

Society Reports

THE SCOTTISH SOCIETY OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

THE Report of Proceedings of the Session 1957-8 fully maintains the standard set by the earlier publications of this extremely active Society. At the Annual General Meeting held in October 1957, Dr. W. S. Mitchell, Librarian of King's College, Newcastle upon Tyne, was elected President of the Society in succession to Mr. A. L. Goodall, who retired after a very successful term of office. In his Presidential Address, delivered on 26 April 1958, Dr. Mitchell spoke about William Bullein, the Elizabethan physician and author. A summary of the address, together with a reproduction of the woodcut portrait of Bullein contained in his *Government of Health* (1558), appears in this Report of Proceedings. The full text of the paper will shortly be published in *Medical History*. The Report also contains a long abstract of Dr. Douglas Guthrie's important paper on 'The Influence of the Leyden School upon Scottish Medicine', read at the October 1957 meeting. This includes a very pleasing photograph of the University of Leyden as it appears today. The full text of the paper is to appear in the *Edinburgh University Journal*. The sections devoted to Medico-Historical Notes and to Book Notices are also full of good things and should not be missed by anyone attempting to keep up to date with current activities in the historical field.

News, Notes and Queries

A PHOTOGRAPH OF SIR CHARLES SHERRINGTON AND PROFESSOR CHARLES SMART ROY AND THREE LETTERS BY SIR CHARLES SHERRINGTON

THE accompanying photograph of Sir Charles Sherrington and Professor Charles Smart Roy which was taken at the entrance of the Pathology Department, Cambridge in 1893 is of interest in that it portrays two distinguished men, a physiologist and a pathologist, whose early training had much in common.

They began their careers in Cambridge about the same time. Sherrington came in October 1879 as a non-collegiate student and entered Gonville and Caius College the following year. He was then twenty-three years of age. Roy who was three years older than Sherrington was elected as the first George Henry Lewes Student in Physiology in 1879 and came into residence in Cambridge in 1880. He had served as a surgeon in the Turkish Army in the Turko-Serbian war after which he returned to England where he investigated pleuro-pneumonia at the Brown Institution, Wandsworth. He had then gone to Berlin where he had studied pathology under Virchow and Koch and worked on the physiology of the heart under du Bois Reymond. From Berlin he had gone to Strasbourg as assistant to F. L. Goltz in the physiology institute; after a time he had transferred to the pathology department under von Recklinghausen but not being very interested in the anatomical study of