

Book Reviews

of interest to historians of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century biology, and of the evolution of science in Scotland.

JOHN L. WEST, *The Taylors of Lancashire*, Manchester, [the author], 1977, 8vo, pp. 134, illus., £1.50 + postage (paperback). (Obtainable from: 11 Half Edge Lane, Eccles, Manchester).

An excellent account of a remarkable medical family, based on extensive research into manuscript and printed sources. It extended over six or seven generations, from James Taylor (1708/10–1777) of Whitworth to Herbert Coupland Taylor (1855–1891), with, in addition, twenty-five members who practised medicine, although not all in Lancashire. The book is well printed, and its illustrations include several portraits. There is, however, no index.

In view of the family's contributions to bone-setting, it deserves to be better remembered, and the author has provided the means by which this can now be achieved. It is not only a contribution to the history of British orthopaedics, but also to provincial medicine. It is to be hoped that it may inspire others to investigate similar medical dynasties.

OLIVER S. HAYWARD and ELIZABETH H. THOMSON (editors), *The journal of William Tully, medical student at Dartmouth 1808-1809*, New York, Science History Publications, 1977, 8vo, pp. xxiv, 88, front., \$15.00.

William Tully (1785–1859) was a pupil of Nathan Smith and a graduate of Yale and the Dartmouth Medical School. His diary is here reproduced with scholarly documentation, a 'Foreword', and an 'Essay on William Tully'. It is a mine of fascinating information concerning the teaching and practice of medicine in New England at the end of the eighteenth and the beginning of the nineteenth centuries. The book is elegantly produced and represents an important contribution to the history of American medicine. The editors and others associated are to be congratulated on the production of an excellent work.

C. T. ANDREWS, *The dark awakening. A history of St. Lawrence's Hospital*, Bodmin, Cornwall, St. Lawrence's Hospital, 1978, 8vo, pp. xii, 276, illus., £5.50.

Dr. Charles Andrews, senior physician to the Royal Cornwall Infirmary for thirty years, traces the history of the Bodmin Asylum with historical skill and literary talent, from its origins in 1820 to the coming of the National Health Service. He styles it ". . . Cornwall's greatest social experiment of the century . . ." (p. 42), and his account of it is based on a great deal of local material. However, it is far from parochial and Dr. Andrews is able to place the growth of the hospital in its national as well as its county setting. His book can, therefore, be recommended as an important contribution to the history of English provincial medical history.

JUAN ARECHAGA MARTINEZ, *La anatomía española en la primera mitad del siglo XIX*, Granada, University of Granada, 1977, 8vo, pp. [viii], 244, illus., 375 pesetas.

The first part deals in general with publications on anatomy 1800 to 1854, and in