

## Book Notice

**Jacme d'Agramont**, *Regiment de preservació de pestilència (Lleida, 1348)*, ed. Joan Veny, includes facsimile of 1348 edition, Barcelona, Enciclopèdia Catalana, S.A., 1998, pp. 139, illus. (84-412-0015-7).

Jacme d'Agramont (d. c. 1348), a professor at the University of Lleida, Catalonia, wrote in Catalan in 1348 what was possibly the first book in the vernacular to give advice on protection against the Black Death, the *Regiment de preservació de pestilència*. The Fundació Enciclopèdia Catalana has produced a handsome volume which contains much of interest from several viewpoints: medical-historical, philological, and sociological. It consists of a revised edition of the *Regiment* edited by Joan Veny, bringing up-to-date his 1971 study of the text, as well as useful introductory essays. The one which will most interest readers of this journal is 'El Regiment de Jacme d'Agramont y el Estudi de medicina de Lleida' (pp. 13–31) by Luis García Ballester and Jon Arrizabalaga on the historical-medical aspects of the work.

Focusing on contemporary events that gave rise to such a book, they look at how new translations of Greco-Arabic texts undertaken from the eleventh to the thirteenth centuries opened up new ways of understanding medicine and of looking at the world of nature, health, disease and its natural causes. They also discuss new regulations for the practice of medicine, and the relationship between academic medicine and the medicine of practitioners who had no access to academic training. This is followed by an account of the founding of the University of Lleida in 1297 by Jacme II, whose ambition to improve the level of scientific knowledge in the kingdom of Aragon drew to it such well-known figures as Arnald of Vilanova, Gillem de Béziers and Jacme d'Agramont. The authors portray the University as an institution born to answer many social needs in the new free market of European cities.

The volume ends with a glossary of medieval medical Catalan terms; an extensive bibliography, and an extremely well produced facsimile of the original *Regiment*.

### 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 Library.)

**Barbara Alder, Claudia Pantellini** (eds), *Leibundleben.bl.ch. Vom Umgang mit dem menschlichen Körper*, Begleitpublikation zur kulturhistorischen Dauerausstellung im Kantonsmuseum Baselland, Basel, Schwabe, 2000, pp. 150, illus., SFr 38.00, DM 45.00 (paperback 3-7965-1699-8).

**Roland Andréani, Henri Michel, Elie Pélaquier** (eds), *Hellénisme et hippocratismes dans l'Europe méditerranéenne: autour de D. Coray*, Montpellier, Université Paul-Valéry, 2000, pp. 304, FFr 150.00 (paperback 2-84269-383-3).

**Vincent Barras, Micheline Louis-Courvoisier** (eds), *La Médecine des lumières: tout autour de Tissot*, Bibliothèque d'Histoire des Sciences, Geneva, Georg, 2001, pp. x, 358, SFr 50.00 (paperback 2-8257-0704-X).

### Books also Received

**Derrick Baxby**, *Smallpox vaccine, ahead of its time: how the late development of laboratory methods and other vaccines affected the acceptance of smallpox vaccine*, Berkeley, The Jenner Museum, 2001, pp. 36, illus., £2.50 (+ £1 p&p) (paperback 0-9528695-1-9). Orders to Dr M F Beeson, The Jenner Museum, Church Lane, Hight St, Berkeley, Glos. GL13 9BH, UK (e-mail: manager@jennermuseum.com).

**British Medical Association**, *The medical profession and human rights: handbook for a changing agenda*, London and New York, Zed Books in association with the BMA, 2001, pp. xxxiii, 561, £50.00, \$69.95 (hardback 1-85649-611-2), £18.95, \$29.95 (paperback 1-85649 612-0).

**D A Christie, E M Tansey** (eds), *Wellcome witnesses to twentieth century medicine, volume 9. Origins of neonatal intensive care in the UK*, transcript of a Witness Seminar held at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, on 27 April 1999, London, The Wellcome Trust, 2001, pp. viii, 83, £5.00, \$8.00 (paperback 0-854840-76-1).

**Marcos Cueto**, *The return of epidemics: health and society in Peru during the twentieth century*, The History of Medicine in Context series, Aldershot, Ashgate, 2001, pp. x, 176, £45.00 (hardback 0-7546-0314-8).

**Lorraine Daston** (ed.), *Biographies of scientific objects*, University of Chicago Press, 2000, pp. 307, illus., £38.50, \$55.00 (hardback 0-226-613670-1), £13.50, \$19.00 (0-226-13672-8).

**Ann Goldberg**, *Sex, religion, and the making of modern madness: the Eberbach Asylum and German society, 1815–1849*, Oxford University Press, 2001, pp. x, 236, £13.99 (paperback 0-19-5140524).

**Rolande Graves**, *Born to procreate: women and childbirth in France from the middle ages*

*to the eighteenth century*, Studies in Humanities: Literature—Politics—Society, vol. 53, New York and Oxford, Peter Lang, 2001, pp. x, 162, illus., £32.00 (hardback 0-8204-4907-5).

