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Secretary to Unit (WIHM)	Frieda Houser
Secretary to Unit (UCL)	Gita Tailor
Secretary to History of Twentieth-Century Medicine Group (Part-time)	Wendy Kutner

Dr Janet Browne was promoted by University College to a Readership in the History of Biology with effect from 1 October 1996, and was also awarded a Senior Research Fellowship at King's College, Cambridge, for the academic year 1996/97, to write the second volume of her acclaimed biography of Charles Darwin.

Professor W F Bynum stepped down as Head of the Unit at the end of September, 1996. He took charge when the Unit was first set up in 1977, and led it from a small group of four teachers and six intercalated students to its present size and eminence. As well as acting as editor of various Wellcome publications, he instituted the series of symposia and seminars, and served as a link between the Unit and many medical/scientific organizations. His commitment to the Unit, and to medical history in general, has been unbounded, and his colleagues are grateful for his energy and enthusiasm on their behalf. We congratulate him on his election as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, and wish him well in the research projects he will undertake in his two years of research leave. His successor as Head of the Unit is Professor Vivian Nutton.

Dr Brian Dolan joined us at the beginning of September as the replacement for Janet Browne during her Research leave. **Dr Nick Hopwood** arrived at the same time to take over Bill Bynum's teaching and related duties for two years.

As was mentioned last year, **Dr Tilli Tansey** was promoted by University College London to Senior Lecturer, with effect from 1 October 1995. Her work on twentieth-century medical history was aided by the appointment of two part-time Research Assistants, **Lois Reynolds** and **Sonia Willhoft**.

Professor Roy Porter was also helped in his project on the history of Bethlem Hospital by two research assistants: **Penny Tucker** gave a talk in March, as part of our Work in Progress Series; **Keir Waddington** coorganized our symposium 'Financing Medicine' with **Anne Hardy**, as well as giving a paper at Cambridge in September, and one in our Work in Progress Series in January. All three gave papers based on the project in Munich in September.

Sixteen Wellcome postdoctoral fellows were based at the Institute during 1995/96:

Cristina Alvarez-Millan, PhD

A Critical Edition of al-Razi's *Kitab al-Tajarib*

Gerrit Bos, PhD

Maimonides's *Medical Aphorisms*. A Critical Edition of the Arabic Text with English Translation (until 30 June 1996)

John Carson, MA, PhD

Mental Ability and Medical Jurisprudence in Nineteenth-century England and America (until 31 December 1995)

L Stephen Jacyna, BA, PhD

Language and the Brain from 1825 to 1930

Paul Lerner, MA, MPhil, PhD

Hysterical Men: War, Memory and German Mental Medicine, 1914–1925 (from 1 March 1996)

Boleslav Lichterman, MD, PhD

The Century of the Brain: The Development of Neurosurgery, 1880–1980 (from 5 July 1996)

- Eileen Magnello, MA, DPhil** The Life and Times of Karl Pearson (1857–1936)
- Kim Pelis, BA, PhD** Moving Blood: British Transfusion at the Bedside, 1818–1939
- Ruth Richardson, MA, DPhil** The Victorian Interment Problem
- Chandak Sengoopta, MA, MB, BS, MDPsych, PhD** Glands, Discipline and Culture: Sexual Endocrinology in the Early Twentieth Century (from 24 September 1996)
- Nikolai Serikoff, MA, PhD** A Dictionary of Greek Borrowings and Loan Words in Arabic (Seventh to Sixteenth Centuries)
- Irina Sirotkina, MA, PhD** Writing Pathographies: Psychiatric Studies of Literature in Turn-of-the-century Britain and Russia (from 7 May 1996)
- Molly Sutphen, MA, PhD** Making Tropical Medicine Scientific: The Hong Kong Bacteriological Institute, 1890–1945 (until 4 September 1996)
- Maria Unkovskaya, MA, DPhil** Foreign Medical Practitioners in Seventeenth-century Muscovy (until 30 April 1996)

**Katherine D Watson, BSc, MA,
DPhil**

The History of Forensic Toxicology
in Britain, 1830–1950

**Lise Wilkinson, Cand Pharm,
Mag Scient**

Public Health at Home and Abroad:
with Special Reference to the Work
of the London School of Hygiene
and Tropical Medicine

Having completed her Madrid doctorate, **Dr Cristina Alvarez-Millan** arrived at the end of September 1995 to take up a year's fellowship to work on a critical edition of al-Razi's *Kitab al-Tajarib*. She spoke on daily medical practice in Medieval Islam in our Asian Seminar Series in April.

Dr Gerrit Bos took up the position of Wellcome Lecturer in the Department of Hebrew and Jewish Studies, at UCL, at the beginning of July, having finished his critical edition and English translation of Maimonides's *Medical Aphorisms*. His book, *Ibn al-Jazzār on Forgetfulness and its Treatment*, was published as part of the Sir Henry Wellcome Asian Series in late 1995. As was mentioned last year, **Dr John Carson** left in December 1995 to take up a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Department of Science and Technology Studies at Cornell University.

Dr Stephen Jacyna continued with his research on the history of aphasia and related topics, and led the fortnightly Historiography Seminar for research students. He spoke in April at our symposium 'Skill in Science, Medicine, and Technology' and acted as a discussant at the conference on Neo-Hippocratism held at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia in May. He contributed to the Radio 4 series *Flashpoints* in an episode on the history of cerebral localization, and continues on the editorial board of the *Journal of the History of the Neurosciences*.

Dr Paul Lerner, having completed his doctorate at Columbia University, began a year's Research Fellowship in March, working on 'Hysterical Men: War, memory and German mental medicine, 1914–1925'. He coorganized a two-day conference, 'Traumatic Pasts: History, psychiatry and trauma in the

Modern Age, 1870–1930', at the Centre for the History of Science, Technology and Medicine, University of Manchester, in March and gave a paper at the Third Triennial Meeting of the European Association for the History of Psychiatry in September.

Dr Boleslav Lichterman, of the Institute of the History of Medicine, Russian Academy of Medical Sciences, Moscow, returned in June to take up a year's fellowship for a study entitled 'The Century of the Brain: The development of neurosurgery, 1880–1980'. **Dr Eileen Magnello** continued to work on her biography of Karl Pearson. She coorganized our symposium, 'Medicine and Mathematics' (with Anne Hardy), and also a conference on the history of statistics at Birkbeck, which was funded by the Trust. She spoke on Pearson in BBC Radio 4's *The Square on the Pythagoras* series.

Dr Kim Pelis continued work on her study, 'Moving Blood: British transfusion at the bedside, 1818–1939'. She gave papers at a Work in Progress seminar in February and to the History of Twentieth-Century Medicine Group in May, as well as speaking at Colindale Hospital in March and Oxford University in July.

Dr Ruth Richardson returned from maternity leave in July 1996 to work part-time. She convened a team of academics from the University of London to organize a two-day interdisciplinary festival entitled 'Frankenfest', held at the Royal Institution in January 1996 to celebrate Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* in its many manifestations. She gave lectures at Darwin College, Cambridge, the Institute of Historical Research and the Royal Institution, and also gave the 1996 Polidori Memorial Lecture at Ampleforth College. She spoke at conferences organized by Dulwich College Picture Gallery, United Kingdom Transplant Coordinators, the International Association of Thanatology and Suicidology, and the Association of Clinical Anatomists. She researched, wrote and presented a BBC Radio 4 programme, *John Keats the Doctor*, in October 1995.

Dr Chandak Sengoopta arrived from Johns Hopkins in September to take up a 30-month fellowship for a study entitled 'Glands, Discipline and Culture: Sexual endocrinology in the early twentieth century'. **Dr Nikolai Serikoff** collected c. 15 000 new entries for his *Dictionary of Greek Borrowings and Loan*

Words in Arabic and now has c. 7000 entries on disk. He gave lectures at the University of Hamburg on Arabic and Byzantine healthcare.

Dr Irina Sirotkina, of the Institute for the History of Science and Technology, Moscow, arrived in May to take up a year's fellowship for a study entitled 'Writing Pathographies: Psychiatric studies of literature in turn-of-the-century Britain and Russia'. She spoke at the Fifteenth Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Behavioural and Social Sciences, in Leiden, in August/September, and at the Third Triennial Conference of the Society for the History of Psychiatry, in Munich, in September.

Dr Molly Sutphen conducted research in Hong Kong for her book on laboratory medicine. In July 1996, she coorganized, with Harriet Deacon, a conference in Oxford entitled 'Medicine and the Colonies' and gave a paper in January in our Work in Progress Series. She left in September to take up a post-doctoral position at the University of California, San Francisco, and is due to return in the autumn of 1997 to complete her research.

Dr Maria Unkovskaya completed her Trust-funded project on foreign medical practitioners in seventeenth-century Muscovy. She also prepared a prosopographical study of foreign medical advisers to the Tsars in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries (which has been submitted to Cambridge University Press), a *Biographical Dictionary of Medical Practitioners in Muscovy in the Seventeenth Century* (which has been accepted for publication in the Institute's 'Occasional Publications' series), and an article on Russian pupils of the Aptekarskiĭ Prikaz (which has been accepted for publication in *Oxford Slavonic Papers*). She gave a talk in our Work in Progress Series in October.

Dr Katherine Watson continued work on her research project 'The History of Forensic Toxicology in Britain, 1830–1950', and wrote new entries on William Herapath (1796–1868), Sir William Ramsay (1852–1916) and Morris William Travers (1872–1961) for the *New Dictionary of National Biography*. She gave a paper in our Work in Progress Series in May.

Lise Wilkinson completed her history of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the final draft will be submitted in February 1997.

As has become usual, a number of our visitors arrived on Wellcome Trust

or Burroughs Wellcome travel grants:

Dr David Cahill, of the School of History, Philosophy and Politics at Macquarie University, Sydney, spent three weeks in January gathering material for his project, 'Hospital Mortality in the Hispanic World in the Late Eighteenth Century'. **Dr Pasi Falk**, of the Department of Sociology Research Unit, University of Helsinki, spent three weeks working on 'The Modernity Syndrome – from Melancholy to Neurasthenia'.

Dr Maria Frawley, of the Department of English, Elizabethtown College, Pennsylvania, arrived on a Burroughs Wellcome travel grant and spent six weeks in late summer/autumn preparing a study of the literature of Victorian invalids. **Professor Lloyd and Mrs Dorothy Moote** (Princeton) spent two months on a Burroughs Wellcome travel grant, putting the finishing touches to their book on the Great Plague.

Harish Naraindas, of the National Institute for Science, Technology and Developmental Studies, New Delhi, returned for most of November and December to consult primary sources on tropical medicine. While here, he delivered a paper in our Asian Seminar Series and another at our symposium 'Traditional Asian Medicine in the Modern World'. **Dr Juhani Norri**, of the Department of English Philology, University of Tampere (Finland), spent two weeks researching his book on English anatomical terminology, 1400–1550.

Professor Ramaz Shengelia, Head of History of Medicine, Department of Traditional Medicine at Tbilisi State Medical University, Georgia, spent two weeks in June studying Georgian medical manuscripts here, and at Oxford and Cambridge. **Eleonora Vallova**, of the Pharmaceutical Faculty of Comenius University (Bratislava), spent the month of November working on Greek and Roman medicine as reflected in Pliny's *Historia Naturalis*.

Those using the resources of the Institute for postgraduate research included several familiar faces:

Dr Alison Bashford (University of Sydney), spent three weeks in January looking at practices of dissection in the late nineteenth century. **Dr Estelle Cohen** (Minnesota Center for the Philosophy of Science) spent a month in late

summer working on reproductive medicine, brain anatomy and neuroanatomy in Britain and France, c. 1660–1800. **Dr Elizabeth Craik** (University of St Andrews) returned for a couple of short visits to continue work on her *Critical Edition of Anatomical Writings in the Hippocratic Corpus*, and to translate some other previously untranslated works.

Professor Milton Lewis (Department of Public Health, Sydney) spent a couple of weeks in July working on the history of sexually transmitted diseases and HIV/AIDS, as a preliminary investigation for a comparative history of the hospice movement in the UK and Australia. **Professor Roy MacLeod** (Department of History, Sydney) also spent two weeks during July and August, continuing his researches on colonialism. **Professor Barry Milligan** (Wright State University, Ohio) returned for two weeks in August to work on professional and popular representations of surgeons, apothecaries and physicians.

