

Book Notices

OWSEI TEMKIN and C. LILIAN TEMKIN (editors), *Ancient medicine: selected papers of Ludwig Edelstein*, Baltimore and London, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1987, 8vo, pp. xviii, 456, £10.60 (paperback).

When a slightly longer version of this volume was first published in 1967, Fridolf Kudlien's review for *Isis* welcomed Edelstein's interpretations of the central issues in the study of ancient medicine as "of lasting value and importance". The new paperback edition, produced in response to the growth of courses in ancient medicine in the last twenty years, certainly vindicates this judgment. Many of the topics covered here with originality and scholarship remain at the heart of the history of medicine; for example, the *Oath* as "a Pythagorean manifesto", the physician as craftsman, the relationship between philosophy and medicine, and the identification of the "genuine works" of Hippocrates. Edelstein's greatest achievement is perhaps his refusal to consider medicine outside the context of the cultures within which it was created, summed up in his statement that "ancient and modern medicine are far removed from one another. And the difference is one not only of detail, but of fundamental outlook".

BARRY E. CHRISTOPHERS, *A list of the works of Frederick Wood Jones 1879–1954*, second ed., Melbourne, The Author, 1985, 8vo, pp. xl, 124; *A supplement to the list of works of Frederick Wood Jones 1879–1954, second edition*, Melbourne, The Author, 1988, 8vo, pp. xxiii, 54 [details from Dr Barry E. Christophers, 377 Church St., Richmond, 3121 Victoria, Australia]

The second edition of this labour of love (the first edition was reviewed in *Medical History*, 1976, 20: 232) has now been issued with a supplement in which Dr Christophers lists a variety of Jones's publications uncovered during the past few years. Most of the new items are minor (abstracts, letters to scientific or medical periodicals, book reviews). In addition, the editor has included a brief list of unpublished drawings and manuscripts of Jones included in the latter's papers held in the library of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. For those who own the second edition, the supplement may be purchased separately.

MARY ANN HOFFMAN, *The Ross A. McFarland Collection in Aerospace Medicine and Human Factors Engineering*, 1. *Catalog of the Library*, Fordham Library Publications No. 2, 1987, 4to, pp. ix, 158; 2. (with ROBERTA A. RITCHIE) *Inventory of the manuscripts*, Fordham Library Publications No. 3, 1987, 4to, pp. xiv, 182; Dayton, Fordham Health Sciences Library, Wright State University School of Medicine [P.O. Box 927, Dayton OH 45401-0927, USA] \$15.00 each, post free (paperbacks).

Ross McFarland (1901–1976) is regarded as the father of aerospace medicine and the related human factors in aviation. On his death his widow donated his library to the Wright State University School of Medicine, in Dayton, Ohio, where by means of a grant from the National Library of Medicine in 1984, the catalogue of the collection was prepared for publication. The first volume consists of over 6,000 published monographs, technical reports, journals and video cassettes arranged by title, with name and subject indexes. Volume Two is an inventory of the manuscripts including research notes, unpublished reports and correspondence, both personal and general. There is an index of pictures, titles and a general index. The catalogue is both well and clearly printed and should provide an invaluable key to a rich and unique collection.