

JOSEPH DALBY ON THE BITE OF A  
MAD DOG, 1762

DR. B. T. DAVIS (Department of Pathology, the Medical School, Birmingham) writes: 'I should be most grateful if anyone could give me any information regarding Joseph Dalby, author of *The Virtues of Cinnabar and Musk against the Bite of a Mad Dog*, published by John Baskerville in Birmingham in 1762, and again as a second impression in 1764. This short book cannot compare in importance, or in elegance, with Baskerville's only other medical book, William Hunter's *The Anatomy of the Human Gravid Uterus* of 1774, but it is often overlooked and the latter volume is frequently described as the only medical publication of the Baskerville Press. The only information given by Dalby in his book is that he was a surgeon, but judging from the addresses of the patients mentioned, and from the list of subscribers, he practised in the West Country, probably in Gloucestershire or Wiltshire. No details of him are given in Straus and Dent's or Bennett's books on Baskerville.'

*[Questions of this kind—and answers to them—are invited. All replies will be forwarded to the questioner and will also be printed for the benefit of others. Both questions and answers should be addressed to the Editor.]*