Drs Paul Lucier and Andrea Rusnock (both of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New York) returned for two months in early summer. Paul, funded by the Trust, worked with Sir Christopher Booth and Chris Lawrence on an edition of the letters of Anthony Fothergill, and Andrea conducted research into medical and political arithmetic in the eighteenth century.

Professor Tatyana Sorokina (Moscow) spent a couple of months working on Russian nursing in the Crimea (funded by the British Academy) and spoke at our History of Science and Medicine Seminar on 24 January on the same subject. **Dr Mary Spongberg** (Macquarie University, Sydney) returned to us twice during the year. Her first visit was for six weeks, working on a book (derived from research undertaken when she was here last) which is an attempt to trace a history of ideas around physical pathology, from racial pathology in the late eighteenth century to sexology in the twentieth. Her second, shorter, visit was to research another book on the construction of sexual and racial difference: from eighteenth-century racial anthropology to nineteenth-century criminal anthropology.

Dr B V Subbarayappa (Indian Institute of World Culture) returned for two weeks in August to work on the Ayurveda and related subjects, having first spent some time at the Oxford Unit. **Dr Akihito Suzuki** (Thomas Reid

Institute, Aberdeen) spent two short periods working on the life of David Ochterlony Dyce-Sombre (1808–1851), an eccentric character, briefly an MP, and eventually certified insane. **Dr John Thearle** (University of Queensland) spent three weeks study leave in January observing medical history teaching methods in the UK. He also visited the Oxford and Cambridge Units. **Dr Rhodri Hayward**, research assistant to Dr Roger Smith at Lancaster, arrived in August to work on an investigation into the popular understanding of the neurosciences.

A number of senior academics visited us for the first time during the year:

Dr Peter Barham, a London psychologist specializing in the social care of chronic mental illness, joined us in March to work on the history of mentally-ill servicemen of the First World War. **Professor David Bennahum**, Professor of Family and Community Medicine at the University of New Mexico, spent the spring working on a book on the life and times of Ambroise Paré.

Dr Barbara Brookes, on sabbatical from the Department of History, University of Otago, arrived in August to spend nine months working on the history of menstruation. **Dr José Pedro Sousa Dias**, of the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Lisbon, arrived in mid-October and spent six months working on the final stages of *The Ipeca Project: An Index of Protopharmacology in the Portuguese Expansion and Colonisation (Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries)*.

Professor Myron Echenberg, of the Department of History at McGill, spent six weeks in early summer working on the urban impact of the third plague pandemic, 1894–1904. He also visited the Glasgow and Oxford Units. **Dr Jacques Gasser**, of the Institut d'Histoire de la Médecine, Lausanne, arrived in June to spend three months working on a study of somatic treatments in psychiatry before the introduction of neuroleptics.

Professor Dorean Koenig, of Thomas Cooley Law School, Michigan, and **Dr Mark Rilling**, of the Department of Psychology, Michigan State University, worked for a short while in April on the eugenics movement and the origins of the self-help manuals aimed today at the survivors of spouse abuse. **Professor Julie Solomon**, of the Department of Literature, American University,

Washington, DC, spent three weeks in early summer working on drug addiction. She gave a seminar in June in our Work in Progress Series.

Dr Fred Spielman, of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, spent two weeks in September working on the history of anaesthesia and pain control through art. **Dr David Stevens**, of the Gloucestershire Royal and Bristol Childrens' Hospitals, who was awarded a Wellcome Trust History of Medicine Fellowship for Clinicians and Scientists to work at the Oxford Unit on the history of anaemia in childhood, worked here for two months during the summer.

Dr Hain Tankler, a Senior Researcher at Tartu University, spent three weeks studying the teaching of the history of medicine in Western society. **Professor Robert Veatch**, of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University, spent a month with us, working on medical ethics. He gave a seminar, 'Hippocratic versus Judaeo-Christian Ethics: Tensions in ancient ethical thought', in our History of Medicine Series. **Professor Susan Watts**, of the Social Research Center, American University, Cairo, spent a month during the summer looking at the history of dracunculiasis.

Dr Wayne Wild, a Boston physician, spent a few weeks in early summer working on a thesis entitled 'Medicine by Letter in Eighteenth-century England' (doctor-patient tensions) and on wider cultural issues during the period. **Dr Janice Wilson**, of the History Department, University of Otago, spent two months in the spring researching her book, *Colonialism and the Human Sciences in Nineteenth-century Britain and Australia*, and writing a paper, 'Phrenology and the Construction of Gender'. **Professor Ilana Zinguer**, of the Department of French Literature, Haifa University, paid us two visits during the year, to work on Paracelsus and Paracelsianism in French medicine.

As usual, we attracted a number of young PhD students from all over the world:

Isabel Amaral, of the New University of Lisbon, spent two weeks working on the bibliography of her thesis on the emergence of biochemistry in Portugal. **Fran Bernstein** arrived in March to finish work on her Columbia University dissertation, ' "What Everyone Should Know about Sex": Gender, sexual

enlightenment and the politics of Health in Revolutionary Russia, 1918–1932'. She spoke on sexual difference and Soviet endocrinology at the University of Surrey and on Soviet health posters and the fight against venereal disease at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies.

Luke Davidson arrived in October to spend two years here researching his York PhD, 'A Cultural History of Death in the Eighteenth Century with Special Reference to the Royal Humane Society'. He was awarded the annual Society for the Social History of Medicine Essay Prize for his paper on British ophthalmology in the first half of the nineteenth century. **Cleanne Delaney** spent several weeks during the summer researching for her University of California, Berkeley, thesis on gynaecology and women's sexuality in the nineteenth century.

Susan Ferry, of Johns Hopkins, arrived in September to conduct research for her thesis, 'Bodily Knowledge: Women's medical cosmologies in Manchester, 1870–1915'. **Yukiko Fujita**, a student at the graduate school of the University of Tokyo, spent most of June working on the history of the relationship between governmental health agencies and medics in various countries. **Teresa Penelas**, of the School of Arabic Studies, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Granada, spent most of June working on the Anglo-Saxon translation of Orosius's *Historiae*.

David Simpson returned in April for a short time to continue work on his University of Iowa thesis on venereal disease and the British Army during the First World War. **Charles Thorpe**, of the Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, spent a month working on his thesis on the 'Mad Genius' controversy in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century psychiatry. **Joanne Townsend**, of the Department of History, University of Melbourne, arrived in September to spend three months working on her thesis on the cultural and social implications of venereal disease in the UK in the late nineteenth century. She gave a History of Science and Medicine Seminar here in November.

Postdoctoral fellows and PhD students with longer-term relationships with the Institute are as follows:

Dr Geoffrey Asherson continued work on his book, *Life-saving Medical Treatment: A phenomenon of the twentieth century* and gave a Work in Progress Seminar in November 1995. **Joanna Bedford** successfully defended her Birkbeck PhD, 'Who Should Deliver Babies?: Models of nature and the midwifery debate in nineteenth-century England' in January 1996. **Dr Gillian Cronjé** continued work on her history of the Westminster Hospital. **Dr Ann Dally** worked on a number of projects, mostly connected with the history of childhood diseases and the history of psychiatry, and coorganized (with Michael Neve) the Institute's seminar series on the history of medicine and childhood diseases.

Dr Natsu Hattori began the second year of her two-year postdoctoral fellowship from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada to write a book on the cultures of illness and healing in women's writing in seventeenth-century England. She is also preparing a book from her doctoral dissertation, 'Performing Cures: Practice and interplay in theatre and medicine of the English Renaissance' (under consideration by Cambridge University Press). She is co-authoring, with Duncan Salkeld, a *Dictionary of Madness in Shakespeare and Renaissance Drama* (to be published by Athlone Press). In October 1995 she presented a paper, 'Her Kind Nursery: Gender and healing in Shakespeare's late plays', at a 'Research in Shakespeare' conference at the Chichester Institute of Higher Education. In April 1996 she gave a paper in our Work in Progress Series and in September she attended the European Association for the History of Psychiatry's triennial conference in Munich, where she presented a paper entitled "'By Force of Fantasy": Drama, "deceit" and the healing of hurt minds in the Renaissance'. She has given lectures both in the historiography course for intercalated medical students, run by Roy Porter, and in Andrew Wear's course on the history of early modern medicine; she is also cosupervising two doctoral students from the Faculty of English Language and Literature at the University of Oxford.

Dr Monique Kornell worked part-time on the Videodisc project for the Wellcome Institute Library's Iconographic Collections, cataloguing the anatomy material. She also acted as cocurator for the exhibition 'The Ingenious

Machine of Nature: Four centuries of art and anatomy', which opened at the National Gallery of Canada (Ottawa) in October 1996, and contributed to the catalogue.

Cheryce Kramer spent three months at the State Psychiatric Hospital, Emmendingen (Germany), doing research on the archive of patient files from the Illenau Asylum (1843–1940). While there she was involved with the management of the Hospital and the care of patients. Two articles about her research there appeared in German newspapers. She was Guest Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science (Berlin), where she presented three papers. She also presented ten others at various locations in Europe and the USA.

Professor Kan-Wen Ma continued his research for a comparative study of Chinese and Western medicine. Among a number of publications he co-authored *A New Exposition of the Treatise on Febrile Diseases* and wrote 'A Description of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine – its History and Present Circumstances', which appeared in the *Chinese Journal of Medical History*. He spoke on 'Concepts of Health Preservation in Ancient China' at our symposium 'Traditional Asian Medicine in the Modern World' in November 1995.

July 1996 saw the publication of **Dr Diana Manuel's** book on Marshall Hall. She has begun a new research project in which she is editing the manuscript diary of an Edinburgh medical student who, as part of his training, spent seven months in the Paris hospitals 1834–1835. **Norris Saakwa-Mante** continued work on his Harvard PhD thesis, 'The Construction of Race in Science and Medicine in Eighteenth-century Britain'. He presented a paper to the Society for the Social History of Medicine Conference, 'Race, Science and Medicine', held at the University of Southampton in September 1996.

Dr Trevor Turner continued his work on the history of psychiatry, including psychiatric disorders of childhood in the nineteenth century. He spoke twice on insanity and childhood (with Michael Neve): in January as part of our Medicine and Childhood Diseases Seminar Series and in September at the Munich meeting of the European Association of the History of Psychiatry. He continues as Secretary of the History Group of the Royal College of

Psychiatrists, organizing seminars on the history of post-traumatic stress disorder and treatment of the psychoses in the first half of the twentieth century. He also lectured on Victorian asylum casebooks, the concept of moral insanity and the history of eugenics. He is currently researching psychotherapeutic approaches in the pre-War period.

Takahiro Ueyama continued working on his Stanford PhD, 'Medicine and Commodity Culture: Medical electricity and allied medical techniques, 1860–1910'. He hopes to return to Stanford in March 1997. **Alan Yoshioka** was awarded a two-year Wellcome Research Studentship in October 1995 to write his thesis, 'The Organization of Postwar British Clinical Trials of Streptomycin in Treatment of Tuberculosis and other Conditions'. He presented a paper in our Work in Progress Series in March, and again in May to the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the History of Medicine, in Buffalo, New York, 'Research as Rationing: British clinical trials of American streptomycin, 1946–1948'.

Several of our research students successfully defended their theses this year:

Hannah Augstein's 'Design and Reality of Mankind According to James C Prichard – an Intellectual Biography' was examined by Bill Bynum and Professor John Burrow in June. Also in June, **Pat Bracegirdle's** 'The Establishment of Histology in the Curriculum of the London Medical Schools (1826–1886)', was examined by Tilli Tansey and Professor John Pickstone. **Dr Fred James's** 'The Life and Work of Thomas Laycock (1812–1876), with Special Reference to Neuropsychiatry' was examined in December by Roy Porter and Dr Mike Barfoot.

Six new research students joined us this year:

Two former MSc students were awarded three-year British Academy Awards for their PhD research. **Alexander Goldbloom's** UCL thesis, 'Folklore and Antiquarianism as Sources for the History of Medicine', is jointly supervised by Andrew Wear and Roy Porter. **Mark Gosbee's** Royal Holloway and Bedford New College thesis, 'Constitutional Anatomy: The interplay of

medicine with political philosophy in England, 1649–1715, with special reference to physiological and anatomical representations of the body', is jointly supervised by Dr Justin Champion and Roy Porter.

