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MEETINGS AND EXHIBITIONS

PYBUS CLUB

A meeting of the Pybus Club will be held on Thursday, 15 May 1986, at 5.30 p.m. in Room 1.6, Department of Classics, Percy Building, University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Dr. L. Conrad (Wellcome Institute) will present a paper entitled 'The transmission of smallpox in medieval Islam'.

SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The Annual Conference ('Nutrition in history') will be held at the University of Sheffield from 11 to 13 July 1986. Further details from the organizer, Joan Austoker, Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, 45-47 Banbury Road, Oxford OX2 6PE.

WELLCOME INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The following exhibitions will be mounted at the Institute, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP:

7 April— *Body and mind in Tibetan medicine*
25 July 1986 (arranged by Marianne Winder and Dominik Wujastyk)

1 September 1986— *A vision of history. The Wellcome Institute*
10 April 1987 *for the History of Medicine*

BRITISH SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The Executive Committee of the Society has recently elected the following officers:

President: Dr John Cule (University of Wales College of Medicine)
Vice-President: Dr Ben Davis (University of Birmingham Medical School)
Treasurer: Dr David Wright (Western General Hospital, Edinburgh)
Secretary: Dr Roger Price (Wellcome Museum of the History of Medicine, London)

HOSPITAL CLINICAL RECORDS

In May 1985, the King's Fund Centre and the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine sponsored a symposium concerned with hospital clinical records. A

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number of short papers set out problems associated with their legal status, bulk, methods of keeping them, and actual and potential uses, as well as issues associated with confidentiality. As a result of the meeting, a Working Party under the chairmanship of Dr Stephen Lock, Editor of the *British Medical Journal*, has been set up to examine these problems more fully. A survey is also being conducted by the Public Record Office and the Contemporary Medical Archives Centre of the Wellcome Institute to determine the extent to which clinical records have survived. In the meantime, the Proceedings of the Symposium are available from the King's Fund Centre, 126 Albert Street, London NW1 7NF, for £1.00. This booklet makes fascinating reading and should be of interest to medical practitioners and historians, as well as to record officers and hospital administrators.

NEW PUBLICATION

The Historical Collections of the Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia announces the publication, in February 1986, of the first issue of *Fugitive Leaves from the Historical Collections*. Originally published as *Fugitive Leaves from the Library 1935-69*, the newsletter was published by Walton B. McDaniel, 2nd, Librarian of the College 1933-53, and Curator of the Historical Collections 1953-73. *Fugitive Leaves from the Historical Collections*, to be edited by Thomas Horrocks, Curator of the Historical Collections, will present essays relating to the holdings of the Historical Collections, news of acquisitions and accessions, current exhibits, and special projects and programmes. Those wishing more information may contact him at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, USA.

HISTORY OF DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY

The sixth Samuel J. Zakon Award in the History of Dermatology was won by Dr Samuel X. Radbill of Philadelphia for his paper entitled 'Paediatric dermatology'. Papers are now invited for the seventh award, which is open to historians and dermatologists in practice or training. Manuscripts should be submitted to John Thorne Crissey, MD, Chairman, Samuel J. Zakon Award Committee, 960 East Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91106, USA., by 1 October 1986. Essays may relate to any aspect of the history of dermatology not previously published.

A PROJECTED REVISION OF KLEBS

Professor Leo Gerulaitis, who is writing an extended study of early medical printing in Europe, asks any readers who have come across medical incunabula *not* in A. C. Klebs, *Incunabula scientifica et medica*, if they would kindly notify him at: Department of History, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan 48063, USA.