

## Book Reviews

their abilities and their devotion to research in neuropathology must indeed have been rare: Prof. van Bogaert not inaptly speaks in his foreword of '*la pleiade de chercheurs allemands*' who constructed '*une pathologie cytologique dont sont nourries jusqu'à ce jour toutes les écoles neuropathologiques du monde*'.

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*La Storia della Medicina Maya*, by TEODORO PENNACCHIA, Pisa, Scientia Veterum, 1960, pp. 160.

Among the studies on the history of medicine, directed by Professor Georgio del Guerra at the University of Genoa Medical School, has recently appeared this monograph by Professor Pennacchia. The subject had a special appeal for a man who has recently studied the history of tropical diseases and syphilis. However, the real motivation behind this monograph on Mayan medicine has been its knowledge of the archaeological collections gathered in Honduras by Monsignor Frederico Lunardi. In 1948, while Lunardi was the apostolic representative in Honduras, his book, *Honduras Maya*, which contained several studies on archaeology and ethnology based on his private collection, was printed. Professor Pennacchia has taken upon his shoulders the noble, but difficult, task of surveying the pathology, therapeutics and surgery of the Maya based upon the materials gathered by Lunardi which are at present preserved at Genoa, and a comprehensive bibliography. Possibly the greatest value of this monograph lies in the reproduction of the original pieces at the Lunardi collection which appear in thirty-five plates and give an excellent idea of its wealth, therefore rediscovering for the Americanist an excellent repository of Mayan material.

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