

Vesalius's *Fabrica*, it is an interesting work and contains original material. This study is based on original research and it corrects many errors that have been perpetuated in standard reference books.

## MEDICAL HISTORY AT YALE

THE Fifth Annual Report of the Yale University Department of the History of Medicine (1955–56) is a record of continued activity and achievement under Dr. Fulton's inspiring leadership. The report is dedicated to the memory of George Sarton, the eminent historian of science who died on 22 March 1956 at the age of seventy-one. The commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Professor Fulton's Chair at Yale (the first twenty years as Professor of Physiology, the last five as Professor of the History of Medicine) is modestly recorded and reference is also made to the tributes paid to Dr. W. W. Francis on the occasion of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Osler Club of McGill. Two publications which mark these happy occasions should be noted: they are the special double number of the *Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine* (December 1955–February 1956) dedicated to Dr. Fulton and containing a bibliography of his writings, and *W. W. Francis: Tributes from his Friends* (Montreal, privately printed, 1956).

Dr. Sigerist, who is a Research Associate in the History of Medicine Department, reports that he has made some progress on the second volume of his *History of Medicine*, which will include the history of Graeco-Roman and Indian medicine. His Bryce Memorial lecture on 'Medical Literature of the Early Middle Ages' is ready for publication. His *Landmarks in the History of Hygiene* (1956) was reviewed in the January 1957 issue of *Medical History*. A fourth edition of his *Grosse Aerzte* is announced and a new and enlarged English edition of the same work is to be published at the same time.

A new course of lectures on 'The History of Individual Diseases' was given during the year and proved to be so popular that it has been decided to continue it annually. Among other plans for the future is the production of a short title catalogue of the Cushing, Klebs and Fulton collections and of important items acquired since the Yale Medical Library was opened in June 1940.