Jennifer Haynes (of the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre) began a part-time PhD, 'Women in the Public Health Professions in London, 1890–1940', in June, under the supervision of Anne Hardy. Another former MSc student, **Shang-Jen Li**, is jointly supervised by Rob Iliffe (Imperial College) and Chris Lawrence for his research topic, 'The Inception of Mansonian Tropical Medicine: British medicine in nineteenth-century China and the early career of Patrick Manson'.

Dr Piers Mitchell began a University of London MD, 'Orthopaedic and General Surgery in the Crusades to the Medieval Eastern Mediterranean', in August, under Vivian Nutton's supervision. **Julie Peakman** began her part-time study, 'Female Sexuality in Eighteenth-century Erotica', under Roy Porter's supervision. She spoke twice at our Work in Progress Series (on 'Memoirs of the Female Prostitute' and 'Female Sexuality in Botanical Erotica in the Eighteenth Century'). She also gave a paper at the Museum of London on 'The Female Prostitute and her Dress Code, 1780–1830'.

Three MSc students were awarded grants by the Wellcome Trust. They are: **David Aickin, Wendy Neil and John Waller.**

Research students actively working in the Unit in 1995/96 were as follows:

Patricia Archer, DipFA The Establishment of the Medical Artists' Association of Great Britain in 1949 and a Study of the Profession in the Twentieth Century

Michael Arton, BA, MPhil The Professionalization of Mental Nursing in Great Britain, 1850–1930

Hannah Augstein, MA

Design and Reality of Mankind
According to James C Prichard –
an Intellectual Biography
(until 1 July 1996)

**Patricia Bracegirdle, MSc, DIC,
ARPS, FIBiol**

The Establishment of Histology in
the Curriculum of the London
Medical Schools (1826–1886) (until
30 April 1996)

Bettina Bryan, MB, BS, MSc

Wilhelm Erb's Electrotherapeutics:
Scientific medicine in nineteenth-
century Germany

**Rowland C Fereday, BDS,
FDSRCS**

Ideas on the Physiology of
Mastication in the Nineteenth
Century (until 4 July 1996)

Alexander Goldbloom, MSc

Folklore and Antiquarianism as
Sources for the History of Medicine

Mark Gosbee, MA, MSc

Constitutional Anatomy: The inter-
play of medicine with political phi-
losophy in England, 1649–1715,
with special reference to physiologi-
cal and anatomical representations of
the body

**Jennifer Haynes, MA,
DipArchAdmin**

Women in the Public Health
Professions in London, 1890–1940
(from 1 June 1996)

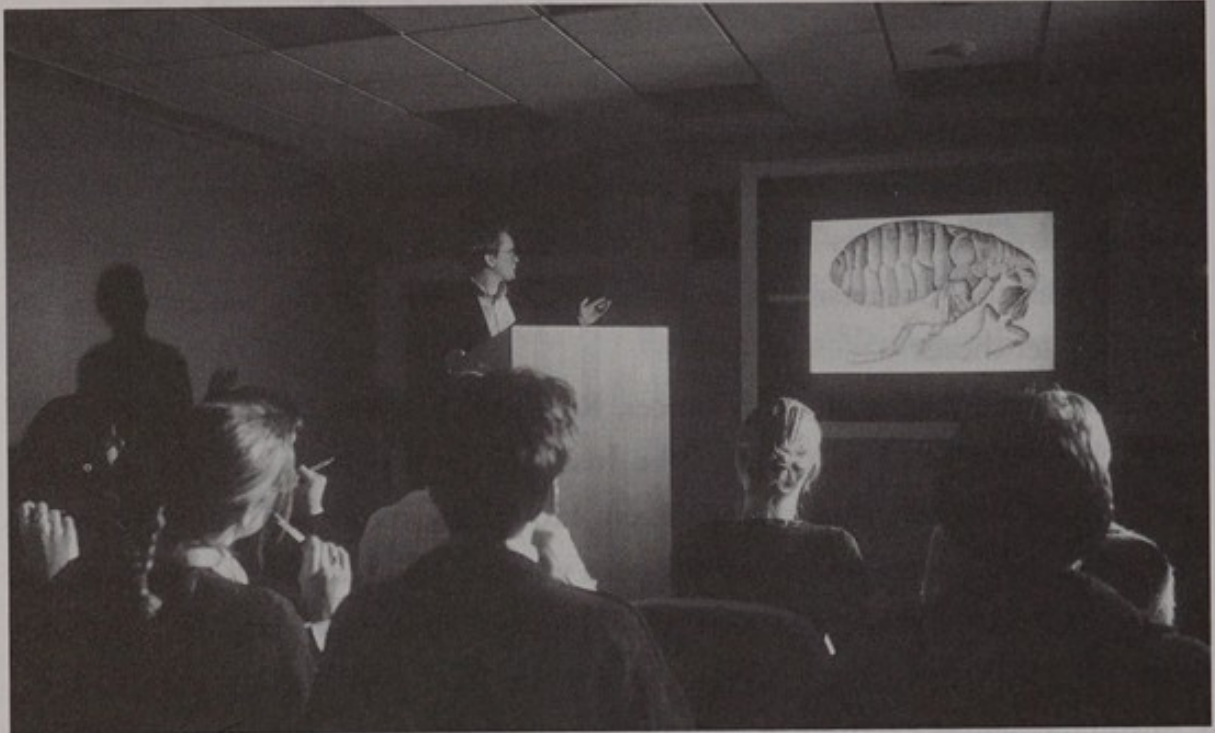
- Juliet Hurn, MSc, MB, ChB** The History of General Paralysis of the Insane from the Mid-nineteenth to the Mid-twentieth Century
- Fred James, BS, MD, FRCPsych** The Life and Work of Thomas Laycock (1812–1876), with Special Reference to Neuropsychiatry
- Shang-Jen Li, DDS, MSc** The Inception of Mansonian Tropical Medicine: British medicine in nineteenth-century China and the early career of Patrick Manson
- Andreas-Holger Maehle, Dr med, Dr med Habil** Experimental Pharmacology and Therapeutic Innovation in the Eighteenth Century
- David Marjot, MB, FRCPsych** A History of Broadmoor
- Julie Peakman, MA** Female Sexuality in Eighteenth-century Erotica
- Katharina Rowold, BA** The Academic Woman: Minds, bodies, and education in Britain and Germany, *c.*1850–*c.*1914
- Joshua Ruxin, BA, MPH** Science, Politics, and Hunger: UN nutritional policy, 1948–1978
- Sonu Shamdasani, BA, MSc** An Intellectual Biography of Jung

Patricia Archer continues as a Member of the Education Committee, a Member of the Board of Examiners, and Archivist to the Medical Artists' Association of Great Britain. In addition to successfully defending her thesis, **Hannah Augstein** saw her book, *Race – the Origins of an Idea, 1760–1850*, published by Thoemmes Press, and spoke at a conference on race and medicine at Southampton University in September. **Dr Bettina Bryan** concentrated on finishing her thesis.

After a noble struggle with cancer, **Rowland Fereday** sadly died on 4 July 1996. He had been a member of the Institute 'family' for many years, and is sorely missed by all of us. **Dr Andrew Hodgkiss** submitted his MD thesis, 'From Lesion to Metaphor: Chronic pain without lesion in British, French and German medical writings (1800–1914)'. He became Book Reviews Editor (with Michael Neve) of *History of Psychiatry*. In July 1996 he became Locum Consultant/Senior Lecturer in Liaison Psychiatry at St Thomas' Hospital.

Dr Juliet Hurn concentrated mainly on her PhD research, for which she was awarded a six-month extension from the Wellcome Trust, beginning 1 October 1996. She gave a lecture in our Work in Progress Series in March. **Holger Maehle** was promoted to Reader at Durham University, with effect from 1 October. **Josh Ruxin** worked seemingly 24 hours a day to finish his PhD in under two years. He submitted his thesis in August before leaving to take up a position as a consultant with Monitor Company, an international management consulting firm based in Boston. In addition to finishing his thesis, **Sonu Shamdasani** edited two books and was appointed to the editorial advisory board of three new journals: *European Journal of Counselling, Psychotherapy and Health* and *Psychoanalytic Studies*. He was guest lecturer nine times at venues from London to Geneva, and spoke at conferences in London, Manchester and Munich.

The Wellcome Trust's History of Twentieth-Century Medicine Group has had a successful year of seminars and Witness Seminars, which continue to attract substantial audiences. These meetings are intended to bring together historians, scientists, clinicians and others interested in the history of modern medicine and medical science, and have covered a wide range of subjects.



Dr Brian Dolan of the Academic Unit teaching at the Trust. The Academic Unit arranges many lectures and seminars as part of its Academic Programme. *Wellcome Trust Medical Photographic Library*

The year's seminar programme was started by the eminent nutritionist Dr Elsie Widdowson, who spoke about nutrition research in the UK during the twentieth century, especially the roles that she and her long-time collaborator R A McCance had played. Other seminar subjects included a paper on the BMA's attitudes to divorce, contraception and homosexuality in the 1950s and 1960s, and disease classification at the Pasteur Institute in Tunis before the Second World War. Three Witness Seminars were held, on the discovery of endogenous opiates; on the Committee on the Safety of Drugs; and on the impact of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), in a meeting entitled 'Making the Body more Transparent'. The Steering Committee for the History of Twentieth-Century Medicine Group during 1995/96 comprised Sir Christopher Booth (Convenor), Dr Tilli Tansey (Secretary), Dr Stephen Lock (WIHM), Professor Bill Bynum (WIHM), Dr Lara Marks (Imperial College), and Professor Tom Treasure (St George's Hospital), with secretarial assistance from Mrs Wendy Kutner.

Sir Christopher Booth stood down as Convenor of the Group at the end of

September 1996, but remains a member of the Steering Committee. Professor Bynum retired from the Steering Committee at the end of September.

Research

The activities of permanent staff of the Institute are given below.

Dr David Allen began mass-producing entries on botanists for the *New Dictionary of National Biography*, an undertaking which has temporarily had to take priority over his long-standing research on the folk tradition of herbal medicine in the British Isles. As in previous years, much of his time was taken up by his duties as coordinator of the History of Medicine Programme for the Wellcome Trust, but he continued to assist with the teaching of the life sciences option of the MSc course and to serve on the editorial board of *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*. He also examined a London University external PhD thesis in the history of science.

Dr Janet Browne was made a Reader in the History of Biology at University College and was also awarded a visiting fellowship at King's College, Cambridge, for 1996/97 to complete her biography of Charles Darwin, the first volume of which was published in 1995. Time, in between teaching in the MSc course and undergraduate programmes, was filled by editing the *British Journal for the History of Science*.

Professor W F Bynum continued to work primarily on malaria in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. He spoke in April on malaria in India, 1900–1920, at an international workshop in Annecy, which he organized with Professor Bernardino Fantini of the University of Geneva. The geography of malaria was the subject of his talk at a conference on medicine and geography in Göttingen, in June. In July, he was back in Annecy for a ten-day summer school on the history of epidemiology, which he organized jointly with Professors Fantini, Alfredo Moravia and Mirko Grmek. His topic there was epidemiology and colonialism. Closer to home, he delivered the Thomas Parkinson Memorial Lecture at the Luton and Dunstable Hospital, spoke on medical history and medical education at a symposium at the Royal Society of

Medicine, and delivered the annual address to the British Health Care Association in September. He supervised the final stages of four PhD, one MPhil and one MD theses, taught the course on Disease in History and, with Anne Hardy, the elective for first-year medical students. He continued to sit on four editorial boards, the Academic Advisory Committee for the Athlone Press and, with Vivian Nutton, to edit *Medical History*. He was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

Dr Lawrence I Conrad worked on a variety of projects this past year. He coorganized a very successful two-day conference on 'Traditional Asian Medicine in the Modern World' with Dominik Wujastyk. He continues to offer his elective paper on the social history of medicine in medieval Islam, and the new course on comparative Eastern medical traditions has had a very successful first year.

As President of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine (IASTAM), he continues to be active in fields outside his own specialization, and plans are now under way for the second IASTAM regional meeting to be held in Germany to coincide with a major exhibition on Chinese medicine being organized by Professor Paul Unschuld (Munich).

His work on an edition and translation of *The Physicians' Dinner Party*, by Ibn Butlan, continues, and he has also carried on preliminary research for a work on the 'Medicine of the Prophet'. This year he published a number of major articles, as well as the proceedings of a highly successful Wellcome colloquium on the medieval Spanish physician Ibn Tufayl.

