Daniel Roche's *Le siècle des lumières en Province* is given as "in press" (p. 85), correct at the time the article appeared in 1977 but not by the time the translation appeared.

TREVOR M. COOK, *Samuel Hahnemann. The founder of homoeopathic medicine*, Wellingborough, Northants, Thorsons, 1981, 8vo, pp. 192, illus., £7.95.

Trevor Cook's narrative biography, culled from the standard sources, offers a readable life of the first of the homoeopaths, even if the intellectual and medical foundations of Hahnemann's system are but cursorily treated, and the distinctions between homoeopathic and allopathic medicine too sharply and uncritically drawn. On the social history side, Dr. Cook's account has the merits of stressing Hahnemann's early concern with public health and sanitation, and of showing the intimate and lifelong connexions he has with the mighty and the titled, as patrons, patients, and providers of official positions.

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title in this list does not preclude the possibility of subsequent review. Items received, other than those assigned for review, are ultimately incorporated into the collection of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine.)

LUIS S. GRANJEL, *Imprenta medica vasca I*, Salamanca, Catedra de Historia de la Medicina, 1981, 8vo, pp. 94, illus., [no price stated].

RICHARD L. SUTTON jr., *The Suttons' texts of 1916–1975 and etiologic classification of diseases of the skin*, Kansas City, [the author], 1981, 8vo, pp. ix, 108, \$17.50 (available from the author, 3203 West 83rd Terrace, Leawood, Kansas 66206, U.S.A.).