

EDWARD SMITH (?1818-1874) F.R.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

PROFESSOR CARLETON B. CHAPMAN of the University of Texas is anxious to trace letters and unpublished material relating to Edward Smith (? 1818-74), F.R.S., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.

Very little appears to be known of Smith beyond the brief details given in the *Dictionary of National Biography*, *Munk's Roll*, *Plarr's Lives* and the obituary notices in the *British Medical Journal* and *Lancet*. He was born at Heanor, Derbyshire, and educated at Queen's College, Birmingham, and the University of London, where he gained the degrees M.B., M.D., LL.B. He practised in London from 1851 as physiologist, nutritionist and chest physician. He was a Lecturer at the Charing Cross Medical School from 1852 and associated with the Brompton Road Hospital. He was also associated with the Poor Law administration, particularly as a dietician. He died on 16 November 1874 at 140 Harley Street.

Professor Chapman would be deeply appreciative if anyone able to provide additional unpublished information on Smith, or who knows the whereabouts of his heirs, would contact him at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas 35, Texas.

FAMILIAR MEDICAL QUOTATIONS

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THE Wellcome Trustees are pleased to announce that following the completion of the reorganization of the Wellcome Historical Medical Library and the appointment of its Chief Librarian, Dr. F. N. L. Poynter, as Director of the Museum and Library, plans are now being prepared for a great expansion of the Wellcome Historical Medical Museum. They have ensured that the Museum shall have all the accommodation required to fulfil the aims of its founder and (for the first time) to make all its collections on the History of Medicine and Science generally available for study and research.

New exhibitions and study galleries now being planned include a synoptic exhibition of the *History of Medicine from Earliest Times to the Present Day*, an exhibition on *Medicine in Non-Western Cultures* and an exhibition on *Medicine in Art* in which will be concentrated the art objects from the Museum's collections. Associated with the last

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of these will be a new Illustrations Department to which writers, lecturers and others may apply for appropriate illustrations for books and papers or for slides.

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A few special collections which reflected the personal interests of the late Sir Henry Wellcome and have little or no relevance to the history of medicine and the allied sciences are being offered as permanent 'Wellcome Collections' to institutions with scholars trained in the fields of study to which they belong. Details of their new location will be announced when the transfer has been completed.

AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ADOLPH BASSER LIBRARY

A CENTRE for the study of the history of science in this country has been created in the Basser Library of the Australian Academy of Science in Canberra.

Its purpose is twofold: firstly to build up a specialist library of published material relating to the history of Australian science, including Australian scientific publications; and secondly to collect and preserve archival material (or to record the whereabouts of such material) that throws light on the lives and work of Australian scientists and their institutions.

There is increasing recognition in Australia and elsewhere that the genesis of discoveries and the growth of ideas in science, and their influence on a country's development, cannot be understood solely from formal publications. We need, rather, to turn to the informal documentary evidence and to examine such things as draft manuscripts, laboratory daybooks and fieldbooks, notes of experiments, personal diaries, letters, photographs, autobiographical notes and memoirs, and the minutes and unpublished reports of scientific bodies.

The Academy wishes to draw attention to the importance of such archival material and to secure that it may be preserved and made available to scholars. For this purpose we offer to house such material in our specialist and national archive and to promote the study of the lives of Australian scientists and scientific institutions. The Library also maintains an Australia-wide catalogue of scientific manuscripts preserved by other libraries and institutions together with a biographical card index of Australian scientists from the early settlements to the present day. The Academy invites the help of anyone able to give it in tracing such archival material.