Other activities have included the ongoing WIHM seminar on 'Medicine, Science and Technology in Asian Cultures', now in its sixth year, and the new Near Eastern Medicine Group. This latter was organized to bring scholars working in various aspects of Near Eastern medicine in southern England into closer contact, and got off to a good start with three successful and well-attended meetings.

Dr Anne Hardy worked on a variety of research projects during this year, mostly associated with her current research project on the history of epidemiology 1890–1940, using the Salmonellas as a vehicle for examining the processes

of change. She delivered papers at a Sixth-form Day School on Victorian Social History; at the Wellcome Unit, Oxford; the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the Public Health Laboratory Service; the Jenner Bicentenary Conference; and at 'Measuring Our Scourges', the tenth International School on the History of the Biomedical Sciences. She helped to organize two symposia: 'Financing Medicine', with Keir Waddington, and 'Medicine and Mathematics', with Eileen Magnello. She continued to administer the Intercalated BSc programme, and to teach Medicine and Modern Society for it, and to supervise Carole Reeves's PhD research. She was appointed to the Metropolitan History Committee of the Institute of Historical Research.

Dr Christopher Lawrence has continued his research on the elite clinician, especially in the interwar years. He spoke on the subject at a conference in Philadelphia in the Spring. He has spent much of the year editing the letters of Anthony Fothergill to James Woodforde and these will appear as the *Medical History* supplement for 1997. He remains an associate editor of the *New Dictionary of National Biography*. He is convenor of the MSc course and served his last year on the Wellcome Trust History of Medicine Grants Panel. He has been appointed to the new management committee of the London School of Economics's Centre for the History and Philosophy of the Human Sciences. He remains on the board of *Annals of Science*. He made programmes for the Open University and BBC Radio 4.

Dr Michael Neve gave lectures at a variety of places including Sheffield University (on Victorian medical and scientific autobiography) in November; the Wellcome Institute (on insanity and childhood, with Dr T H Turner) in January; the University of Hong Kong (to the English and history departments, on Darwin and on psychiatric accounts of Shakespeare) in March; the Cambridge Seminar on the History of Psychiatry and Psychology (on the reception of psychoanalysis in Britain) in May, and the Munich meeting of the European Association of the History of Psychiatry (on childhood insanities, again with Dr T H Turner) in September.

He continued his undergraduate and postgraduate teaching on the history of concepts of degeneration, the history of psychiatry and the history of the life

sciences. He extended his research on the history of the discovery and diagnosis of childhood insanities in psychiatry and paediatrics and the history of the reception of (and opposition to) psychoanalysis in Britain. He remains reviews editor for *History of Psychiatry* and continues on the editorial board of the *London Review of Books*.

Professor Vivian Nutton's lectures this year have been largely confined to the UK. As well as his teaching within the Institute, he contributed two sessions to a course on Renaissance culture at the Warburg Institute. He has talked to a variety of groups, ranging from schoolchildren to elderly archaeologists, at places as far removed as Exeter, Oxford, Cambridge, Guildford, and St Andrews. During May 1996, he gave the Annual Lecture to the Society for Renaissance Studies, in London, using the careers of three successive medical professors at Ferrara to illustrate the rise and development of medical humanism within Renaissance medicine.

His interest in modern uses of the Hippocratic Oath brought an invitation to address a meeting on 'Human Issues in Modern Medicine', and to participate in the 'Entretiens' of the Fondation Hardt, the most prestigious and choicest of classical colloquia, held in the fading splendours of an opulent mansion near Geneva. More mundane were the surroundings for a conference on ancient science, held at Liverpool University in July; as well as helping to choose its papers as a member of its scientific committee, he delivered the closing paper on 'Galen Beyond Greek', in which he reviewed the significance of Galenic texts surviving only in non-Greek languages.

He continues to serve on the Management Committee of the Institute of Classical Studies in London, and was the external member of a panel set up by Exeter University to review the work of its Centre for Complementary Health Studies. His editorial labours have been devoted not only to *Medical History* and the reprint of *The Western Medical Tradition*, but also to the first two volumes of *Der neue Pauly*, whose imminent publication has been hailed in the German press as the 'Olympus of Learning'. Mountaineering apart, he has prepared for his succession as Head of the Academic Unit by concluding his work with the *International Bibliography of Medieval Studies*, to which he has been a

contributor for almost a decade.

Professor Roy Porter added the finishing touches to his history of gout, which is now with the publishers, and spent much of his research time working on the history of Bethlem, completed in September 1996 and due for publication by Routledge in 1997. He has also been writing some chapters for the multi-volume *Athlone History of Witchcraft and Magic*, dealing especially with the medical and psychiatric aspects of the decline in belief in the supernatural in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. He has now also written some two-thirds of the *Fontana Medical History of Humanity* (a long text-book history from Stone Age to New Age).

He gave various lectures and seminars at universities, hospitals, schools and so on, was invited to lecture at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor) and McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario), and, amongst others, gave a plenary lecture at the Triennial Conference of the European Association for the History of Psychiatry in Munich in September.

Dr Tilli Tansey continues to work on the history of twentieth-century medical sciences, focusing on physiology and pharmacology. She is the Honorary Archivist of the Physiological Society, and in that capacity is involved in identifying and preserving physiological films, equipment and archives, in addition to organizing an oral history programme and serving on the editorial board of the Society's *Magazine*. She contributed to symposia at the Wellcome Institute, the Wellcome Unit, Oxford, and the Wellcome Trust, and gave public lectures to the Department of History of Health Sciences and the School of Pharmacy at the University of California, San Francisco, and as part of the Neurosciences Research Programme at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City.

In addition to other editorial responsibilities she acts as an associate editor of the *New Dictionary of National Biography*, and as a section editor for the *Oxford Companion to the Body*. She supervises intercalated history of medicine students and contributes to University College's BSc Neurosciences course. As Secretary of the Wellcome Trust's History of Twentieth-Century Medicine Group she organized a number of seminars and Witness Seminars (described elsewhere), she produces the Group's newsletter, and supervises practising clini-

cians and scientists on short-term fellowships in history of medicine.

Dr Andrew Wear has spent the last year researching and writing his book on the practice of medicine in early modern England, which has involved a radical re-evaluation of the role of learned medicine. He gave invited papers at Oxford and Newcastle on aspects of the relationship between medicine and society in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. He was external examiner at Cambridge University for Part II of the Medical Sciences Tripos and for the MPhil in the History of Medicine. He continues on the editorial board of *Renaissance Studies*.

Volume 40 of *Medical History* was published in 1996. It comprised 550 pages, contained 21 major articles, one obituary, and 122 book reviews and notices. Of the 60 manuscripts submitted, 26 were rejected. Eighty-four external referees, and 18 Institute staff and associates, assisted in the evaluation process. Eighty-seven scholars reviewed books in the volume.

The 1995 supplement to *Medical History* was by Michael Barfoot, '*To Ask the Suffrages of the Patrons: Thomas Laycock and the Edinburgh chair of medicine, 1855*'. Thanks to the labours of Miles Weatherall, publication of the cumulated index to *Medical History*, covering the years 1957–1994, was imminent at the end of the year under review. This will make consultation of back issues of the journal easier, although it will not entirely replace the very detailed annual indexes.

Medical History and *Current Work in the History of Medicine* continue to be available to Friends of the Wellcome Institute on very favourable terms.

The Wellcome Institute Series in the History of Medicine, published by Rodopi in Amsterdam, produced three volumes this year:

David Arnold (ed.) *Warm Climates and Western Medicine*

Lara Marks *Metropolitan Maternity: Maternal
and infant welfare services in early
twentieth-century London*

Diana Manuel *Marshall Hall (1790–1857): Science and medicine in early Victorian society*

W F Bynum and Roy Porter continue as general editors of the Wellcome Institute Series, being joined by Vivian Nutton from 1 October 1996. Volumes in the Series are available to Friends of the Wellcome Institute at a 20 per cent discount. In addition, volume 2 of the Wellcome Institute's Occasional Series, Luca Ciancio (ed.), *A Calendar of the Correspondence of John Strange, FRS (1732–1799)* was published this year.

Teaching

Twenty-eight medical students attended the 1995/96 'intercalated' session. They are listed below (with their medical school and final degree class):

Sundeep Aeri	Guy's	Ii
Sarj Bahia	St George's	Ii
Sharon Brayley	Charing Cross	Ii
Darren Breen	Edinburgh University	*
John Cann	Charing Cross	*
Henry Carleton	Bart's	Ii
Gwyn Carney	London Hospital	I
Augustin Dass	RCS, Ireland	Ii
Marika Davies	UCL	I
Sophia Davies	St Mary's	Ii
Paul Farrant	Guy's	I
Catherine Hukins	Charing Cross	Ii
Kerin Hutchison	Guy's	Ii
Sophie Johnson	Royal Free	Ii
Zhaleh Khaleeli	UCL	I
Anoushka Ljutikov	Guy's	I
Hugh Matthews	UCL	I

Claire Moorthy	London Hospital	Ii
Sarah Natas	Bart's	I
Trupti Patel	UCL	Ii
Louise Pollard	St George's	I
Richard Proctor	King's	III
Victor Smith	Edinburgh University	I
Henrietta Snagge	UCL	Ii
Kenney Tsoi	St Mary's	Ii
Catherine Ward	London Hospital	Ii
Nick Wilson	King's	Ii
Clare Wykes	London Hospital	Ii

* Students completing their degree the following academic year.

Departmental prizes were awarded to Hugh Matthews and Victor Smith. Hugh Matthews's career as a budding medical historian was followed by BBC radio throughout the year, as part of the Radio 4 series, *Making History*.

The half-unit courses, taken by intercalated students and students from other science departments, were as follows:

1. History of Medicine B12: Man's Place in Nature: The debate in Britain 1750–1900, 22 lectures, Dr Browne (28 students)
2. History of Medicine C20: Medicine, Disease and Society from Antiquity to Renaissance, 24 lectures, Prof. Nutton (44 students)
3. History of Medicine C21: Madness and Society, 24 lectures, Dr Neve (99 students)
4. History of Medicine C22: Patients and Doctors in History, 20 lectures, Prof. Porter (50 students)

5. History of Medicine C110: Basic Medical Science and Clinical Medicine in Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-century Society, 22 lectures, Dr Lawrence
(60 students)
6. History of Medicine C111: Medicine in Modern Society, 22 lectures, Dr Hardy
(62 students)
7. History of Medicine C116: Colonial and Empire Medicine, 22 lectures, Dr Wear
(23 students)
8. History of Medicine C118: Disease and History, 22 lectures, Prof. Bynum
(30 students)
9. History of Medicine C119: The Eastern Medical Traditions in Historical Context, 22 lectures, Drs L Conrad, D Wujastyk and C Cullen (Senior Lecturer in the History of Chinese Science and Medicine, SOAS)
(19 students)
10. History of Medicine C7: Research Dissertation in the History of Medicine, members of staff
(all intercalated students)

In addition, a number of courses were offered to history and other students from the colleges of the University of London:

1. History of Medicine C113: Medicine in the Islamic Near East, 22 lectures, Dr Conrad
(7 students)
2. History of Medicine C114: Madness and Society in Britain, 1680–1850, 22 lectures, Prof. Porter
(6 students)

3. History of Medicine C115: Health, Illness and Welfare in England, 22 lectures, Dr Wear (11 students)
4. History of Medicine C117: Theories of Degeneration, 22 lectures, Dr Neve (5 students)

Three former and one current intercalated students were awarded Norah Schuster Prizes at the Section of the History of Medicine meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine on 5 April 1996.

Kevin Boyd, Guy's 'The Heathen Weed, Divine Herb': Attitudes to tobacco in early modern England

Michael Dilley, King's The Fluddean Compromise in the Seventeenth Century

Hugh Matthews, UCL The Biological Consequences of 1492 for Central Mexico

Jessica Woodhams, St Mary's A Short History of Blood Transfusion and the National Blood Transfusion Service

Dr Helen King, of St Katharine's College, Liverpool, and **Dr Malcolm Nicolson**, of the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine at Glasgow University, acted as external examiners for a second year.

The MSc course, in which the Institute participates as part of the London Centre for the History of Science, Medicine and Technology, continues to offer excellent grounding in the discipline. Twenty-three students took the course in 1995/96, of whom six were part-time.

