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each chapter of the Latin are provided, together with an index of concepts. However, the editor assumes that readers will be familiar with the philosophical issues under discussion, as well as fluent in Latin. Of course Glisson himself was expected to be conversant with logic and metaphysics (the “first philosophy” of Aristotle) in order to write authoritatively on aspects of physic. This edition will appeal to scholars who do not have easy access to the original sources, and it could be used as a specialist teaching text. A new study of Glisson which fully contextualizes this material is eagerly awaited.

Louise C Youtie, *Michigan Papyri XVII: The Michigan Medical Codex (P.Mich. 758=P.Mich. inv. 21)*, American Studies in Papyrology, vol. 35, Atlanta, Scholars Press, 1996, pp. xxv, 87, illus., \$39.95 (0-7885-0276-X).

P.Mich 758, written in the fourth century AD, contains large sections of an ancient Greek drug book that includes not only earlier recipes but also additions and comments by an (original?) owner. This volume reprints the series of articles from *Zeitschrift für Papyrologie und Epigraphik*, 1986–1987, in which Louise Youtie first published this long and complicated document, along with Ann Hanson’s brief introduction and preface. Its importance consists in its being a text outside the main tradition, practical in aim and format, and revealing of what ancient medical prescribing was like in Roman Egypt, although the editor carefully lists an abundance of parallels in Galen and Scribonius. Its publication in book form makes consultation more convenient, and the editor must be congratulated for making so difficult a document relatively easy to use.

Roy Porter and Mikuláš Teich (eds), *Drugs and narcotics in history*, Cambridge University Press, 1995, pp. xi, 227, £30.00 (hardback 0-521-43163), £12.95 (paperback 0-521-58597-X).

The hardback edition of this collection of essays was reviewed in *Medical History*, 1996, 40: 383–4. The paperback edition is now available.

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title does not preclude the possibility of subsequent review. Items received, other than those assigned for review, are ultimately incorporated into the collection of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine.)

Johann S Ach and Michael Quante (eds), *Hirntod und Organverpflanzung. Ethische, medizinische, psychologische und rechtliche Aspekte der Transplantationsmedizin*, Medizin und Philosophie Beiträge aus der Forschung, Stuttgart, frommann-holzboog, 1997, pp. 416, DM 58.00 (3-7728-1723-8).

Thomas F Baskett, *On the shoulders of giants: eponyms and names in obstetrics and gynaecology*, London, RCOG Press, 1996, pp. xvi, 270, illus., £40.00 (0-902331-94-9).

Robert Boyle, *A free enquiry into the vulgarly received notion of nature*, edited by Edward B Davis and Michael Hunter, Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy, Cambridge University Press, 1996, pp. xxxvi, 171, £37.50, \$54.95 (hardback 0-521-56100-0); £13.95, \$18.95 (paperback 0-521-56796-3).

Martin Dinges (ed.), *Medizinkritische Bewegungen im Deutschen Reich (ca. 1870—ca. 1933)*, Medizin, Gesellschaft und Geschichte, Beihefte 9, Stuttgart, Franz Steiner, 1996, pp. 206, DM/SFr 76.00 (3-515-06835-X).

Frank Huisman and Catrien Santing (eds), *Medische geschiedenis in regionaal perspectief: Groningen 1500-1900*, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 1997, pp. 184, illus., Hfl. 59.50 (90-5235-107-4).

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Wolf-Dieter Müller-Jahncke and Christoph Friedrich, *Geschichte der Arzneimitteltherapie*, Stuttgart, Deutscher Apotheker Verlag, 1996, pp. 295, illus., DM 78.00 (3-7692-2038-2).

Sigrid Stöckel, *Säuglingsfürsorge zwischen sozialer Hygiene und Eugenik. Das Beispiel Berlins im Kaiserreich und in der Weimarer Republik*, Veröffentlichungen der Historischen Kommission zu Berlin, Band 91, Berlin and New York, Walter de Gruyter, 1996, pp. xv, 445, DM 198.00 (3-11-014539-1).

James W Walters, *What is a person? An ethical exploration*, Urbana and Chicago, University of Illinois Press, 1997, pp. xiv, 187, \$23.95 (0-252-02278-5).

Michael D Warren, *The genesis of the Faculty of Community Medicine (now the Faculty of Public Health Medicine) of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom*, Canterbury, Centre for Health Services Studies, University of Kent, 1997, pp. xi, 134 £10 (UK), £12.50 (overseas) (0-904938-948). Copies available from Mrs L McDonnell, Executive Officer, Centre for Health Services Studies, George Allen Wing, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, CT2 7NF, cheques should be made payable to Unikent.