

### Book Notices

HIPPOCRATES, *La consultation*, Paris, Hermann, 1986, 8vo, pp. xviii, 278, Fr.98.00 (paperback).

This selection from Littré's translation of Hippocrates is annotated by Armelle Debru and introduced by Jacques Jouanna. His preface aims to reawaken French interest in Hippocrates, whose life is sketched in a manner reminiscent of Littré and his predecessors. The lament for the absence of French-born editors since 1861 does less than justice to some of the intervening French interpreters of Hippocrates and neglects entirely the still valuable *Chirurgie d'Hippocrate* of M. Pétrequin of Lyons, 1877-8.

EDWARD G. JONES, *The thalamus*, New York, Plenum Publishing Corporation, 1985.

This volume contains a thirty-seven-page fully-referenced and attractively illustrated introductory chapter entitled 'The history of the thalamus'. It contains material not previously considered in the interpretation of the development of ideas concerning this part of the brain. Photographs of some of the individuals mentioned are published here for the first time.

*Exploring Local History*, edited by Michael Gardener, No. 9, May 1986 (annual subscription – 12 issues – £12.50).

We welcome the reappearance of this journal after an unavoidable break in publication. Articles of interest to medical historians in the current issue include 'Evidence of early man in a Welsh parish' by Dora Seed-Knowles and 'In search of Guthrum. Evidence of a ninth-century royal burial in Hadleigh' by S. P. Andrews. The journal is produced and distributed by Elmcrest Publishing Ltd, 13 Redcross Street, Old Market, Bristol BS2 0BA.

### 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 collections of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine.)

R. ALVAREZ PELAEZ, *Sir Francis Galton, padre de la eugenesia*, Madrid, Centro de Estudios históricos, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 1985, 8vo, pp. 174, illus., [no price stated] (paperback).

*Bibliography of the History of Medicine*, no. 20, 1980–84, Bethesda, Md., National Library of Medicine, 1986, 4to, pp. xi, 1300, [no price stated].

BRANKO BOKUN, *Humour therapy in cancer, psychosomatic diseases, mental disorders, crime, interpersonal and sexual relationships*, London, Vita Books, 1986, 8vo, pp. 221, £5.00 (paperback).

LUIS S. GRANJEL, *Medicina española contemporánea*, Salamanca, Ediciones Universidad de Salamanca, 1986, 4to, pp. 246, illus., [no price stated] (paperback).

HARMON L. SMITH and LARRY R. CHURCHILL, *Professional ethics and primary care medicine. Beyond dilemmas and decorum*, Durham, NC, and London, Duke University Press, 1986, 8vo, pp. viii, 117, £25.00 (£9.95 paperback).