**Bryan Hibbard**, *The obstetrician's armamentarium: historical obstetric instruments and their inventions*, San Anselmo, CA, Norman Publishing, 2000, pp. x, 324, illus. 502, \$245.00 (hardback 0-930405-80-3). Orders to: Norman Publishing, P.O. Box 2566, San Anselmo, CA 94979-2566, USA. (Tel.: 415-456-6507; Fax: 415-456-6511). E-mail: orders@jnorman.com; website: www.normanpublishing.com.

**Matthew H Kaufman**, *Surgeons at war: medical arrangements for the treatment of the sick and wounded in the British army during the late 18th and 19th centuries*, Contributions in Military Studies, No. 205, Westport, CT, and London, Greenwood Press, 2001, pp.x, 227, illus., £44.95 (hardback 0-313-31665-1).

**Christoph Kopke** (ed.), *Medizin und Verbrechen. Festschrift zum 60. Geburtstag von Walter Wuttke*, Ulm, Klemm & Oelschläger, 2001, pp. 320, DM 49.80 (paperback 3-932577-32-9).

**Susan Mann** (ed.), *The war diary of Clare Gass, 1915–1918*, Montreal and London, McGill-Queen's University Press, 2000, pp. xlvii, 306, illus., £24.95 (hardback 0-7735-2126-7).

**Lara V Marks**, *Sexual chemistry: a history of the contraceptive pill*, New Haven and London, Yale University Press, 2001, pp. xi, 372, illus., £20.00 (hardback 0-300-08943-0).

**Alan C Mermann**, *The Renaissance of American medicine: a century of new learning and caring*, Lanham, MD, University Press of America, 2001, pp. xi,

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234, £56.00 (hardback 0-7618-1864-2),  
\$36.50 (0-7618-1865-0).

**A M Moulin, A Cambrosio** (eds), *Singular selves: historical issues and contemporary debates in immunology*, Collection Claude Bernard, Amsterdam and New York, Elsevier, 2000, pp. 303, FFr 321.42, 49 Euro (2-84-299-210-5).

*Notes and Records of the Royal Society: A Journal of the History of Science*, Millennium Issue, January 2001, **55** (1), ed. Alan Cook, pp. 181, illus., £15.00, \$23.00. Orders to: The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, UK.

**Roy Porter**, *Bodies politic: disease, death and doctors in Britain, 1650–1900*, London, Reaktion Books, 2001, pp. 328, illus., £25.00 (hardback 1-86189-094-X).

**John Postgate**, *Lethal lozenges and tainted tea: a biography of John Postgate (1820–1881)*, Studley, Brewin Books, 2001, pp. vi, 90, illus., £11.95 (paperback 1-85858-178-8).

**L A Reynolds, E M Tansey** (eds), *Wellcome Witnesses to twentieth century medicine, volume 10. British contributions to medical research and education in Africa after the Second World War*, transcript of a Witness Seminar held at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, on 3 June 1999, London, The Wellcome Trust, 2001, pp. viii, 93, £5.00, \$8.00 (paperback 0-854840-77-X).

**Avi Sadeh**, *Sleeping like a baby: a sensitive and sensible approach to solving your child's sleep problems*, New Haven and London,

Yale University Press, 2001, pp. xiii, 204, £14.95 (hardback 0-300-08824-8).

**James A Secord**, *Victorian sensation: the extraordinary publication, reception, and secret authorship of Vestiges of the natural history of creation*, Chicago and London, University of Chicago Press, 2000, pp. xix, 624, illus., £22.50, \$35.00 (hardback 0-226-74410-8).

**Julie K Silver**, *Post-polio syndrome: a guide for patients and their families*, New Haven and London, Yale University Press, 2001, pp. xvi, 280, £19.95 (hardback 0-300-08807-8).

**Barbara Howard Traister**, *The notorious astrological physician of London: works and days of Simon Forman*, Chicago and London, University of Chicago Press, 2001, pp. xviii, 250, illus., £19.00, \$30.00 (hardback 0-226-81140-9).

**Linda Ehram Voigts and Patricia Deery Kurtz** (eds), *Scientific and medical writings in Old and Middle English: an electronic reference*, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2001, CD-ROM, £45.00, \$54.50 (0-472-00279-1).

**Paul Wood** (ed.), *The Scottish Enlightenment: essays in reinterpretation*, Rochester Studies in Philosophy, Rochester, NY, and Woodbridge, Suffolk, University of Rochester Press, 2000, pp. xi, 399, £50.00, \$75.00 (hardback 1-58046-065-8).

**Andreas Wulf**, *Der Sozialmediziner Ludwig Teleky (1872–1957) und die Entwicklung der Gewerbehygiene zur Arbeitsmedizin*, Frankfurt am Main, Mabuse-Verlag, 2001, pp. 538, DM 69.00 (paperback 3-933050-68-5).