

*News, Notes and Queries*

**OSLER LIBRARY NEWSLETTER**

THE second issue of this Newsletter, dated October 1969, has just reached us. It contains an interesting discussion of Osler's attitude towards books and libraries and especially the formation of his own library's Board of Curators. Ample quotation brings a true Oslerian flavour to this welcome innovation and should make medical teachers and students look again at their libraries—and especially at the older books in them. The editor, Miss Ellen B. Wells of the Osler Library, and her associate editor, Miss Nancy Grant, are to be congratulated on their initiative. Readers wishing to receive the Newsletter regularly should write to Miss Wells at the Osler Library, McIntyre Medical Sciences Building, McGill University, Montreal 110, P.Q., Canada.

**A NEW SOCIETY  
THE SOCIETY FOR THE SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDICINE**

The Society has been founded to promote a better understanding of the relationship between Medicine and the Social Sciences. Some knowledge and understanding of historical developments will further this aim and will bring together those engaged in academic and practical work such as doctors, sociologists, teachers and those engaged in public health, occupational medicine and community welfare services.

Four meetings will be held each year, initially at the Wellcome Institute where research facilities will be available to members. As it is important to have a wide representation of different areas and interests, meetings will also be held in various parts of the country from time to time.

Papers presented at these meetings as well as articles and shorter notes submitted will be published twice a year.

It is hoped that there will be international as well as national response.

In order that the programme for 1970 can be formulated those interested in joining the Society should write to the Honorary Secretary—

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