The Academic Programme

The Unit's extensive programme of seminars, workshops, symposia, and public lectures continues to flourish. Seven seminar series meet regularly, attracting a variety of faithful audiences to hear speakers from around the world. The symposia also offer an opportunity for collaboration with other groups from outside with historical interests. The symposium schedule was as follows:

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| 1995 | 20 October | Bill Bynum, Prof. Rodney Taylor and Dr Hugh Baron
History of Gastroenterology in Britain
(with the British Society of Gastroenterology) |
| | 16–17 November | Larry Conrad and Dominik Wujastyk
Traditional Asian Medicine in the
Modern World |
| | 8 December | Roy Porter, Ken Arnold and Dr Anne Abichou
Art, Anatomy and the Body |
| 1996 | 19 January | Anne Hardy and Dr Keir Waddington
Financing Medicine |
| | 21 March | Anne Hardy and Dr Eileen Magnello
Medicine and Mathematics |
| | 26–27 April | Chris Lawrence and Dr Rob Iliffe
Skill in Science, Medicine and Technology |
| | 14–15 May | Bill Bynum and Sir Christopher Booth
Jenner and his Legacy (with the Royal
Society and the Royal College of Physicians) |

18–20 September

Roy Porter and Prof. John HinnellsReligion, Health and Suffering (with the
School of Oriental and African Studies)

There were two Public Lectures given during 1995/96. On 17 October 1995, Professor Guenter Risse, of the University of California, San Francisco, spoke on 'Death in Hamburg Revisited: Hospitals, physicians, and the cholera, 1892'. For his lecture on 22 April 1996, Professor Randolph M Nesse, of the University of Michigan, took as his theme 'Darwinism and Medicine: Why did it take so long?'. Dr Edward Morman, who visited us as part of our exchange with the Institute for the History of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, gave a series of seminars on 'Henry Sigerist and his Legacy', and also talked to his fellow librarians.

The Wednesday seminars have alternated between general papers on the history of medicine and science, organized by Michael Neve, and specifically thematic explorations of medicine and childhood diseases, presided over by Ann Dally and Michael Neve. The Tuesday Asian Series on 'Medicine, Science and Technology in Asian Cultures' was run by Larry Conrad and Dominik Wujastyk, while the same day also saw the meetings of the Twentieth-Century Group, already described earlier. On one Monday a month, meeting in University College, the audience could hear about 'People and Ideas in Medical History', overseen by Professor Leon Fine of the Department of Medicine at UCL, Dr Stephen Lock, and Bill Bynum. The Work in Progress Seminars, coordinated by Roy Porter, took place on Tuesday lunchtimes, offering research students, fellows and visiting academics the opportunity to present their own work informally. The research students and fellows also ran their own seminar series, discussing general themes as well as hearing papers.

There were also two smaller workshop meetings. The first, in February, was organized by Chris Lawrence to examine aspects of medical humanism in the 1920s and 1930s. The second, in May, run by Vivian Nutton, on 'Medical Manuscripts of the Medieval British Isles and Ireland', brought together specialists in manuscripts, medicine, and the various languages in which medical liter-

ature was written in the British Isles between AD 950 and 1550: Latin, Anglo-Saxon, Welsh, Scots and Irish Gaelic, and French, as well as English.

From such a diverse and active programme, with speakers drawn from a dozen countries, it is hard to select the highlights, but special notice should be given to the Jenner Symposium in May, with the Royal Society and the Royal College of Physicians, and to the joint meeting in September with the School of Oriental and African Studies, which included distinguished theologians and philosophers as well as medical historians.

General

As counterpoint to the daily round of Library routine, the consequences of the Hunt Working Party *Review of the Wellcome Institute Library*, noted as imminent in last year's *Report* and formally submitted in February 1996, have been making their mark.

Central to the Working Party's concerns was the Library's public role. Recommendation 4 asked for "a new programme of promoting the services of the Library to potential groups of users. This programme should go beyond simply making catalogues available by conventional and electronic means. All British universities should be targeted, and information about the Library and its collections should be made available on the World Wide Web and by other ways to institutions overseas".

In response to this recommendation, the Librarian commissioned an internal working party under the chairmanship of Julia Sheppard (Head, Contemporary Medical Archives Centre, CMAC) which began work early in June 1996. Its terms of reference included the general direction "To study ways of promoting the services of the library beyond its present constituency...". Library staff involved were Chris Hilton (Assistant Curator, Western Manuscripts), who acted as Secretary; Ken Arnold (Exhibitions Unit Manager); Sarah Bakewell (Assistant Curator, Early Printed Books); Kate Bishop (Assistant Librarian, Modern Medicine and Bibliographic Services, MOBS); and Sue Gold (Assistant Librarian, Reader Services). Janet Browne represented the Academic Unit. The other members were Caroline Gardner (Public Affairs Officer); Philomena Gibbons (the Institute's Administrator); and Laretta Patterson (Marketing Officer for the Wellcome Trust).

This talented mixture of staff, from both the Wellcome Institute and the wider Wellcome Trust, produced a substantial report which appeared in early October 1996. The Working Party found no cause to apologize for the Library's current record in attracting new users while, at the same time, producing a variety of ideas for extending the future constituency. The report took into account that, although electronic technology presents new opportunities for publicity and consequent remote, even virtual, use, a library of original record must

always pay attention to attracting real bottoms on to real seats. The Working Party is to be congratulated on providing a rich menu of ideas for both immediate and future consumption.

Technology occupied much staff time during the year, as the search began for a replacement for the Library's now elderly computer system (URICA). A Library Information System Search Party was set up under the chairmanship of Jeannette Lake. With the invaluable assistance of Juliet Leeves as expert consultant, a draft specification of requirements was drawn up together with a short list of three candidate systems.

Another eye to the future was cast during the summer of 1996 when the search began for a new Librarian in anticipation of Eric Freeman's retirement in March 1997. Before the end of the year under review it was known that the successful applicant was David Pearson, from the National Art Library of the Victoria and Albert Museum. David will bring a most appropriate combination of managerial and scholarly skills and experience to the Wellcome Institute Library.

More than mere bookish piety prompts the headlining of the publication of *Volume IV of A Catalogue of Printed Books in the Wellcome Historical Medical Library. Books printed from 1641 to 1850 M-R*. This series of volumes is a tribute to the scholarship and remarkable bibliographic skills of its principal editors, Harold Denham and John Symons. Monographs and journal articles appear, only to be superseded by the syntheses of the upcoming generation of scholars. A good bibliographic catalogue has a life measured in centuries; as witnessed by the use still made today of works published as long ago as the seventeenth century.

For many years, staff have endured a love-hate relationship with the Library's North London store in Enfield. In March 1996 the possibility of alternative accommodation in the Hampstead Road became a possibility which grew to a certainty by October. Only those staff who have served remotely but so loyally at Enfield may have some regret for its closure. The staff and readers at Euston owe them a debt of gratitude for maintaining an essential service, despite the isolation and reduced opportunity for public recognition and appreciation.

Coda

This is the twenty-fourth, and last, annual report submitted by the former Librarian, Eric Freeman. Like all the others, it has been cobbled together from the more detailed accounts of colleagues who, over the years, have patiently tolerated a degree of abbreviation and selection which has often done less than full justice to their activities. To them belongs the credit for the Library's growth and success during a long period of extraordinary change. It has been a privilege, here most gratefully acknowledged, to experience their professionalism, scholarship, support and friendship over so many years. There is cause for confidence that existing staff, under the leadership of their new Librarian, will take the Library of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine to new heights of achievement in the future.

Staff

After 27 years' service, **Robin Price** retired from his post as Deputy Librarian on 5 July 1996. Robin's contribution to the Library has been immense, covering roles as diverse as curator of Latin-American materials, operations manager of the Library's major moves, ambassador at large to the London medical professions, Honorary Secretary to the Friends of the Wellcome Institute and, wearing his Deputy's hat, bearing a large responsibility for the day-to-day maintenance of the Library's routines. As readers and staff walk through the Library, on both sides of Euston Road, they may reflect that the order and tidiness they perceive is largely the result of Robin's high standards and constant vigilance. For the time being, he will continue his Friends role and maintain his links with the medical world in the interests of the history of medicine in general.

Anna Wise completed her one-year contract in Conservation at the end of September 1996 but was awarded a two-year contract from October to work on the Panjabi manuscripts.

The Iconographic Department enjoyed the services of **Ergun Yildiz**, as a work-experience assistant from Camberwell College of Arts, between 19 October 1995 and 2 June 1996. Some 20 temporary cataloguers were employed

(not all simultaneously) to complete phase II of the Videodisc Project.

Miriam Miller was employed on a six-month contract from 9 April to continue work on the Early Printed Books retrospective conversion.

Within MOBS, **Jim Williamson's** contract was renewed for a further two years, while at the Enfield Store **John Daffada** left in July 1996. **Mark Richardson** from the Manpower Agency replaced him in September.

Peter Friedlander, compiler of the Library's Hindi catalogue, terminated his contract to work on the Panjabi manuscripts when he left on 11 April 1996 to take up one of the rare opportunities of a post in his field at La Trobe University, Australia. Peter hopes to continue to prepare the Panjabi catalogue, at long distance, as his new duties permit.

Reader Services saw the departure, before Christmas 1995, of **Lyndsay Lardner** on maternity leave. After successfully achieving a second daughter, Lyndsay returned on 28 May 1996. **Catherine Bergin** arrived initially as locum for Lyndsay but, on **Kaye Bagshaw's** departure to the RIBA Library on 26 April, was appointed assistant librarian in her place as from 1 July 1996.

Katie Beatty left the Library's secretarial staff on 8 March 1996. **Donna Cundell** replaced her in a temporary capacity until the end of June. Thereafter **Jenni Crisp** combined the duties of this post with her own.

Departments and Services

Conservation

During the year under review, the Department devoted most of its effort to the needs of Oriental Manuscripts and Printed Books. In all, 202 examples of Arabic calligraphy were cleaned and placed into acid-free folders. A total of 192 prints, drawings and paintings was cleaned, repaired and suitably boxed. Remedial work was undertaken on four manuscript volumes and three birch-bark manuscripts. In accordance with current practice, the emphasis in all this work was on preservation rather than conservation.

On the reasonable assumption that publication of the Friedlander catalogue of Panjabi manuscripts would generate user demand, this collection was

given conservation priority. Seventy-seven manuscripts were boxed, acid-free folders were made for six more, nine were treated with IMS/Water to relax and open folds and one was treated for blocking. Fifty miniatures from Hindi MS 197 were provided with hinged window mounts and protective covers.

Persian MS 474 (our famous Iskandar horoscope) was brought to a state of health sufficient to enable final decisions to be made about the best way to house and present this unique and precious artefact.

Anna Wise's short-term contract expired in September 1996. During the year she achieved a creditable and valuable amount of work. For example, she constructed 58 boxes for particular volumes, one of which had dried flowers pressed between its leaves. She wrote a number of condition reports and recommendations for the CMAC and the Iconographic Department. As a result, work was completed on 69 items from the Rickman collection of silhouettes, and ten from the Whittingham drawings collection, as well as 37 other iconographic items. Much of Anna's work (as indeed that of other Conservation staff) involved both experimentation and the use of innovative techniques. Her services have been retained under a new two-year contract for work on the Panjabi manuscripts.

A total of 680 volumes were rebound by external binding/conservation firms, in addition to items from the CMAC, Early Printed Books and Iconography.

The Head of Conservation and his staff experienced a very full year of participation in a varied programme of conferences and training opportunities. For example, Tony Bish represented the Institute at two conferences: on European book structures, held in Slovenia, and the 1996 IICROM Congress held in Edinburgh.

The expertise of the Department continued in demand externally. Advice was provided to the India Office Library, West Dean College in Sussex, the Chester Beatty Library in Dublin, and Liverpool University, as well as individuals from India and the Yemen Republic.

Exhibitions

Two exhibitions were mounted in the History of Medicine Gallery on the

fourth floor of the Wellcome Building:

'Materia Medica: A new cabinet of medicine and art' (November 1995 to March 1996) was based on the work of eight contemporary artists, each being invited to select material from the Wellcome collections to present alongside their own works. Unified by this contemporary art perspective, the material displayed touched on medical history themes as disparate as phrenology and pharmaceutical containers.

