

### *News, Notes and Queries*

overseas visitors to the Congress. In addition to lectures, several excursions and sightseeing trips are being arranged.

The Registration Bureau will be open from 9 a.m. on 1 September at the School of Pharmacy, University of London, 29/30 Brunswick Square, London, W.C.1.

#### FRANCIS A. COUNTWAY LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

ON Wednesday and Thursday 26 and 27 May 1965, the Francis A. Countway Library was opened. The Library brings together the extensive resources of the Boston Medical Library and the Harvard Medical Library. The combined collections are intershelfed and all the services integrated to create the largest university-centred medical library in the United States.

The Countway's resources are widely diversified. The historical collections rank among the country's most extensive in early American medical imprints. They are similarly strong in sixteenth century imprints in general. The collections of Judaica and Hebraica are world-renowned. These resources make the Countway an important centre for the study of the history of medicine.

#### THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NEOHIPPOCRATIC MEDICINE

THE Sixth International Congress of Neohippocratic Medicine will be held in Madrid on 13-18 September 1965. Lectures will be given on the following subjects: 'The Physician facing the human Life', by Prof. Dr. Arasa and Prof. Dr. Güy Laroche; 'Diseased Oscillations and Compensations,' by Prof. Dr. Martiny and Prof. Descloux; 'Incorrect Medications', by Prof. Velazquez and Prof. Dr. Stroender; and other short communications may be offered by delegates.

Simultaneous translation into several languages has been arranged, and interpreters provided. There will also be varied exhibition of books on Neohippocratic and related subjects.

Anyone wishing for further information concerning the Congress should write to the Secretary General: Medinaceli, 4, Madrid 14 (Spain).

## *Society Reports*

---

#### AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

(VICTORIAN BRANCH)

(*Section of Medical History*)

*The Annual Meeting* of the Section of Medical History was held on Monday 12 April 1965, in the Museum of the Medical Society of Victoria, East Melbourne. The following Office Bearers were appointed:—

President — Dr. Edward Ryan

Honorary Secretary — Dr. M. L. Verso

Honorary Treasurer — Dr. Una Shergold

The speaker for the evening was Dr. J. L. Evans, Psychiatrist Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Sunbury, who presented a paper 'Witchcraft, Demonology and Renaissance Psychiatry'. In his talk Dr. Evans emphasized how in the past, mental illness had been attributed to supernatural causes, and to witchcraft. Many so-called witches, were, in fact, psychotics or seriously disturbed hysterics, and victims of their