

Book Notices

JACK W. HOPKINS, *The eradication of smallpox: organizational learning and innovation in international health*, Westview Special Studies in Health Care and Medical Science, Boulder, Westview Press, 8vo, pp. xi, 139, \$26.50 (paperback).

Smallpox is Dead runs the title of a recent WHO book for children; this book tells the story—for adults—of how smallpox died. It is clearly written and readable, if somewhat repetitive. It records how the failed modern strategy of mass vaccination against this disease gave way to that of “surveillance-containment” after 1969. Hopkins emphasizes the significance of crucial technological developments (freeze-dried vaccine, bifurcated needles) to the success of the WHO eradication campaign, but stresses the importance above all of the managerial, administrative, and organizational aspects of the campaign, and the way in which these were developed or modified to meet local and changing circumstances. This is a valuable book, which views in intelligent, dispassionate, and appreciative perspective the process which finally accomplished that “by almost any measure . . . magnificent achievement”, the elimination from our world of one of the most loathsome of all diseases.

PAUL ADOLPHUS BATOR and ANDREW JAMES RHODES, *Within reach of everyone: a history of the University of Toronto School of Hygiene and the Connaught Laboratories*, vol. 1, 1927 to 1955, Ottawa, Canadian Public Health Association, 1990, 4to, pp. xi, 243, illus., Can. \$35.00, \$25.00 (paperback).

Institutional history, traditionally of limited vision and largely antiquarian interest, has in the hands of professional historians recently begun to become more closely integrated into social and scientific history. In the genre as applied to institutes of public health, Elizabeth Fee's excellent history of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene, *Disease and discovery* (1988), has already set an example. The present volume, although useful as a mine of information, conforms rather to the traditional pattern of such histories. It is printed in large format, with splendid pictures, but the individual chapters are divided into short sections of an essentially factual nature, with little contextual analysis and no attempt at comparison with developments in other countries, either in the realm of institutional development, or of scientific achievement.

BOOK ALSO RECEIVED

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S. ROBERT HILFER, *The emergence of experimental embryology in the United States*, Bethesda, National Library of Medicine, 1990, 4to, pp. 24, illus. Single copies may be obtained without charge from the Chief, History of Medicine Division, National Library of Medicine, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda MD 20894, USA.

Istituto e Museo di Storia della Scienza Firenze, *Nuncius: annali di storia della scienza*, vol. 5, 1990, fasc. 1, Florence, Leo S. Olschki, 8vo, pp. 373, illus., (paperback).

ROBERT W. MANN and SEAN P. MURPHY, *Regional atlas of bone disease: a guide to pathologic and normal variation in the human skeleton*, Springfield, Ill., Charles C. Thomas, 1990, 8vo, pp. xvi, 208, illus., \$38.75.

Medicine and history. Transactions & Studies of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, series 5, vol. 12, no. 2 (June 1990), pp. v, 119–304.

ANDREAS P. NAEF, *The story of thoracic surgery: milestones and pioneers*, Bern and Toronto, Hans Huber, 1990, 8vo, pp. xiv, 157, illus.

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FERNANDO SALMON, LUIS GARCIA BALLESTER, and JON ARRIZABALAGA, *La Casa de Salud Valdecilla: origen y antecedentes. La introducción del hospital contemporáneo en España*, Santander, Universidad de Cantabria/Asamblea Regional de Cantabria, 1990, 8vo, pp. 314, illus., (paperback).