

News, Notes and Queries

THE ROYAL SCOTTISH MUSEUM AND THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

A one-day international symposium on the origins, early years and influence of the Edinburgh medical school will be held at the Royal Scottish Museum in Edinburgh on Saturday 26 June 1976. It forms part of the celebrations for the 250th anniversary of the foundation of the University's Faculty of Medicine in 1726. The symposium, which is being organized jointly by the Scottish Society of the History of Medicine and the Royal Scottish Museum, will include papers by speakers from Holland, New Zealand, the U.S.A. and the U.K.; and these will be followed by a private view of the Museum's exhibition 'Edinburgh and Medicine'.

Individual topics include: 'Leiden—a nursery of medical schools' by Prof. W. R. O. Goslings (University of Leiden); 'Robert Sibbald—a neglected scholar' by Prof. John Boyes (University of Edinburgh); 'The Edinburgh pharmacopoeia' by Prof. David Cowen (Rutgers University, New Jersey, U.S.A.); 'The Town Council and its University: 1717–1766' by Mr. Jack Morrell (University of Bradford); 'The books and manuscripts of Alexander Monro *primus* in the University of Otago' by Prof. Douglass Taylor (University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand); 'The early years in the Infirmary' by Mrs. P. M. Eaves-Walton (Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh); 'Early Edinburgh medicine: theory and practice' by Dr. Chris Lawrence (University College, London); 'The influence of Edinburgh medicine on the United States in the eighteenth century' by Dr. Jane Rendall (University of York).

The registration fee of £4 includes the cost of buffet lunch and refreshments, and of the printed proceedings of the symposium. Enquiries should be addressed to A. D. C. Simpson, Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF.