

## Book Notices

of his own on pioneering surgical operations, anatomical museums, graphology, and so forth. There are some admirable illustrations, mainly from the Wellcome collection, and the pleasures of the volume are enhanced by numerous choice typos ("Thomas Walkley, the editor of *The Lancet*", etc.).

MICHAEL LEAPMAN (ed.), *The book of London*, London, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1989, 4to, pp. 320, illus., £18.00.

Books about one's own city provoke guilt (the enthusiasm for unvisited buildings and collections), mirth (the warnings to avoid streets in which for years the greatest danger has been the 3 p.m. stampede out of witty restaurants), rarely shocks of recognition. *The book of London* is about the city one knows. Visitors, too, see thousands of terrace houses from the airport trains before they find Buckingham Palace. The houses are represented among the hundreds of well-reproduced and useful illustrations here; the Palace not at all (although the old Buckingham House is shown). Evidently, a sophisticated variety of architectural historiography has informed the book. It covers the histories of work (including medicine) and leisure in the city, as well as its history, topography, and houses. Thirty-seven contributors, whose fame in many cases extends beyond the Chiswick roundabout, are named but not in connection with particular sections.

### 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.)

LOUIS BAKAY, *Neurosurgeons of the past*, Springfield, Illinois, Charles C Thomas, 1987, 8vo, pp. vii, 109, illus.

BRIGITT YVONNE BOHNER, *Zur Ausbildung und Tätigkeit der Zürcher Hebammen im 19. Jahrhundert*, Zürcher Medizingeschichtliche Abhandlungen Nr. 208, Zurich, Juris, 1989, 8vo, pp. 152, SFr. 40.00 (paperback).

ÁLVARO MARTÍNEZ VIDAL, *Neurociencias y revolución científica en España. La circulación neural*, Estudios sobre la Ciencia 8, Madrid, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 1989, 8vo, pp. xiii, 257, illus.

LEONARD MERVYN, *Nerve troubles*, Wellingborough, Northants, Thorsons, 1989, 12mo, pp. 112, £1.99 (paperback).

LEONARD MERVYN, *Woman's change of life*, Wellingborough, Northants, Thorsons, 1989, 12mo, pp. 96, £1.99 (paperback).

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE, *Bibliography of the History of Medicine*, vol. 24, Bethesda, National Institutes of Health, 1988, 4to, pp. x, 311, (paperback).

RUTH RICHARDSON, *Death, dissection and the destitute*, London, Penguin Books, 1989, 8vo, pp. xvii, 426, illus., £5.99/\$9.95, (paperback).

MARTIN TOMASCHETT, *Medizingeschichte der Cadi (Bündner Oberland)*, Zürcher Medizingeschichtliche Abhandlungen 209, Zurich, Juris, 1989, 8vo, pp. 142, SFr. 36.00 (paperback).

IAN M. WATT, *The principles and practice of electron microscopy*, paperback ed., with amendments, Cambridge University Press, 1989, 8vo, pp. viii, 304, illus., £20.00, \$29.95 (paperback).

CONSTANT WIESER, HANS ETTER, and JOSEF WELLAUER, *Radiologie in der Schweiz*, Bern, Hans Huber, 1989, 8vo, pp. 336, illus., SFr. 49.00, DM 56.00.