



# Medical History Society of New Jersey

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## NEWSLETTER

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This annual progress report on the affairs of the Society has regrettably been delayed well beyond the due date of January. Apologies are offered. The membership remains close to but less than 100 with dues of a bout one-third remaining unpaid. Payment of these would be greatly appreciated.

### SOCIETY ELECTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS \*\*\*\*\*

These are to be held at the annual meeting in Larrenceville on May 7th. The nominees are:

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| President:      | Vincent J. Cirillo |
| Vice-President: | Richard Wedeen     |
| Treasurer       | Estelle Brodman    |
| Secretary       | To be nominated    |

The present officers of the Society note with regret the resignation of Dr. Samuel Alewitz as Chairman of the Program Committee. Dr. Alewitz has moved to California. His many important contributions to the Society are much appreciated and our best wishes have been indicated to him.

The officers also note with regret that Mr. Stuart Sammis, Chairman of the Oral History Committee, has moved to Corning New York. Mr. Sammis contributed much time and energy to the Oral History program and to the running of the programs of the Society held on the Newark Campus of the University of Medicine and Dentistry. He will be greatly missed. Our best wishes go with him in his new responsibilities.

### MEETINGS HELD: \*\*\*\*\*

1. Annual meeting for 1985 was held in Lawrenceville on May 8th. The program included the following:

"Public Health in New Jersey". A report on the symposium presented by Mary A. Quigley, New Jersey Historical Commission

"A Century and a Half of Trichinosis", presented by William C. Campbell, Ph.D.

Meetings Held, Continued

"Will the Real Abraham Flexner please step Forward"  
by Charles Vevier, Ph.d.

"Family Practice: Ancient and Modern", presented by Gert H. Brieger, M.D.,  
the Saffron Lecturer.

2. Fall meeting for 1985 was held in Newark, on October 23rd. The program included the following:

"Women are Proverbially Hopeful: Newark's Voluntary Hospitals, 1867-1890",  
presented by William D. Sharpe, M.D.

"Some Aspects of Medieval Medicine" presented by Donald F. Kent, M.D.

"Dr. Willam Lowe: A Veterinarian's Contributions to Health", presented by  
Dr. Robert H. Shomer

3. Executive Committee. The Committee met on November 20, 1985 in the Smith Library of the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark. Among the actions taken was the appointment of Dr. Estelle Brodman as Chairperson pro tem of the Program Committee.

PARTIAL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS BY MEMBERS ON MEDICAL HISTORY

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Asbell, M.B. What do you believe? Outlook & Bull. South. Dent. Soc. N.J. 54: 33-34, 1985

Asbell, M.B. The heroes of yesteryear. Outlook & Bull. South. Dent. Soc. N.J. 54: 94-97, 1985. Enlarged version in J. Am. Dent. Assoc. 111: 1038-1039, 1985

Block, H. Circumstantiality and child rearing in colonial and early American Society. Clin. Pediat. July, 1985

Crillo, V.J. The suicide of Thomas Addison. J. Hist Med. Allied Sci. 40: 214-215, 1985

Cirillo, V.J. Review of "Poison in the Pot" by R.P. Wedeen. (See below). Bull. N.Y. Acad. Med. 61: 853-854, 1985.

Cordasco, F. American Medical Imprints, 1820-1910. Rowman and Littlefield, Totowa, N.J. 2 vols. 1985.

Cowen, D.L. "Zum Dienst des gemeinen Mannes, insonderheit fuer die Landleute: The Domestic and Veterinary Medical Books Printed in Colonial North America and the United States in the German Language," in, W. Dressendoerrfer and W.H. Mueller-Janke (eds.), Orbis Pictus: Kultur und Pharmaziehistorische Studien: Festschrift fuer Wolfgang-Hagen Hein. (Frankfurt, Govi Verlag, 1985), pp. 42-66.

Cowen, D.L. "The On-going Pharmaceutical Revolution: The Role of the Industry," in Farmacia e Industrializacion: Libro homenaje al Doctor Guillermo Folch Jou. (Madrid, 1985), pp. 95-104.

Cowen, D.L. "Expunctum est Mithridatium," in Pharmaceutical Historian 15 No. 3 (Sept., 1985) 2-3.

Partial List of Publications by Members on Medical History, Continued

Ober, W.B. Margery Kempe: Hysteria and mysticism reconciled. Literature & Medicine 4: 24-40, 1985

Ober, W.B. Johnson and Boswell: "Vile Melancoly" and "The Hypochondriack". Bull. N.Y. Acad. Med. 61: 657-678, 1985

Ober, W.B. Infanticide in eighteenth century England: Willam Hunter's contribution to the forensic problem. Pathology Annual 21: 311-319, 1985.

Rogers, F.B. The double (autoscopia), Penna. Med. 88:32-34, April, 1985.

Rogers, F.B. The Complex Psychology of C.G. Jung, Trans. & Studies Coll. Phys. Phila. 7:113-116, June 1985.

Rogers, F.B. William Osler: Teacher, in Barondess, J.A. et al.: The Persisting Osler: Selected Transactions of the First Ten Years of the American Osler Society. Baltimore, University Park Press, 1985, pp. 99-103.

Rogers, F.B. Balint Groups in family practice, Penna. Med. 88:76-78, Oct. 1985

W.D. Sharpe. The Wounds of War, with particular reference to 1861-1865. New York State J. Med. 85:61-63, 1985.

W.D. Sharpe. Review of the Clinical Consultations of Giambattista Morgagni: The Edition of Enrico Benassi. Translated and edited by Saul Jarcho. Bull Hist. Med. 59: 428-429, 1985.  
We call attention again to books published by two of our members:

Wedeen, R.P. Poison in the Pot; The Legacy of Lead. Southern Illinois Press, Carbondale, 1984

Weisse, A. Conversations in Medicine - The Story of Twentieth Century American Medicine in the Words of those Who Created It. New York Univ. Press, New York, 1984.

ORAL HISTORY PROGRAM  
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A total of thirteen interviews have been conducted relating to "The Health Professions in New Jersey During the Great Depression, 1929-1939". Of these, 5 are completed. An additional one, Dr. Hillier's, has been edited by Mr. Vin Cirillo and Dr. Robert Thompson has undertaken the editing of the interviews with osteopaths.

We are happy to report, in addition, that Mrs. Barbara Irwin, who has recently come to the UMDNJ as Special Collections Librarian/Archivist has indicated interest in continuing the contributions made by Mr. Sammis to the Oral History Programs and to the History of Medicine elective course.

EXHIBITION  
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The attention of the membership is called to the exhibition "The Healing Arts in Early America" at the Fraunces Tavern Museum. It is open until August 1 and contains some fascinating artifacts as well as documents and illustrations.

ANNUAL MEETING  
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The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday May 7th, in Lawrenceville. A copy of the announcement is enclosed for your convenience.

FUTURE MEETINGS  
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No date has yet been set for the fall meeting but the membership are urged to prepare and send in abstracts of approximately 200 words to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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