

## News, Notes and Queries

Bartholinus was a man of wide interests and great versatility; and as a result of the many demands made upon him he found less and less time for his teaching and research. By 1701 his active participation in the work of the medical faculty had practically ceased, while he found himself in such positions as assessor of the highest tribunal, later Procurer-General, and ultimately Deputy for Finance. In recognition of these efforts on behalf of the government, he received many decorations, and in 1731, together with his father and all his descendents, was elevated to the nobility. Even after the cessation of his medical and teaching activities, however, and for the ensuing thirty-seven years, despite the resentment of his medical colleagues, he retained both his professorial rank and salary and continued to occupy a position second only to the dean of the medical faculty until his death in 1738.

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### BOOKS ON MEDICAL HISTORY

The following question is submitted to the readers of *Medical History*, by Dr. Iago Galdston, Secretary, Medical Information Bureau, New York Academy of Medicine: 'If you had no more than \$250.00 to spend in the purchase of a small working library on medical history, what books would you select?' British readers can regard the sum available as being equal to approximately £80–£90, and as prices vary it is not necessary to work out the exact equivalents for all items. Selection need not be confined to works in English. Any readers who care to take part in this exercise in book selection are asked to send their lists to the Editor. The replies will be collated and the result published in *Medical History* in due course.