

account of the several works that came from Digby's pen and, if one might judge from his *Private Memoirs*, his over-active brain. But even in this involved field of authorship one fails to find a solution to the strange uncertainties and contradictions that made Digby, Digby. Even the "powder of sympathy" in all its implications affords no explanation.

Nevertheless, Sir Kenelm could not well be spared, and the tale here told of Digby and his books but adds to the charm that his name must always have.

GEORGE H. SMITH.

A HISTORY OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE BEGINNING OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY. By Kate Campbell Hurd-Mead. The Haddam Press, Haddam, Conn., 1938. xvi + 569 pp. \$6.

Long active in Connecticut medical circles, the author in 1925 relinquished her practice to begin the writing of an historical treatise which has resulted in this first volume of *Women in Medicine*. The collecting of material, however, began in her undergraduate days, under the inspiration of her famous teachers: Osler, Welch, and Kelly. Her researches have carried her into many lands seeking information from authentic sources, and the result is the first of two volumes which will tell the story from earliest times down to the present.

In this volume the subject is carried from primitive medicine through the early Middle Ages to the twelfth century, and then by chapters covering each century to the beginning of the nineteenth. Chapter III deals particularly with the School of Salerno and places important emphasis upon Trotula and her work. The author's researches here are noteworthy and are witnessed by her previous publications on this subject. Dr. Mead, in this volume, has presented a fascinating study, well documented, finely illustrated, and very readable. With the completion of the work she will have the supreme satisfaction of having added an important contribution to our literature.

HERBERT THOMS.

TEXT-BOOK OF HISTOLOGY FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS. By Evelyn E. Hewer. The C. V. Mosby Company, St. Louis, 1938. xi + 365 pp. \$4.50.

This is a text-book of a conventional type which deals with an outline of histology and organology. A brief presentation of the cell is followed by a definition-description of the tissues and organs. It also gives a section on the more common methods employed in histological technique. There are a few references to phases in development.

Many of the three hundred and forty illustrations are diagrammatic line-drawings. These are supplemented by low-power photomicrographs. Many of the figures seem useless.

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