'Abracadabra: The magic of medicine' (June to November 1996) looked at the intertwined histories of magic and medicine, and featured work by Daumier, Goya and other artists, as well as illuminated manuscripts, masks, talismans and magic crystals.

Both exhibitions were accompanied by illustrated catalogues which included the exhibition captions and essays contributed by experts in the field. It remains difficult to do more than guess intelligently at the number of visitors, but both exhibitions evidently drew new audiences, and attracted favourable media attention, including a five-minute discussion of 'Abracadabra' on breakfast television.

On a more modest scale, a programme of temporary displays was also mounted in the reading room, each based on the work of particular staff members. Themes for the eight displays included the work and reputation of Louis Pasteur, a selection of Sinhalese items, Edward Jenner and smallpox vaccination, and books from the library of William Morris collected by Sir Henry Wellcome.

There was an increase in the number of items loaned to external exhibitions, including venues in Tel Aviv, Antwerp, Prato and (less far afield) Leeds and Sheffield.

Further collaborative work with the Wellcome Centre was undertaken during the year. The highly successful 'Look Hear: Art and science of the ear' exhibition was sent on a national tour. From 15 March 1996, it was replaced in the Two10 Gallery by 'Inside Information: Imaging the human body', a presentation of modern scientific pictures revealing a spectacular microscopic cosmos within the human body. Work was also done by the Exhibitions Unit to launch

a public competition for innovative collaborations between scientists and artists, under the title 'SCI-ART'.

Contemporary Medical Archives Centre (CMAC)

Following the recommendations of the History of Medicine Grants and Units Panel, arrangements were made to receive archives formerly housed at the Wellcome Unit at Oxford. A large part of the summer was consumed in ascertaining the provenance of materials, contacting donors and depositors where possible and transferring collections to the Institute or other appropriate homes. Twenty collections were absorbed by the CMAC and a number of others placed elsewhere. The largest retained collection was that of the British Empire Cancer Campaign (c. 200 boxes), followed by the records of the Society of Medical Officers of Health and its successor bodies (c. 168 boxes). Other large and important collections received from Oxford included the records of the British Social Hygiene Council and the papers of Dr C P B Blacker. The latter complement the archive of the Eugenics Society, of which Blacker was, for many years, General Secretary. A number of other ex-Oxford collections tie in with materials already held by the Institute, thus reinforcing the wisdom of the (for some, controversial) transfer decision.

The CMAC acquired archives of importance following the closure of the International Nutrition Foundation. The papers of Surgeon-Captain Thomas L Cleave and Neil S Painter, FRCS, diverticulitis expert, part of the Foundation Archive, represent significant additions to the CMAC's nutrition-related collections.

Other collections of note acquired included the papers of Sir Allen Daley (1887–1968) whose active involvement in medical administration is superbly documented in the materials kindly transferred to the CMAC by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr Wendy Savage, the well-known obstetrician and gynaecologist, gave papers which reflect her committee work and which complement materials received from the Oxford Unit. The records of the European Collaborative Health Services Study include fascinating comparative data from across Europe. The Casualties Union records will be of

importance to historians for the light they shed on first aid and the medical handling of major emergencies, while those of the MRC's Blood Group Unit cover a period of change in the understanding of blood groups and their genetic implications.

A full list of the 79 accessions during 1995/96 (of which 31 were additional to collections already held) appears in the CMAC's separately published *Contemporary Medical Archives Centre Annual Review 1995/96*.

In February 1996, Jennifer Haynes began a project to catalogue the surviving documents pertaining to Sir Henry Wellcome's collecting and research



Lady medical graduates, University of Edinburgh, 1907: papers of Dr Letitia Fairfield, (far right at back), acquired by the CMAC in 1996 (GC/193). *Wellcome Institute Library*

activities (the Wellcome Archives Project), using the Idealist database system. Work continued on the joint CMAC/Public Record Office (PRO) Hospital Records Project. Roger Maxwell of the PRO was based in the archive workroom from January 1996, researching and updating data, and adding over 600 entries to the database. As reported below, the CMAC is a partner with the Western Manuscripts Department and the Academic Unit in the Medical Archives and Manuscripts Survey.

Substantial progress was maintained on the production of finding aids for

researchers. For example, Lesley Hall's initial sorting of the Medical Women's Federation additional archive was finally completed and an interim list prepared for readers. Isobel Hunter completed the cataloguing of papers relating to Walter Pagel, Dr Henry Foy and Athena Kondi, among others. Shirley Dixon completed her list of the voluminous records of the Queen's Nursing Institute, with the associated records of the Nation's Fund for Nurses. Jennifer Haynes finished boxing and completed the catalogue of papers of Charles Enrique Dent, a specialist in metabolic disorders. This very brief and excerpted summary of cataloguing work must be supplemented by the fuller, documented, account printed in the *Annual Review*.

The Department's invaluable series of Sources Leaflets, designed to lead researchers to fruitful sources of primary information, was updated as additional collections were received and catalogued. New leaflets were prepared on the following topics: refugee scientists and medical practitioners; London; the Far East; Drawings, Paintings, Prints and Posters; East Africa; and West Africa.

A total of 296 readers (excluding Library staff) used the collections compared with the figure of 244 last year. The number of reader visits was 785. The most heavily used archives were those of the Medical Women's Federation (28 users); Marie Stopes (22); Family Planning Association (22); and the Eugenics Society (20).

Scholarly (if this is indeed something wholly distinct from professional) activity included Lesley Hall's six-week research trip, partly funded by the British Academy, to the USA and Canada in pursuit of Stella Browne (1880–1955). Jennifer Haynes registered to study part-time for a PhD on the subject of women and the public health professions, 1890–1940, at UCL, under the supervision of Dr Anne Hardy of the Academic Unit. Staff displayed their usual zeal in attending – and sometimes giving – talks and lectures on academic and professional topics.

Thanks are due to Mrs Peggy Sargant for a donation enabling Jennifer Haynes to catalogue Dr William Sargant's papers between October 1995 and February 1996. The Physiological Society was kind enough to finance the employment of Andrew Thomson between 3 June and 14 August 1996, to

catalogue additional accessions to their archive.

Early Printed Books

In all 286 items were purchased, including 99 volumes of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Edinburgh theses. Fifteen items were received as gifts, or as transfers from the Modern Medicine Department.

Among the highlights were:

A collection of Edinburgh University MD theses, 1768–1819

99 vols.

Duplicates from Edinburgh University Library.

(Anatomical Fugitive Sheets)

Viscerum, hoc est interiorum corporis humani partium, viva delineatio,

Venice 1539. [Inserted at end of Valverde volume described below.]

This pair of anatomical flap illustrations printed by de Sabio is of legendary rarity. The only other pair recorded was sold to Nihon University, Tokyo, in about 1987.

Thomas Arnold

Observations on the nature...of insanity, 2 vols, Leicester, 1782[–1786].

Hieronymus Brunschwig

Chirurgia, das ist Handwürckung der Wundartzney, [Augsburg], 1539.

The Library has hitherto had the 1525 English translation but none of the five German editions, apart from facsimile reprints of the 1497 edition.

Jacques Guillemeau

Tables anatomiques, Paris, 1586.

Jan Kopp

Gruntownij a dokonaly regiment, Prague, 1535 [1536].

Francesco Pona

Cardiomorphoseos sive ex corde desumpta emblemata sacra, Verona, 1645.

An unusual emblem book of variations on the theme of the human heart.

Johann Remmelin

An exact survey of the microcosmus, or little world...Englished by John Ireton,

London, 1670.

A very rare edition, only two copies recorded (Bodleian and Manchester University).

Henry Stubbe

The Indian nectar; or a discourse concerning chocolata, London, 1662.

Acquired at the sale of Professor John Yudkin's collection at Christie's South Kensington, 22 March 1996.

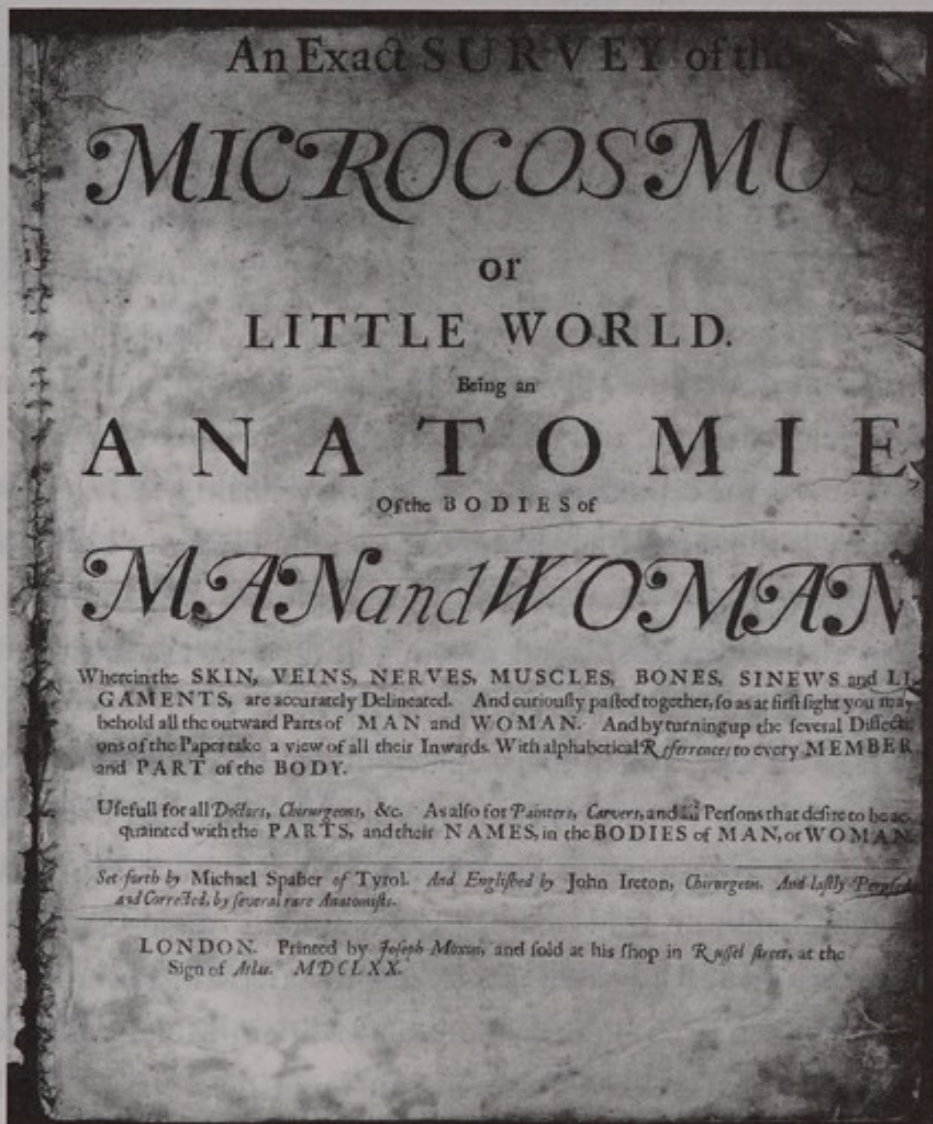
Juan Valverde de Hamusco

Vivae imagines partium corporis humani, Antwerp, 1566.

Sir Kenelm Digby's copy, with his signature on title page and marks in the preface apparently in the same hand. With pair of anatomical fugitive sheets inserted at end (see above).

The publication of Volume IV of the Printed Catalogue on 21 December 1995 was a notable achievement for the Department and an important milestone for the Library. An official launch was held on 2 February 1996. The Curator wishes to express his gratitude to all who contributed to the work during its protracted gestation, not least to his predecessor, Harold Denham, to successive Assistant Curators, Christine English, Katy Hooper and Gerald Beasley, and to the word-processor operators, Rebecca Devitt, Vivien Wren, Elinor Garraway and Jenni Crisp. Typesetting to an admirable standard was done by Bexhill Typesetting, and printing and binding by Biddles of Guildford. The Wellcome Trust's Publishing Department provided invaluable assistance.

An agreement with the US bookseller and publisher Maurizio Martino was



Johann Remmelin. *An exact survey of the microcosmus or little world ... Englished by John Ireton, chirurgion.* London: Joseph Moxon, 1670. A collection of anatomical plates with movable flaps. Purchased in April 1996. *Wellcome Institute Library*

entered into for the reprinting of Volumes I–II. Complimentary copies were received in September 1996 and look well. We are grateful to Mr Martino for putting these sought-after volumes back into commercial circulation.

