

Book Notices

ENRICO VALSANGIACOMO (ed.), *Zum Wohle der Kranken. Das Schweizerische Rote Kreuz und die Geschichte der Krankenpflege*, Basel, Schwabe & Co., 1991, pp. 460, illus., SFr 50.00, DM 60.00 (3-7965-0927-4).

In 1976 the cantons of Switzerland delegated regulation, control and promotion of the training schemes for the nursing and the technical and therapeutical assistant professions to the Swiss Red Cross (SRC). This step meant that state responsibilities were transferred to an organization which is subject to private law, and it thus reflected the leading role that the Red Cross had acquired in the training of Swiss nursing personnel during the preceding one hundred years. This latter development is the topic of the present volume, which is a team effort of experienced teaching nurses and members of the SRC with a historical background. Starting with the foundation of the Swiss Central Society of the Red Cross in 1882, the book describes the history of the training of nurses by the Swiss Red Cross in its institutional and professional aspects until the present day. Particular attention is paid to the activities of Dr Walter Sahli, Central Secretary of the SRC from 1898 to 1916, who is seen as "one of the most important sponsors of modern nursing" in Switzerland, and to the "Lindenhof" Red Cross School in Berne, which was founded in 1899 as the first of its kind and became a model for later nursing schools. On the whole, the strength of this volume lies in its broad and detailed documentation (supplemented by numerous historical photographs) rather than in historical analysis and interpretation.

A. R. DAVID and E. TAPP (eds), *The mummy's tale: the scientific and medical investigation of Natsef-Amun, priest in the Temple at Karnak*, London, Michael O'Mara, 1992, pp. 176, illus., £15.99 (1-85479-135-4).

The Theban priest Natsef-Amun lived during the late Twentieth Dynasty (1200-1085 BC). The correct form of his name is Esamun, but, as Dr David explains, the older reading has been retained here in deference to long-established usage in Leeds. His mummy was presented to the Philosophical Society in that city, where an autopsy was performed in 1828. This book presents the results of a re-examination undertaken by Drs David and Tapp and their collaborators in 1989, using largely non-destructive techniques including radiology, endoscopy and CT-scans. The first half of the volume offers succinct accounts, illustrated by photographs, of some of the main sites, of the geography, history, and civilization of Egypt, together with discussions of the history of mummification and the collection at Leeds.

The core of the book consists of chapters 8-13 in which Dr Tapp and his medical and scientific colleagues discuss the various techniques employed and the results obtained thereby. Noteworthy is Tapp's lucid account in chapter 10 of the methods of examining mummified tissues, and the discussion in chapter 9 by Judith Miller and Catherine Asher-McDade of the dental evidence. They offer some interesting speculations on the possible reasons why, exceptionally, Natsef-Amun was apparently mummified with his mouth open and tongue protruding.

As in the case of their earlier work on mummies, the authors doubtless envisage in due course a detailed scientific report. In the meantime this volume provides a useful and readily digestible account for a wider readership.

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title does not preclude the possibility of subsequent review. Items received, other than those assigned for review, are ultimately incorporated into the collection of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine.)

JACQUES CHAZAUD, *F.-J.-V. Broussais: de l'irritation à la folie: un tournant méthodologique de la médecine au XIX^e siècle*, Toulouse, Editions Érés, 1992, pp. 188, FFr. 130 (2-86586-196-1).

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JOHN DUFFY, *The sanitarians: a history of American public health*, Urbana and Chicago, University of Illinois Press, 1992, pp. 330, \$15.95 (paperback 0-252-06276-0). The hardback edition was reviewed in *Medical History*, 1992 **36**: 335-6.

OLIVIER FAURE (ed.), *Praticiens, patients et militants de l'homéopathie aux XIXe et XXe siècles (1800-1940)*, *Actes du Colloque franco-allemand*, Lyon, octobre 1990, Lyons, Presses Universitaires de Lyon, Editions Boiron, 1992, Frs 170.00 (2-7297-0429-9).

PHILIP GILLON (ed.), *Recollections of a medical doctor in Jerusalem, from Professor Julius J. Kleeberg's notebooks, 1930-1988*, Basel, Karger, 1992, pp. viii, 174, illus., £30.50, \$56.00, SFr. 70.00 (3-8055-5522-9).

LARISSA LEIBROCK-PLEHN, *Hexenkräuter oder Arznei. Die Abtreibungsmittel im 16. und 17. Jahrhundert*, Heidelbergger Schriften zur Pharmazie- und Naturwissenschaftsgeschichte, vol. 6, Stuttgart, Wissenschaftliche Verlagsgesellschaft, 1992, pp. 238, DM 68.00 (3-8047-1200-2).

CAROLE REEVES, *Egyptian medicine*, Shire Egyptology series 15, Princes Risborough, Bucks., Shire Publications Ltd., 1992, pp. 72, £3.95 (0-7478-0127-4).

WILLIAM G. ROTHSTEIN, *American physicians in the nineteenth century: from sects to science*, Baltimore and London, Johns Hopkins University Press, 1992, pp. xxii, 362, £13.50 (0-8018-4427-4).

WIESŁAW SUDER, *Geras: old age in Greco-Roman antiquity, a classified bibliography*, Wrocław, Profil, 1991, pp. 169, \$36.00 (83-900102-2-4). Orders to: Wiesław Suder, Institute of History, University of Wrocław, Szewska 49, 60-139 Wrocław, Poland. Cheques, drawn on a French bank, payable to Philippe Kocinski (Paris).

KENNETH SUGIOKA, *A manual of anesthetic complications*, Troy, NY, Whitston Publishing Company, 1992, pp. x, 227, illus., \$25.00 (hardback 0-87875-414-8), \$10.00 (paperback 0-87875-415-6).

Vroedkundige aanmerkingen door den ervaren Engelschen vroedmeester Willughby in meer dan veertig jaren by een verzamelt, facsimile edition of the Dutch translation of Willughby's "Observations in Midwifery" (Leyden 1754), intro. Michel Thiery, Brussels, Koninklijke Academie voor Geneeskunde van België, 1991, pp. 124, BF 450.00. (Orders directly to the Secretary, Koninklijke Academie voor Geneeskunde van België, Hertogstraat 1, 1000 Brussels, Belgium).

LAZAROS E. VLADIMIROU and ANDREAS C. RIZOPOULOS, *Medicine and advertising in Greece from Antiquity to 1940*, Athens, Eptalophos, 1992, pp. 320, illus. (960-7298-29-2).

BENJAMIN C. WOODBURY, M.D., *Homoeopathic materia medica for nurses: with introductory chapters on the principles and practice of homoeopathy. Selected writings*, ed. Jay Yasgur, Greenville, Pa., Van Hoy Publishers, 1992, pp. 300, \$18.95 (+ \$3.00 p&p).

JAY YASGUR, *A dictionary of homeopathic medical terminology*, Greenville, Pa. Van Hoy Publishers, 1990, pp. 93, \$14.95 (+ \$2.00 p&p).

JAY YASGUR (ed.), *Some clinical experiences of Erastus E. Case, with selected writings*, Greenville, Pa., Van Hoy Publishers, 1991, pp. 330, \$22.50 (+ \$3.00 p&p).