

News, Notes and Queries

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
SIXTH BRITISH CONGRESS ON THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE
(Theme: *Medicine in the 1860s*)

The programme for the residential congress to be held in the University of Sussex (Brighton) from 6 to 9 September 1967, has now been arranged. The following papers will be included: *Clinical Medicine in the 1860s*, by Dr. K. D. Keele; *Cell Pathology*, by Professor W. H. McMenemey; *Animal Diseases and Public Health*, by Mr. J. W. Barber-Lomax; *Darwin's Influence on Medicine*; *The Dawn of the Germ Theory*, by Mr. J. K. Crellin; *Antiseptic Surgery*, by Dr. F. F. Cartwright; *Public Health*, by Roy M. MacLeod; *Social Medicine and the Growth of Statistics*, by Dr. Ruth G. Hodgkinson. Ample time will be allowed for discussion of all the papers.

On Friday, 8 September, the whole day will be devoted to papers submitted by Congress members, and the Council of the British Society for the History of Medicine will be pleased to consider contributions sent in by 15 May 1967.

Further details and application forms may be obtained from Dr. F. N. L. Poynter (Hon. Sec.), Wellcome Historical Medical Museum and Library, The Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1.

SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The Report of the Proceedings of the Scottish Society of the History of Medicine, Session 1965–66, records a most satisfactory year's progress. Interest in the Society has been well maintained, and a summer meeting held at Inverness in September 1965 proved a most successful venture, with an attendance of thirty-three members and guests.

The Douglas Guthrie Lectureship in the History of Medicine has been endowed, under the joint control of the two Royal Colleges of Edinburgh, to provide for a biennial lecture on some aspect of medical history, to be given alternately in each college. The first lecture was delivered at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh by Dr. K. D. Keele, on 'The Uses and Abuses of Medical History'.

The Society held a summer meeting in the University Library, Newcastle upon Tyne, on 4 June, 1966. The President, Dr. W. A. Alexander took the Chair, and Dr. W. S. Mitchell read a paper entitled 'Six Letters of John Leyden'. Dr. Mitchell's paper was based on the six letters now in the Robert White Collection in Newcastle University Library, written by John Leyden to Dr. James Brown, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow.