

## *News, Notes and Queries*

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### WELLCOME INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE

The following exhibitions will be open to the public in the Library of the Wellcome Institute (183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BP):

- 2 August to 1 October 1982 – History of medical sciences in twentieth-century Britain (arranged by Julia Sheppard).
- 4 October to 31 December 1982 – Hebrew manuscripts (arranged by Nigel Allan).
- 3 January to 25 February 1983 – Early twentieth-century amateur botanical paintings (arranged by Enid Slatter).

The following one-day symposia have also been arranged:

- 17 September 1982 – Medicine and science in twentieth-century Britain.
- 1 October 1982 – Medicine, printing, and literacy in the Renaissance.
- 26 November 1982 – Mind and body in the Enlightenment.

### “THE PALPABLE OSLER”

The National Medical Audiovisual Center, part of the National Library of Medicine, has completed a video production of *The Palpable Osler*, a biography of Sir William Osler, M.D. (1849–1919). The life and accomplishments of Osler are presented through pictures selected from specialized collections including the archives of the National Library of Medicine, McGill University, and Johns Hopkins University.

The text of the programme, written and narrated by Charles G. Roland, M.D., of McMaster University and the American Osler Society, focuses upon the reasons for Osler's enduring influence in the field of medicine, including: his humanistic approach to medical practice; his insistence that medical education include clinical study; his authorship of the most widely-used general medical text of the time; and his active role in the establishment of societies, libraries, and journals for the communication of scientific knowledge.

The thirty-three-minute program is now available from the U.S. General Services Administration, National Audiovisual Center, Sales Program, Washington, DC 20409, in both videocassette and slide/tape formats. The price is \$75.00 for videocassettes and \$81.00 for the slide tape, plus postage and fifteen per cent handling.

### MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY GROUP

The annual conference of the Medical Sociology Group of the British Sociological Association is to be held at Durham University on 24–26 September 1982. Further details can be obtained from Anne Murcott, Department of Sociology, University College, PO Box 78, Cardiff CF1 1XL.