

## Book Reviews

New knowledge has in particular changed our ideas concerning, amongst others, pre-Greek medicine, certain aspects of medieval medicine, Paracelsus, and Vesalius and his predecessors. The writing of history too has changed considerably. But if the defects are realized, this book can still be of use to the modern reader. Its value could, however, have been greatly enhanced by bringing the literature up to date, by adding critical comments, or by adding a new introduction to draw attention to the outmoded sections.

This resurrection should remind us that occasionally it would be better to rehabilitate or translate an old work rather than to clog today's literature with books that in much less than seventy years will be forgotten for ever.

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