

Book Reviews

Two Centuries of Medicine. A History of the School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, by GEORGE W. CORNER, Foreword by I. S. Ravdin, Philadelphia, J. B. Lippincott, Co., 1965, pp. vi, 363, illus.

Three other bibliographers—Wood (1836), Carson (1896) and Addison (1929)—have preceded Corner's account, not to mention a host of writers, including Franklin himself, who had something to contribute both to the Pennsylvania Hospital and the Medical School founded in its shadow in 1765. The historian cannot but be overwhelmed by this profusion of material and finds it difficult to emerge from the study of the founding fathers, Morgan, the builder of medical education in the U.S.A.; Shippen, the clinician, his bitter enemy; Rush, the most versatile of all; Kuhn, the dull professor of *Materia Medica*, and their contemporaries and successors. Corner has dealt lucidly with this early period, widely treated by other historians, and has handled with unequalled freshness and vigour the less known years of growth and scientific achievement of the first medical School in the United States.

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Anson Jones. The Last President of Texas, by HERBERT GAMBRELL, Foreword by William R. Hogan, Austin, University of Texas, 1964, pp. xvi, 530, port., \$ 6.00. A second edition of the biography of Anson Jones (1798–1858) the New Englander physician who became President of Texas. This analytically-minded student of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, never really fitted into the environment of the early days of Texas. In this book his political career is depicted as a painful misunderstanding among the colourful frontier politicians who drove him to his ultimate suicide.

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