

Book Reviews

The Doctor on the Stage: Medicine and Medical Men in Seventeenth Century England, by HERBERT SILVETTE, ed. by Francelia Butler, Knoxville, University of Tennessee Press, 1967, pp. viii, 290, \$7.50.

This volume is the fruit of Dr. Silvette's leisure reading of about 500 plays of the Elizabethan and Jacobean period, yielding a rich harvest of quotations on medical and paramedical topics, arranged in chapters under main subject headings. With such a nucleus, this could have been an important addition to the history of medicine, but the selected extracts, made some thirty or more years ago, are presented by an editor who gives little evidence of familiarity with all that has been written and published on the subject since that time. Nevertheless, the book is very well produced and offers a most useful array of relevant literary quotations for those who may be delving more deeply into the medical and scientific ideas and practices of the period.

F. N. L. POYNTER

CONTRIBUTORS

- BEST, A. E., M.A., Ph.D., D.Litt., Department of History, University of Edinburgh, William Robertson Building, 50 George Square, Edinburgh 8.
- BOKSAY, G., Veszprém, Lenin Tér. 2, Postafiók 128, Hungary.
- COWAN, PETER, Ph.D., Dipl.Arch., A.R.I.B.A., Director, Joint Unit for Planning Research, University College London, 171-174 Tottenham Court Road, London, W.1.
- DAVIES, R. M., B.A., Ph.D., Department of History, Sunderland College of Education, Langham Tower, Sunderland.
- EGERTON, FRANK N., B.S., Ph.D., Assistant to the Director, Hunt Botanical Library, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213, U.S.A.
- GUERRA, FRANCISCO, M.D., D.Sc., Ph.D., Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine, 183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1.
- JAMES, D. GERAINT, M.D., F.R.C.P., 149 Harley Street, London, W.1.
- KEELE, KENNETH D., M.D., F.R.C.P., Leacroft House, Leacroft, Staines, Middlesex.
- KLUKOFF, PHILIP J., M.A., Ph.D., Division of the Humanities, University of Maryland, 5401 Wilkins Avenue, Baltimore 21228, U.S.A.
- MATHESON, NORMAN M., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., Ornsay, Woodlands Road West, Virginia Water, Surrey.
- NUSSEY, JOHN T. M., M.A.(Cantab.), 22 St. George's Crescent, Queen's Park, Chester.
- NUTTON, VIVIAN, M.A., Director of Studies in Classics, Selwyn College, Cambridge.
- O'MALLEY, C. D., Ph.D., Department of Medical History, School of Medicine, The Center for the Health Sciences, Los Angeles, California 90024, U.S.A.
- WINDER, MARIANNE, M.A., A.L.A., Wellcome Institute of the History of Medicine 183 Euston Road, London, N.W.1.
- WOODFORD, LEONARD W., B.A., Dipl.Ed., Lecturer in History, Department of General Studies, Lincoln College of Technology.
- VAN ZWANENBERG, D., D.M., D.P.H., Chest Clinic, St. Helen's Hospital, Foxhall Road, Ipswich.