The Assistant Curator, Sarah Bakewell, added 562 new records to WILDCat (including 226 from the Hunterian Society deposit). She also added c. 600 additional copies to existing records (140 Hunterian Society). About 400 records were added or amended as a result of numbering of volumes for the

editing of Volume V (forthcoming).

The Hunterian Society deposit of printed books received in August 1995 was catalogued and, where necessary, prepared for conservation in consultation with the Society's Honorary Curator, Dr Jeffrey Rosenberg.

The invaluable services of Miriam Miller were employed between April and October 1996 in tidying-up unresolved problems left over from the 1990–1994 retrospective conversion of EPB records to machine readable form. She checked 3363 records and dealt with 1897 found to be in need of amendment. Some records still require attention, and her further services are looked for early in 1997.

In 1996, it was the centenary of the death of William Morris (1834–1896) and the Library is the second-largest repository of books from his library (after the Pierpont Morgan). In excess of 200 Morris volumes remain in the Library, and some of them were displayed in a reading room exhibition 'William Morris, Book Collector' from July to August 1996.

The staff of the Department participated in a number of scholarly and professional conferences, visits and meetings during the year. Sarah Bakewell attended the Library Association Rare Books Group conference, 'MARC and Rare Book Librarians', on 6 November 1995, and an Anglo-German seminar on library history, 'The Universal Library', at the German Historical Institute on 19–20 September 1996. John Symons and Miriam Miller attended a joint LA/Antiquarian Booksellers' Association meeting on 'Ownership and Responsibility', held at the British Academy on 16 May 1996. Miriam Miller, together with Barbara Luff and Ann Spreadbury from Conservation, attended the LA Rare Books Group Annual Conference on 'Bookbindings' at Durham University in September 1996.

Iconographic Collections

Work on the final year of the second phase of the Iconographic Collections Videodisc Project (1992–1996) – essentially an attempt to clear part of the vast cataloguing backlog – dominated the lives of the permanent and temporary departmental staff. This concentration was justified on the ground that the documentation which it provided forms the bedrock on which all future work will be built.



A man in a canteen coughing and sneezing over food. Lithograph after H M Bateman, one of the acquisitions of the Iconographic Collections. *Wellcome Institute Library*

The cataloguing of over 38 000 works since 1992 is a splendid achievement, although a mountain of work remains to be done. During the year under review, 14 440 items were catalogued for the Library's database (WILDCat), with contributions from both permanent and Project staff. The prospect of the Project's end, in September 1996, prompted a five-month cataloguing blitzkrieg, employing a large number of temporary cataloguers, in order to make full use of the available funding. The creation and inputting of over 11 000 records during that time required the most agile administrative skills on the part of the Curator.

In August 1996 the Videodisc was placed on loan at the University of Warwick Library by request of the Librarian, Mr J A Henshall. This brings the number of external locations to five (the others being the Wellcome Units at Glasgow, Manchester, Oxford and Cambridge). The Videodisc workstation which had been lent to the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, was returned in April 1996 and installed in the Wellcome Institute Library's reading room.

September 1996 also saw the end of the Prints Reintegration Project, which had been running under various titles since 1990. Its purpose was to fine-sort and document the prints, drawings, paintings and miscellanea which had formerly been outhoused at Enfield. As the works were organized and shelved, they were recorded in a CARDBOX database, sometimes individually and sometimes at the group or collection level. At project closure, 8178 records had been created, representing a large, but unknown, number of items. Two further leaflets in the series 'Uncatalogued Prints and Drawings' were produced, one on prints of

India and the other on drawings. These useful leaflets give a limited, but useful glimpse, of some of the contents of the CARDBOX database.

The Department fielded its usual large quantity of user requirements. The Videodisc installation in the reading room attracted at least 419 individuals and five groups. At present there is no way of consolidating these figures with the unknown remote and proximate usage of the Videodisc both within and outside the Wellcome Building.

The Library entered into an arrangement with Atlas Books whereby they would publish for sale reproductions of some of the photographs of Hong Kong in the Collections. The Department collaborated with Michael Gray, Curator of the Fox Talbot Museum at Lacock, and with the Wellcome Trust Medical Photographic Library, in the making of new prints from the original glass negatives, both for use by Atlas Books and for an exhibition planned for the National Library of Scotland.

An accessions list for 1994/95 was produced and distributed to Friends of the Wellcome Institute (600 copies) and to persons on the Library's Accessions mailing list (150 copies). A list of the twentieth-century accessions was published in the *History of Twentieth-Century Medicine Newsletter*, March 1996.

Items acquired during 1995/96 range in date from the first half of the sixteenth century to 1994, from Bogotá to Cairo. A complete list is available on request. Among the more notable works are:

A vessel in the form of a heart held by a hand. Pen and ink drawing by Giulio Romano (1499–1546) or one of his associates.

A pair of paintings set in a pharmacy, by Willem Joseph Laquy (1738–1798).

Watercolour of a street carnival in Bogotá by François-Désiré Roulin (1796–1874).

Design for Qasr el Aini hospital and medical school, Cairo, after Cackett & Burns Dick, architects, of Newcastle upon Tyne, c. 1922.

A collection of 51 posters advertising safe practices in industrial workplaces, on the roads, and in the home, mostly published by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), c. 1943–1960.

Not everyone in the Wellcome Trust appreciates the huge responsibility that this Department carries for the maintenance of the prints and pictures which dress the walls of corridors and meeting rooms in the Wellcome Building. Every change of office, most building works (and there are many such) generate problems of protection, removal and replacement. A fresh anxiety during the year was created with the discovery that a portrait of Sir William Osler on public display had been damaged, almost certainly deliberately.

External loans to other institutions were exemplified by the touring exhibition of photographs of China by John Thomson, organized in collaboration with the British Council, which continued its world progress with a series of venues in Australia. Loans were also made to 'Oriental Medicine', Ethnographic Museum, Antwerp; 'David Le Marchand', British Museum; 'The Inner Eye', a National Touring Exhibition organized by the South Bank Centre; and to 'Samples', at the Photographers' Gallery, London.

Modern Medicine and Bibliographic Services (MOBS)

Purchased acquisitions during the year totalled 282 book and journal volumes and 255 ephemeral items (the latter not included in the Statistical Appendix).

The major purchase of the year was of the library of the late Dr Michael Shepherd, a psychiatrist of international repute and a keen medical historian. Our thanks are owed to his family for their keen interest and support in this acquisition.

This Department, mostly through the interest and endeavours of Stephen Lowther, has made ephemera collecting something of a speciality over the past few years. Stephen added some 674 freely available items during the year; one of his many sources being the 'Safety and Health at Work' exhibition at Olympia in February 1996.

Donations were received in the form of 35 large boxes of AIDS-related material from the Bureau of Hygiene and Tropical Diseases; monographs on

nutrition from the collection of the late Professor John Yudkin (of sugar fame), given by his son, Dr Michael Yudkin; medical monographs from the Medical Research Council, the BMA, and the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection; and a further substantial collection of Medical Officer of Health Reports from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Recommendations from the Hunt Report, and the coincidental news that McDonnell Douglas Information Systems was in financial trouble and seeking a buyer, prompted an approach to the Governors for permission to investigate a successor system to URICA. A Library System Search Party (LISSP) was set up chaired by the Departmental Head, Jeannette Lake, and four other library staff, a member of the Academic Unit, a representative of the Trust's Information Systems Department and an external consultant, Juliet Leeves.

LISSP's first task was to gather and collate requirements and ideas from all Library departments and the various categories of user. Philip Bryant, Bath University, helped with his survey of users' reactions to the current system. The first product of this activity was a document summarizing major requirements and those elements likely to be beyond the commercial norm. This 'brief specification' was sent to the eight suppliers already identified in Juliet Leeves's consultancy report. On the basis of their responses, three systems were shortlisted.

The next step, carried out largely by the Head of this Department, was to complete a fully detailed system specification. A project management consultant was used during the later stages of compilation. During the period of these activities, McDonnell Douglas sold its URICA library business to Dynix Deutschland, who subsequently transferred it to Dynix UK. At the end of the year under review, the system specification was awaiting final adjustment and authorization.

Normal development of the WILDCat database continued during the year. Simple programs were written to allow the dispatch of books to our external binder and their return to be recorded and displayed on the OPAC. Both primary databases within WILDCat increased significantly in size. Printed Books and Serials bibliographic records rose from 273 152 to 350 928, and item records from 241 849 to 301 404. The Iconographic database increased from 23 998 to 38 096 records.

Current Work in the History of Medicine (CW) issues 168–171 were published, containing a total of 9741 entries (7922 last year) for journal articles and book titles. The editorial staff designed and carried out a survey of CW subscribers to find out reactions to the product. The results were, on the whole, gratifying. Interestingly for the future, a strong preference was evident for a printed, rather than an on-line, version, while rather few respondents seemed aware that CW was already available, to an extent, on-line.

Oriental Manuscripts and Printed Books

The Department had a busy and productive year, the most outstanding achievement being the publication of *A Descriptive Catalogue of the Hindi Manuscripts in the Library of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine*, compiled by Dr Peter Friedlander. Peter Friedlander is to be congratulated on the publication of a guide to one of the largest and most important collections of Hindi manuscripts outside the subcontinent, which will be a standard reference work for the study of Indian medical history in general for many years to come. He left in April 1996 to take up a post in the School of Asian Studies at La Trobe University, Victoria, Australia, but it is hoped that his new career will leave sufficient time for the eventual completion of his catalogue of the Library's Panjabi manuscripts.

Fifty-five Thai palm-leaf manuscripts were purchased for the collections. They date from the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and relate to traditional Thai medicine and the ethno-medicine of northern Thailand. Also acquired were three illustrated folding books in Sanskrit from northern India, the earliest dated 1480. All three record traditional medical practices, including magic, and contain finely executed miniatures of medical demons. A Thai manuscript finely written with yellow ink on black paper in the traditional folding style known as samut, and containing medical recipes, was the final acquisition of note.

A total of 354 printed books and pamphlets of oriental, African and Australasian interest, in both Western and Eastern languages, was acquired.

The Bischoff and Pruitt catalogue of Burmese manuscripts, reported last



Rāma-Carita-Mānasa showing Sugriva paying homage to Rāma. From the Hindi collection (shelf-mark Hindi MS 335). Wellcome Institute Library

year, was completed in the year under review. The Curator, Dr Nigel Allan, began preparing illustrative materials prior to publication.

Dr Peter Kornicki has finished his work on the Wellcome Japanese manuscripts and block books, and his catalogue has been submitted to the *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* for publication.

Work on the Oriya manuscripts by Mr Graham Shaw, Deputy Director of the Oriental and India Office Collections at the British Library, continued.

Dr Dominik Wujastyk completed copy for volume II of his *Handlist of Sanskrit and Prakrit Manuscripts*, and began preparing it for publication.

The long saga of the cataloguing of the Wellcome Sinhalese manuscripts by Mr K Somadasa achieved virtual completion by the end of the year. The catalogue, lovingly crafted over many years of devoted effort and research by Mr Somadasa, describes 486 manuscripts, all but one written on palm leaves.

Wellcome oriental materials continued in demand by external exhibitors, with venues ranging from Israel to Japan.

Dr Wujastyk's Web site (www.ucl.ac.uk/~ucgadkw/indology.html) for Indology continued to attract scholarly attention. It includes links to other sites, 'position papers' by senior scholars on topics of historical importance, numerous library catalogues, on-line texts, and digital images of Wellcome and other manuscripts. It was 'visited' 9000 times during its first eight months of life.

Reader Services

The steady rise in Library usage continued this year with 15 703 reader visits logged compared with last year's 14 899. This is an impressive figure for an institution that has no tied and certain clientele beyond the teachers in the Academic Unit and their students. An average of 52 daily reader visits (50 last year) and 1640 new registrations (1257 last year) demonstrates healthy growth. Not surprisingly, Tuesdays and Thursdays, with their late closing, are the most popular days, with Wednesdays a close third, possibly because of the coincidence of regular public seminars. The most popular months are October/November and February/March and, unsurprisingly, registered students are the most intensive user group.

