

Book Reviews

Edinburgh, has collected in this volume a number of historical, medical and philosophical essays which will appeal to many readers. Scientists will find special interest in the following papers: 'Surgeon Apothecaries and Physick Gardens', which tells of the days when botany was more closely linked with medicine; 'The Way of the Investigator', a dissertation on research; 'The Pursuit of the Infinitely Small', treating of the development of microscopy from Zacharias Janssen and Galileo onwards, and including the other pioneers, Malpighi, Leeuwenhoek, Swammerdam, Hooke and Grew; 'Ancient and Primitive Drugs', another tribute to the botanists, to which may be added for the benefit of pharmacologists, 'A Hundred Years of Chloroform'. The general reader, also, will enjoy the following essays: 'Dr. John Brown, "Rab", and "Marjorie"', which gives an accurate account of the short life of Marjorie Fleming, 'the youngest immortal in the world of letters'; 'Dr. Francis Adams of Banchory', a profound Greek scholar; 'Coryat's Crudities', a continental tour in 1608; 'In quest of the witch-doctor', based on a visit to Africa; '*Religio Medici*'; a tercentenary tribute; and 'Sherlock Holmes and Medicine', which extols the fog, hansom cabs and the furniture of 221B Baker Street with Holmes and Watson awaiting the expected client.

Introductory papers are: 'The Search for a Philosophy of Medicine' and 'On Writing a History of Medicine', *experto crede*. The other essays are cameos of medical history, and as examples may be mentioned, 'Harvey in Space and Time', and 'John Hunter: Surgeon and Naturalist'. The title of the book is appropriate, for like the two-faced Roman god, Dr. Guthrie looks to the past as well as to the future.

CONTRIBUTORS

- BROCK, W. H., M.Sc., Department of the History of Science, University of Leicester, University Road, Leicester.
- BRYN THOMAS, K., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.F.A.R.C.S., Garth Field, Mumbery Hill, Wargrave-on-Thames, Berkshire.
- COPEMAN, W. S. C., O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., 129 Harley Street, London W.1.
- DURLING, RICHARD J., M.A., A.L.A., National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, Maryland, U.S.A.
- EARLES, M. P., B.Pharm., M.Sc., Ph.D., F.P.S., School of Pharmacy, Chelsea College of Science and Technology, Manresa Road, London, S.W.3
- FORBES, THOMAS R., Ph.D., Department of Anatomy, Yale University School of Medicine, 333 Cedar Street, New Haven 11, Conn., U.S.A.
- ISKANDAR, A. Z., D.Phil., 193 Ramses Street, Cairo, Egypt, U.A.R.
- LEAKE, CHAUNCEY D., M.D., School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology, San Francisco 22, California, U.S.A.
- LEIGH, DENIS, M.D., F.R.C.P., The Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London S.E.5.
- PRIDAN, DANIEL, M.D., M.P.H., Department of Social Medicine and Public Health, Health Education Unit, The Hebrew University, Hadassah Medical School, Jerusalem, Israel.
- ROBERTS, R. S., B.A., Flat 3, Canberra Court, 102 Fordwych Road, London N.W.2.
- STANNARD, JERRY, Ph.D., Department of History of Science and Medicine, Yale University, New Haven, Conn, U.S.A.
- WHITTET, T. D., B.Sc., Ph.D., F.P.S., F.R.I.C., D.B.A., Pharmaceutical Department, University College Hospital, Gower Street, London W.C.1.
- WILSON, T. G., Litt.D., F.R.C.S.I., Hon. F.R.C.S. Eng., Hon. F.R.C.S. Edin., Hon. R.H.A., 3 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, Eire.