

News, Notes and Queries

DR P. O. WILLIAMS

In September 1991 Dr P. O. Williams retired as Director of the Wellcome Trust, and was succeeded by Dr Bridget Ogilvie. In his thirty-one years with the Trust, first as Assistant Secretary, then as Secretary, and finally as Director, he has seen the Trust grow from a small organization to become the largest medical-research charity in the U.K., with an annual income in 1991 approaching £72 million. In this period, the Trustees' support for history of medicine has been similarly generous, and he has seen through several major initiatives—not least, the transfer of the Wellcome collections to the Science Museum and the creation of academic Units in London, Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, and Glasgow. The bringing together under one roof of the Trust's administration, the Wellcome Institute, and a new centre for medical science and history in the refurbished Wellcome Building in 1992, will be a tangible memorial of his stewardship.

His considerable interest in and support for medical history is not entirely to be explained by his being married to a medical historian. Grant-holders, and those acquainted with the workings of the History Panel, know how much his enthusiasm has meant to their cause. He took over as Director of the Institute at a crucial moment in its development, encouraging such new projects as the history of twentieth-century medicine, the computerization of the Library catalogue, and, most recently, the recording of the Institute's visual material on video-disc. He has been concerned to publicize the history of medicine among the medical and scientific fraternity and, at the same time, to ensure that work done under Wellcome auspices maintained the highest of scholarly standards.

We wish him and his wife well in their retirement, which is unlikely to be one of masterly inactivity: we are pleased to put on record what he has done, over many years, for the Institute and for medical history as a whole: and we congratulate him on his two recent honours, a CBE in the Birthday Honours List, and an honorary doctorate from the University of his native West Indies.

THE PICTURE OF HEALTH: IMAGES OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY FROM THE WILLIAM H. HELFAND COLLECTION

This exhibition, of approximately 125 posters, caricatures, trade cards, and ephemera, will be on view at the *Philadelphia Museum of Art* until 1 December.

THE FRANCIS CLARK WOOD INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE *Grants to scholars*

Grants of up to \$1,000 will be awarded to scholars engaged in projects in the spring, summer, and autumn of 1992 that require use of the Historical Collections of the Library of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Recipients will be expected to present a seminar at the Wood Institute, and to submit a report on their research. Letters of application outlining the proposed project (proposal should not exceed 5 pages), length of residence, historical materials to be used, and a budget for travel, lodging, and research expenses should be sent, along with a CV and two letters of recommendation, to Carla C. Jacobs, Wood Institute, College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 South 22nd St, Philadelphia, PA 19103, USA (tel: 215-563-3737) to be received before 31 January 1992.