Two milestones reached during the year were the installation of a 3M security book-tagging system which, after a few initial teething problems, now operates reasonably well. It will be some time before a measure of its effect emerges on 'missing' books. The second milestone was the implementation, in November 1995, of the automated circulation of the Student Loan Collection, mainly due to the efforts of Sue Gold and Jeannette Lake. This limited control is providing valuable experience for its eventual extension to staff-, exhibition-, binding-, and interlibrary loan-related circulation.

The Readers' Advisory Group met five times during the year. This body has members drawn from staff and students of the Academic Unit, general library users, and the Department.

Thirteen external group visits were managed by staff who, in turn, visited a number of other relevant libraries and institutions.

The Library Services Team retrieved 8827 non-CMAC items from the Bentley House stacks, a very small increase on last year's figure of 8800. Requests for the CMAC's archival material yielded 2060 boxes (2100 last year). Curiously, most figures for telephone enquiries, letters and faxes made, and received etc., were down on last year. The differences are so small, however, that they may reflect simply the still less than perfect tools for statistical recording and analysis that the Library has at its disposal.

Most significant of all is the evidence, gleaned both anecdotally and from

survey, of the very high regard in which staff of this most public of the Library's departments are held by readers. Much of the credit for the creation, development and continuing high reputation of this Department must go to its first Head, Brenda Sutton, who, by the end of the year under review, was approaching retirement.

Western Manuscripts

Accessions during the year were much influenced by the existing patterns of Sir Henry Wellcome's own collecting activity. One of the earliest manuscripts acquired, a seventeenth-century French manual of chiromancy and physiognomy, is a reminder of the strong strand of alternative science and medicine present in the collection. Also from the seventeenth century is a draft Latin memorandum on the University of Perugia, giving the structure of the various faculties and outlining the duties of professors.

The establishment is also represented by a medical and surgical compendium, compiled by a French student in the 1730s. He records lectures delivered by Jean Astruc (1684–1766), Professor of Medicine at the Collège Royal, Paris, in 1737. The compiler has added an anonymous treatise on head wounds, as well as two printed Strasbourg dissertations, suggesting that he was perhaps from Alsace.

The Parisian medical world of a century later is illuminated by the diary of an unnamed English medical student for 1834–1835. Although lecture notes survive in quantity, the hectic round of the nineteenth-century medical student seems to have allowed few the leisure to record their life outside the lecture theatre. To add further interest, our man was spending an academic year in Paris, finishing his medical training (internal evidence suggests that he was one James Surrage, who took an MD degree at Edinburgh in 1835).

Joseph Henry Shorthouse (d. 1883), was the author of a manuscript treatise on dentistry, in 1846, purchased this year. Shorthouse was a man of many parts, practising physician and surgeon, published medical author, founder and editor of the *Sporting Times*, and expert on bloodstock. Until now, however, his early interest in the extraction of teeth was unsuspected. The treatise is an elaboration of the advantages of the use of dental forceps over the dental key, and

was clearly intended for publication.

Moving from the medical everyman to the ultimate medical celebrity, we have purchased some notes of conversations between Florence Nightingale and her relative and supporter, Arthur Hugh Clough. The conversations occurred



Title page from a notebook of veterinary and general household prescriptions and recipes, MS 7160. *Wellcome Institute Library*

in 1859 and topics covered range from details of nursing administration to general meditations on God, the divine will and motherhood.

Eighty-three numbers were added to the main manuscripts series during the year, representing both new accessions and earlier acquisitions newly catalogued. Among the latter, the most significant papers were the records of the proprietors of Dr Webster's Diet Drink, mentioned briefly in last year's *Report*. Dr Webster's Diet Drink was a Georgian universal remedy formulated by

Joshua Webster MD (1709?–1801) in 1742. The recipe was bequeathed to Webster's wholesaler, Samuel Slee, a Southwark wine and spirit merchant, and remained in his family for the rest of the century. The business seems to have petered out in the early 1900s, and the records were ultimately inherited by a descendant living in the West Country.

In addition to the cataloguing of recent accessions, material was added from the uncatalogued backlog to the manuscript series. Various files of correspondence that had been grouped by subject were extracted from the Autograph Letters sequence and assigned a manuscript number.

Among the older, uncatalogued backlog two unidentified Victorian notebooks, containing notes on Indian history and mythology, had long lain neglected on our shelves. The chance discovery of a companion volume by Dr Peter Friedlander, during cataloguing of the Wellcome Hindi collection last year, has now led to identification of the writer. He was Alexander Kinloch Forbes (1821–1865), author of *Râs Mâlâ, Hindu Annals of Western India with Particular Reference to Gujarat*, 1856.

Editing of the large catalogue and index to the Hodgkin family collection was completed by Chris Hilton at the end of 1995. The two-volume finding aid is now available in the Library and the papers may be requested via the usual channels.

Some 164 individual readers consulted Western manuscripts and/or autograph letters during 1995/96, an increase on the previous year of about 17 per cent. Total reader visits involving this department were also up, from 327 last year to 370 during the year under review; representing an increase of almost 29 per cent over the last two years. Western Manuscripts staff are to be congratulated for their part in this gratifying increase.

A fuller account of the work of this Department is given in its separately published *Annual Review*.

Medical Archives and Manuscripts Survey (MAMS)

This is a shared project between staff of Western Manuscripts, the CMAC and the Academic Unit. Chris Hilton surveyed the collections of the London

boroughs of Bexley, Greenwich, Harrow, Hillingdon, Kingston and Sutton, as well as those of Gunnersbury Park Museum, the House of Lords Record Office, the London School of Economics and the Royal College of Psychiatrists. He also brought together information from various sources to compile an entry for the Medical Society of London, and drafted a short entry for Dulwich College.

Richard Aspin spent a great deal of time on consolidating descriptions of the medical-related contents of the varied collections of the British Library. He also revised the existing MAMS entry for the National Army Museum.

In the past year the CMAC staff have completed the following entries: British Institute of Radiology, Royal College of Radiologists, British Paediatric Association, Valance House Museum, Bruce Castle Museum (Isobel Hunter); London Borough of Brent Community History Library and Archives, Cricklewood, Marx Memorial Library, Public Record Office, Kew (Lesley Hall); London Borough of Redbridge, London Borough of Richmond, Zoological Society (Julia Sheppard).

In view of the imminent completion of the London section of the MAMS survey, a good deal of consideration was devoted to questions of editing, indexing and publication. Mrs Jean Runciman, former assistant editor of *Medical History*, examined several specimen entries and gave valuable advice on the copy-editing and indexing requirements. We anticipate that this will be undertaken with a view to publication in the near future.

Accessions¹*(except periodicals and archives)*

	<i>Purchase</i>	<i>Gift</i>
Historical Collection	2232 (2195)	367 (263)
Modern Medicine ²	283 (376)	87 (45)
American	34 (32)	2 (5)
Early Printed Books	253 (140)	12 (3)
Oriental	357 (243)	15 (8)
Western Manuscripts	96 (34)	8 (4)
Iconography	46 (44)	15 (1)
TOTALS	3301 (3064)	506 (329)
TOTAL: All departments	3807 (3393)	

Notes

¹ 1994/95 figures in brackets. The figures are generated by the Acquisitions process. Totals may differ slightly from those reported by Departments (above). This is because of different definitions of units of acquisition before and after cataloguing, or because of inter-departmental transfers.

² Figures for Modern Medicine do not include unprocessed bulk acquisitions, or ephemera added to the collections.

Archives

CMAC received 79 (52) new accessions, of which 31 (19) were additional to collections already held.

Periodicals

Total current titles received	703	(676)
Paid	500	(488)
Gift/Exchange	203	(188)
New titles	37	(55)
Paid	18	(15)
Gift/Exchange	19	(40)
Cancellations/ceased publication	6	(4)

Accession Costs

1. All categories except periodicals

Budget	£316 000	(£287 500)
Expenditure	£310 955	(£246 322)

1a. Special purchases fund

Budget	£158 000	(£144 000)
Expenditure	£157 374	(£99 007)

2. Periodicals

Budget	£25 000	(£23 000)
Expenditure	£24 627	(£22 311)

3. Acquisition on-costs (bank charges, etc.)

Budget	£3000	(£2500)
Expenditure	£2242	(£2853)

Services

New readers registered	1640	(1257)
Reader visits recorded at Library		
Enquiry Desk	15 703	(14 899)
Daily average of readers	52	(50)
Interlibrary Loans (BLDS)		
Borrowed	119	(115)
Lent	247	(196)
Loans to registered students	5144 ³	(3684)

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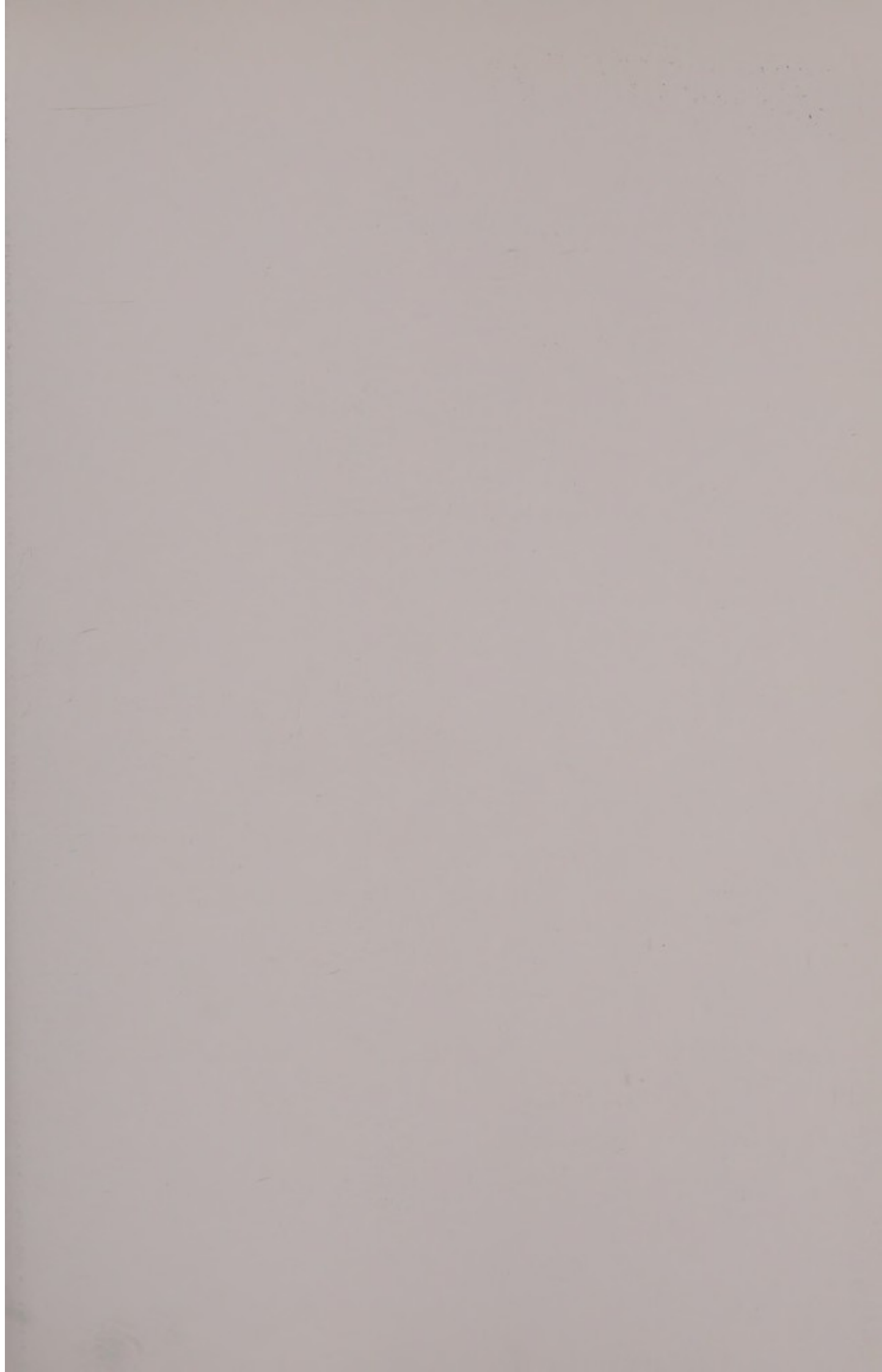
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