

News, Notes and Queries

HISTORY OF THE TERM 'NEUROSIS'

PROFESSOR DR. J. H. VANDEN BERG (Instituut voor Conflictpsychologie, Rijksuniversiteit te Leiden) is engaged in an historical enquiry into the conception of neurosis. He asks for any information or references regarding the origin and history of the word 'neurosis'. The term is used by William Cullen in his *Synopsis Nosologiae Methodicae* (1769) but any earlier references would be welcomed.

PAGINE DI STORIA DELLA MEDICINA

Humana Studia, the official organ of the Institute of the History of Medicine of the University of Rome, has been re-named *Pagine di Storia della Medicina*. In its new guise (Anno I, No. 1, Jan.–Feb. 1957) the journal contains original articles, notes and news and book reviews. It is issued under the direction of Professor A. Pazzini, the dynamic director of the Institute, who contributes a preface in which he briefly reviews the activities of the Institute and its Museum during the past twenty years, and says something about future plans.

THE POLISH INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL HISTORY

THE Institute of Medical History (Warsaw Medical Academy), is under the direction of Professor Stanisław Konopka. One of the major undertakings of the Institute is research on the history of medical sciences in Poland, the results of which will be incorporated in an extensive work on the subject.

Its publishing activities include re-issues of famous Polish monographs on medical subjects; latest in the series is the first post-war edition of Władysław Bieganski's *Thoughts and Aphorisms on Medical Ethics*, published this month in celebration of the centenary of the author's birth.

This year will see the first volumes of the *Biographical Dictionary of Polish Physicians*. This six volume work will contain 20,000 entries. Publication of archive material on the history of Polish medicine is also in progress, and the twentieth volume in this series should appear in time for the eighth congress of Polish medical historians which takes place in June in Warsaw.

To coincide with the congress, the Institute will present an exhibition of historical medical books in Warsaw, and an exhibition of old Polish medical books and manuscripts in Cracow.