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INSTITUTE OF THE HISTORY OF MEDICINE, VALENCIA

A NEW Institute of the History of Medicine has been established in Valencia under the direction of Professor J. M. López Piñero. Professor López Piñero, who was formerly connected with the Institute of the History of Medicine at Salamanca, has published a number of important works on Spanish medicine. The new Institute, which is housed in the Institución 'Alfonso el Magnánimo', will be publishing a new journal entitled *Cuadernos Valencianos de Historia de la Medicina*, as well as a collection of medical classics in Spanish. The first numbers of the journal and the medical classics are in the Press.

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Is Paracelsus (1493-1541) really a medical classic and ought we to read him? The safest way to decide this question is to survey his real contributions to the progress of medicine. This is by no means an easy task, as they have to be extracted from a