Surgical pamphlets

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Medical pamphlet collections

Royal College of Surgeons of England: 28,000 items

John Rylands (Manchester): 8,500
Whipple (Cambridge): 5,200
Bristol: 4,750
Birmingham: 4,000
Facts about tracts

• 28,000 items in 2,800 volumes
• collected between 1887 and 1936
• mostly 18th and 19th century
• bid in 2001; completion 2006
AN ACCOUNT
of the SUCCESS of
Inoculating the Small-Pox;
In a LETTER to
Dr. WILLIAM WHITAKER.

By Tho. NETTLETON, M.D.

LONDON:
Printed by S. PALMER, for J. BATELY, at the Door in
Pater-Noster-Row. 1722.
(Price 4 d.)
THE ENDSOCPE
AS AN AID
IN THE
DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT
OF DISEASE.

BY
FRANCIS RICHARD CRUISE,
FELLOW OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, LONDON;
MEMBER OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF LONDON;
VETERINARIAN-
MEDICAL PHYSICIAN TO THE ARMY OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Reprinted, with additions, from The Edinburgh Medical and Surgical Journal, for May 1st, 1860.

DUBLIN:
FANNIN AND COMPANY, GRAFTON-STREET.
LONDON: LONGMAN & CO.
EDINBURGH: MACLACHLAN & STEWART.
Unusual items

• ‘A statement of the case of Wm. Dempster, a juggler who died in consequence of having swallowed a table-knife’
• ‘Upon the electrical experiments to determine the location of the bullet in the body of the late President Garfield’
• ‘Is belief in spiritualism ever evidence of insanity per se?’
• ‘On the absolute necessity of encouraging ... the study of anatomy, with a plan to prevent violating the dormitories of the defunct’
Personal author: Rowley, William, 1742 or 3-1806

Title: A treatise on the management of female breasts during childbed; and several new observations on cancerous diseases, with prescriptions, to which are added remarks on pretenders to the cure of the cancer / by William Rowley

Edition: 2nd ed.

Publication info: London : Printed for J. Wingrave, 1790


Bib. history note: 'The first edition of this little performance was published about seventeen or eighteen years ago' - pref

Bib. history note: 'A different work from A practical treatise on the diseases of the breasts' [1772, 2nd ed. 1777] - BL cat.

Subject: Breast Diseases
Subject: Puerperal Disorders
Subject: Neoplasms
Subject: Quackery

Place of publication: England London

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The library has been awarded a second grant of £48,720 from the Research Resources in Medical History grants scheme set up by the Wellcome Trust and the Wellcome Library. The award will allow the College to catalogue its complete collection of tracts and pamphlets by March 2006.

The tracts collection

An estimated 25,000 pamphlets range over all aspects of medicine, not only surgery, as well as natural history to support the College museums. The majority dates from the 19th century, but there are works from as far back as 1570. British, American and continental European items are joined by exotica from Calcutta, Shanghai and Rio de Janeiro.

Many of the pamphlets are scarce, or remain unannotated, in British libraries. The collection is rich in individual case reports, university dissertations and addresses to medical societies.

Typical subjects

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