

## *News, Notes and Queries*

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### BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE 14th Congress, Dublin, 6–8 September 1991

The 14th Congress of the Society will be held at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, St Stephen's Green, Dublin. Accommodation has been reserved in Trinity College Dublin. Members and others wishing to attend the Congress are asked to obtain a copy of the programme and booking form from Professor C. S. Breathnach, Department of Physiology, University College, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, Ireland, and return the latter immediately.

### THE MISSING CASEBOOK OF DR THOMAS

The casebook of Dr R. S. Thomas, a practitioner in Exmouth, Devon, dates from the early 1900s. It was lent to Dr Irvine Loudon in 1980 when he was a member of the Wellcome Unit in Oxford. No trace of it can now be found, and no record of its being lent elsewhere or returned to its owner. It is needed by the historian of the practice in question.

The casebook is about 14 inches wide and 8 inches tall, hardbound, perhaps partly in leather. Some pages are printed for casenotes, with columns and entries for patients' details. There are fold-out temperature charts.

I should be grateful to hear from any reader who knows where the casebook might be.

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### HISTORY OF DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY Samuel J. Zakon Award in the History of Dermatology

Papers are now being called for the twelfth annual Samuel J. Zakon Award in the History of Dermatology, open to historians and dermatologists in practice or training. Manuscripts should be submitted to John Thorne Crissey, MD, Chairman, Samuel J. Zakon Award Committee, 960 East Green St, Pasadena CA 91106, USA, by *1 October 1991*. Essays may relate to any aspect of the history of dermatology not heretofore published.