

NEW HISTORICAL JOURNALS

MEDICAL HISTORY extends fraternal greetings to the following new medico-historical journals. The aim of the *Polish Medical History and Science Bulletin* (Vol. 1, No. 1, July 1956) is to present the English-speaking physician with a picture of the achievements of Polish medicine, past and present. The *Bulletin* is published by the Polish Medical Alliance (2424 N. Kedzie Blvd., Chicago, Ill.) and the editor-in-chief is Dr. Alexander Rytel. Each number will contain historical articles, but a large part of the journal will be devoted to English abstracts from current Polish medical literature. The editor refers in his foreword to the long history of Polish medicine, the development of which received its great stimulus from the foundation of the University of Cracow in 1364 (Poland's oldest university and the second oldest in Europe). This first number contains a well-illustrated article by Dr. Rytel on 'Nicolaus Copernicus, Physician and Humanitarian', and an account by Dr. A. Laskiewicz, of London, of the life and work of Professor Teofil Zalewski, the prominent Polish otolaryngologist (1872-1953), together with a list of his writings.

The Indian Journal of the History of Medicine (Vol. 1, No. 1, June 1956) is published for the Indian Association of the History of Medicine and will appear in June and December of each year. Its editor, Dr. V. Subba Reddy (Dept. of Physiology, Madras Medical College, Madras 3), is already well known for his numerous writings on many aspects of medical history.

Cahiers Lyonnais d'Histoire de la Médecine (Vol. 1, No. 1, July 1955) is a quarterly journal under the editorship of Dr. F. de Mourgues (1 rue de la Barre, Lyon) and having as its main purpose the publication of papers relating to the medical history of the Lyons region. Professor Maurice Patel points out in a foreword that Lyons has long been an important centre of medical activity. At the present time the city has two museums of medical history, one at its ancient Hôtel Dieu and the other at the Faculté de Médecine. In 1933 a history society was founded as a branch of the Société Française d'Histoire de la Médecine under the presidency of Professor Guiart. The meetings were suspended during World War II, but were revived in 1954 under the presidency of Dr. Jean Lacassagne. The present society, of which this journal is the official organ, has a membership of about seventy, made up of medical men, pharmacists, dentists, and a few non-medical supporters.

Communicationes ex Bibliotheca Historiae Medicae Hungarica (Vol. 1, No. 1, 1956) is edited by Dr. Jáki Gyula (Library of Medical History, Budapest, II, Török u.12). The three numbers published to date contain historical articles in Hungarian, English and German, with short summaries in German and Russian.

News, Notes and Queries

Koroth: A Quarterly Journal Devoted to the History of Medicine and Science is the organ of the Israel Society of the History of Medicine and Science. The editorial board consists of Drs. J. Leibowitz, S. Muntner (Street of the Prophets, Jerusalem) and D. Margalit (68 King Solomon Street, Tel Aviv). Articles are in Hebrew with English summaries.

LETTERS OF PURKYNĚ

DR. VLADISLAV KRUTA (Komenského nám 2, Brno, Czechoslovakia), who has recently completed an edition of the complete works of Johann Evangelista Purkyně (1787–1869), is now editing the correspondence of the great physiologist. He would be glad to be informed of the whereabouts of any letters by or concerning Purkyně, especially any written to Martin Barry (1802–55) and any that show Purkyně's relations with the Royal Society. [A note on the new edition of Purkyně's Works and on recent studies of him appeared in *Brit. med. Bull.*, 1950, VII, 99.—Ed.]

GEORGE BERKELEY AND MEDICINE

THE recently published eighth volumes of *The Works of George Berkeley, Bishop of Cloyne*, edited by Dr. A. A. Luce, Berkeley Professor of Metaphysics, Trinity College, Dublin (London: Thomas Nelson & Sons, Ltd., 1956), contains Berkeley's *Letters*. Many of these deal with his famous specific, tar-water, and have references to Arbuthnot, Garth and other medical men. Twelve letters written by Berkeley to his disciple Samuel Johnson (1696–1772), President of King's College, New York, are mainly concerned with the sending of a collection of books for the library of Yale College. It may be noted that Berkeley's tracts on tar-water are contained in Vol. V of this definitive edition of the *Works*, published in 1953.

WELLCOME MEDAL AND PRIZE IN THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

THE Wellcome Medal and Prize for 1956 was awarded to Dr. E. W. Horton for his essay on 'The Early History of Endocrinology'.

The next award of the Medal and Prize will be in July 1957 for the best essay on 'Harvey's Treatise on the Circulation of the Blood'. Competitors must have been Members of the University Class of the History of Medicine within a period of five years preceding the date of award.

Essays must be lodged with the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Edinburgh, on or before 1 May 1957.