News, Notes and Queries

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH: MAURICE AND LAURA FALK LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

The Maurice and Laura Falk Library of the Health Professions of the University of Pittsburgh has received a $20,000 grant from the Maurice Falk Medical Fund for the establishment of the F. Sargent Cheever Historical Library Fund. The fund honours Dr. Cheever, who retired last summer as vice-chancellor for the health professions at Pitt and president of the University Health Centre of Pittsburgh.

The income from the fund will be used exclusively for the restoration, preservation, and improvement of items in the historical collection and for acquisitions to the collection housed in the Historical Collection Room opened in the Library in 1974. The Library has a substantial collection of historical materials on the health professions, including many valuable rare volumes and facsimile reproductions of ancient works, as well as more modern studies in the field. The library also serves as a repository for the archives and memorabilia of the Pittsburgh Academy of Medicine.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

More than 600 early and rare volumes have been donated to the Washington University School of Medicine Library, St. Louis, Missouri, by Bernard Becker, M.D., professor and head of the Department of Ophthalmology. The library plans to produce a printed catalogue of the Becker Collection so that scholars may study the works extensively.

FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON WAX MODELLING IN SCIENCE AND ART

The delegates of this congress met at the Zoological Museum of Florence ("La Specola") from 3 to 7 June 1975. The object of the meeting was to bring together specialists in the history of science and medicine, the history of art, and artists and modellers in wax. In addition to "La Specola's" own excellent collection of eighteenth-century anatomical waxes and those in other parts of the university, there was an opportunity to visit the famous Lelli and Manzolini preparations in the University of Bologna. At Florence the medical historians were especially fortunate as the history of "artificial anatomies" in wax, wood, ivory, and *pâpier-maché* was extensively dealt with. The congress proceedings are to be published, and all correspondence should be addressed to the secretary, Dr. Maria Luisa Azzoroli, Museo Zoologico de "La Specola", Via Romana 17, 50125 Florence, Italy.

FIFTEENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE

This congress is to be held in Edinburgh from 10 to 19 August 1977. Information will be supplied on request by the secretary, Dr. Eric G. Forbes, History Department, University of Edinburgh, 50 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9JY, Scotland.

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