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YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY CONTEMPORARY MEDICAL CARE AND HEALTH POLICY COLLECTION

Lawrence Dowler, Head of the Manuscripts and Archives Department of the Yale University Library, has announced the creation of the Contemporary Medical Care and Health Policy Collection. Arthur J. Viseltear, Associate Professor of Public Health and Research Associate in the History of Science and Medicine, has been named adviser to the collection. The purpose of this collection is to preserve for scholarly use the personal papers of individuals and institutions that have made lasting contributions to medical care and health policy in the United States of America.

Current holdings include: the important papers of C. E. A. Winslow and Ira V. Hiscock; the files of the Subcommittee on Medical Care, a subcommittee of the American Public Health Association; the papers of John P. Peters, Professor of Medicine at the Yale University School of Medicine; the papers which cover the later years of Henry E. Sigerist; the papers of E. Richard Weinerman.

The collection has been named as the eventual depository for the papers of: I. S. Falk, Professor Emeritus of Public Health at Yale; Lorin Kerr and Milton Terris, former Presidents of the American Public Health Association; Franklin Foote, former Commissioner of Health of Connecticut; and the records of the Connecticut Regional Medical Program. Additional manuscript collections are systematically being sought to this promising historical resource.

NATIONAL FILM ARCHIVE HISTORIC FILMS OF CANCER RESEARCH

A notable addition to the scientific films of the National Film Archive is the recent donation by the Strangeways Research Laboratory, Cambridge, of a collection of films of time-lapse cinemicrography of cells, tissues and organs cultivated *in vitro* by the Tissue Culture methods for which this laboratory is world famous. The collection consists of examples of the work of R. G. Canti (1883–1936) and of A. F. W. Hughes (1908–1975). Both worked in association with the laboratory and were pioneers of different aspects of cinemicrography.

Dr. Canti, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, worked on the effects of radium in the treatment of cancer. This clinical research, in which he observed the effects of radium treatment on patients, was associated with laboratory work on cells in tissue culture, and in the period 1927–1932 produced the first successful films of cells, both normal and malignant, in tissue culture. Canti used transmitted light and also "dark-ground illumination". Hughes, some twenty years later (*c.* 1946), became the first in this country to use "phase contrast" methods of illumination of tissue cultures: his work was outstanding and his films of a quality which subsequent workers have found difficult to equal.

Further information may be obtained from: National Film Archive, 81 Dean Street, London W1V 6AA.

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HANNAH INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF MEDICAL AND RELATED
SCIENCES, TORONTO, CANADA

The Board of Associated Medical Services which sponsors the Hannah Institute and the Hannah Chairs in the History of Medical and Related Sciences (one at each of the following universities: The University of Western Ontario, Queen's University, the University of Toronto, McMaster University, the University of Ottawa) announces its approval of a programme of support for research and graduate study at the five universities, and a programme of publication assistance for original works in Canadian History of Medicine. In this context, *Canadian* refers to citizenship, residence or content.

The assistance programme for research and graduate study includes grants-in-aid, scholarships for graduate students, and post-doctoral fellowships, as well as provision for visiting scholars and periodic symposia in Ontario. A brochure about the Institute's history and present and future activities is available. Further information and advice may be obtained from: Dr. G. R. Paterson, Executive Director, Hannah Institute for the History of Medical and Related Sciences, 50 Prince Arthur Avenue, Suite 105, Toronto, M5R 1B5, Canada.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MALTA
THE SCHOOL OF ANATOMY AND SURGERY,
TERCENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

On 19 December 1976, the Medical School of the University of Malta celebrated its tercentenary. The commemorative events included academic and historical symposia, a photographic exhibition, the issue of four stamps by the Post Office, and the establishment of a Medical Trust Fund to finance research especially in fields that are relevant to the needs of Malta, such as ischaemic heart disease and diabetes mellitus.