

## *News, Notes and Queries*

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### THE TANIGUCHI FOUNDATION'S INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIA

Mr. Toyosaburo Taniguchi, chairman emeritus of the board of the Toyobo Corporation, established the Taniguchi Foundation in 1929 with his personal funds, in accordance with the will of his late father, who was the founder of the Toyobo Spinning Company. Among other projects, the Foundation has financed international symposia for many years and at present supports fourteen symposia. The aim of these symposia is to contribute to the development of specific academic fields which are not necessarily in the limelight of popular interest, which means those fields having low funds.

Each symposium is held annually for at least ten years in order to develop its field and increase international goodwill and co-operation. At the same time, it is hoped to promote a better understanding among young scholars on the international level, giving them an opportunity to get together and exchange ideas. The symposia are not open to the public, and the number of invited participants is limited to discussion-group size to allow maximum flow of communication and personal acquaintance. Each symposium lasts about a week.

A symposium on medical history is one of the fourteen, and a different topic is chosen each year. On 19–26 September 1982, the Seventh International Symposium on the Comparative History of Medicine – East and West was held, its theme being “The History of Obstetrics”. Ten papers were presented, by participants from Thailand, the UK, Japan, France, the USA, China, and West Germany. The proceedings of all the medical history symposia are published, and copies may be obtained from Prof. Teizo Ogawa, Department of Medical History, School of Medicine, Juntendo University, 2-1-1, Hongo, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113, Japan.

### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS: HISTORY OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

The American Association for the History of Medicine is planning, in early 1983, to issue a new listing of current research being conducted on topics in the history of medicine and related sciences, including dissertations. Individuals and department heads desiring to have their projects and those of their students listed are urged to send the following information: (1) name; (2) institution or mailing address; (3) title of substantial research topics; (4) estimated completion date. Send communications before 1 December 1982 to: Charles G. Roland, M.D., 3N10-HSC McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3Z5, Canada.

### SIR THOMAS BROWNE OF NORWICH

The tercentenary commemoration of Sir Thomas Browne (1605–1682) took place at Norwich on 25–26 June 1982. A beautifully produced souvenir memoir compiled by Dr. A. Batty Shaw has been published by the Browne 300 Committee and Jarrold & Sons Ltd. It contains articles on Browne's life and work; his family; special collections

of his works in Norwich libraries; and the places of interest in Norfolk connected with him. Many black-and-white and colour illustrations are included. The memoir is available at £1.50 (£1.80 inclusive of postage in the U.K.) from Jarrolds, Norwich, or the Secretary, Browne 300, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, Norwich, Norfolk NR1 3SR.

#### THE ADLER MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The Adler Museum of the History of Medicine, University of Witwatersrand, celebrates its twentieth anniversary this year. A special issue of the *Adler Museum Bulletin* has been published to mark the occasion. In addition to articles on the history of the Museum, its founders and staff, there are illustrated essays on a wide variety of topics relevant to the history of medicine. The *Bulletin* may be obtained from the Adler Museum, University of the Witwatersrand, P.O. Box 1038, Johannesburg 2000, South Africa.

#### CONTEMPORARY MEDICAL ARCHIVES CENTRE

A *Consolidated Accessions List* has just been published by the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre. The list gives brief details of the collections acquired by the Centre since its establishment in January 1979. Each collection is described, and accession and reference numbers are given. The list (ISBN 0 85484 038 9) is available at £1.00 (including postage) from the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre, Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP.

#### ROYAL MIDWIFE: FURTHER INFORMATION

In *Medical History*, July 1982, p. 307, footnote 1, it was stated that the date of death of Fräulein Siebold, the midwife who assisted at the birth of Queen Victoria, is unknown. In fact, Marianne Theodore Charlotte Heidenreich-von Siebold (née Heiland) was born in 1788 and died in 1859. (See W. Dettelbacher, 'Josepha von Siebold und Tochter Charlotte – erste Doktorinnen der Geburtshilfe in Deutschland', *Münch med. Wschr.*, 1972, **114**: 788–791; Gisela Krueger, 'Die Bedeutung der Charlotte Heiland genannt von Siebold für die Geburtshilfe ihren Zeit', thesis, Institut für Geschichte der Medizin, Göttingen, 1969, pp. 96.)