

Book Notices

nificance. As might be expected from an American volume on the law relating to crime and mental disorder, Thomas Szasz looms large. Szasz's polemical writings against what he sees as psychiatric imperialism receive some qualified support from the present group of authors, who are primarily lawyers or philosophers. The essays deal with such issues as definitions of legal insanity, problems associated with involuntary civil commitment of the mentally ill, and the practical application of the notion of diminished responsibility. Of paramount interest to readers of this journal will probably be Michael Moore's perceptive historical essay on legal conceptions of mental illness, where the connexions between the British and the American experience are elucidated. Engelhardt's introduction to the volume neatly sets out the historical and philosophical framework.

CLIFFORD WHITTINGHAM BEERS, *A mind that found itself*, with a preface by Robert Coles, University of Pittsburgh Press, 1981, 8vo, pp. xvii, 205, \$12.95 (\$4.95 paperback).

As a companion volume to Norman Dain's recent biography of Beers (reviewed *Med. Hist.*, 1981, 25: 454–455), the University of Pittsburgh Press has reprinted Beers's classic study (1908) of his own mental breakdown and recovery. In addition to its importance as a historical document, it still retains its narrative power. To read it is to be reminded why it had such an impact on its own time and why it has continued relevance for ours, for many of the issues which Beers raised are still with us.

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title in this list 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.)

VERNON COLEMAN, *Guilt. Why it happens and how to overcome it*, London, Sheldon Press, 1982, 8vo, pp. [iv], 87, £1.95 (paperback).

[Exhibition catalogue], *An exhibition concerning Nicolaus Steno (1638–1686), in celebration of the addition of the fifth thousandth volume to the History of Science Collections*, Norman, Oklahoma, University of Oklahoma Library, 1982, 4to, pp. 16, illus., [no price stated].

'Kanffekeningen bij erkende etiketten. Natuurwetenschap en geneeskunde in de 17 en 18e eeuw', *Tidjschrift voor de Geschiedenis der Geneeskunde, Natuurwetenschappen, Wiskunde, en Techniek*, 1982, 5, no. 1, pp. 64, illus., Dfl. 10.00 (paperback).

J. PERELLO, *The history of the International Association of Logopedics and Phoniatrics, 1924–76*, 2nd ed., Barcelona, Editorial Augusta, for IALP, 1982, 8vo, pp. 92, illus., [no price stated], (paperback). (General Secretary of IALP: Dr. A. Muller, Av. de la Gare, CH-1003 Lausanne, Switzerland.)

Revista Ecuatoriana de Medicina Perinatal, edited by Dalton Avila, M.D., vol. 2, (1982), no. 1 (address: P.O. Box 10322, Guayaquil, Ecuador).

WILLIAM THOMPSON, *Denied a child*, Belfast, The Library of the Queen's University of Belfast, 1982, 8vo, pp. 20, illus., 40p + postage.