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INTRODUCTION TO THE FOURTH EDITION

It is thought that Sir William Osler was the first to suggest a bibliography of the most important contributions to the development of medicine. Acting upon this idea, Fielding H Garrison used the resources of the Surgeon General's Library in Washington (later the National Library of Medicine) to draw up a list of works which he went on to publish in the *Index-Catalogue of the Library of the Surgeon General's Office*, 2nd series, 1912, vol. 17, pp. 89-178. The list was later used by him (in his own words) as "a convenient scaffolding for a book on the history of medicine". In the event, this book, entitled *An Introduction to the History of Medicine*, Philadelphia, 1913 (4th edition, 1929) became recognized as one of the best single-volume histories of medicine in English. As for the list, Garrison had a revised edition of it printed in the *Bulletin of the Institute of the History of Medicine*, 1933, 1, 333-434, under the title 'A revised students' check-list of texts illustrating the history of medicine'.

Although I had first noted the check-list in 1933, soon after its publication, it was not until 1938, three years after Garrison's death, that I first considered the possibility of expanding and updating it, with the aid of annotations explaining the significance of individual entries. With this object in view I sought and obtained permission to use material published in the *Index-Catalogue* and the *Bulletin*. The result was an enlarged bibliography provided with author and subject indexes, in which 3,826 of the original 4,186 entries were retained and 1,680 new items added. The discarded entries related to subjects somewhat marginal to medicine, or histories that had been superseded.

Since those early days the bibliography has steadily grown through successive editions to the point where it now contains 7,830 main entries, of which 760 are new in this edition; 369 items in the previous edition have been deleted; 95 of the titles in the section on medico-historical periodicals have also been deleted, because this kind of information is now covered more comprehensively in the Wellcome Institute's quarterly *Current Work in the History of Medicine*.

The bibliography has been classified in a way that I hope users will find convenient. Within each subject works marking its development are arranged chronologically and are followed by references to histories where such exist. As far as possible full names and dates of authors, important eponymic terms, translations and reprints have been given. Clearly, arranging the material in this way necessitates the occasional duplication of certain details; on the other hand the advantage is thereby gained of making each subject and each entry into self-contained units capable of being used without prior reference to other parts of the work. Much time has been devoted, not always successfully, to the task of

ascertaining the dates of death of many authors deceased in recent years. The need for a fourth edition of this bibliography has provided the opportunity for a thorough revision and for the addition of references to more recent discoveries and advances, although no attempt has been made to approach too close to the present, except in the case of historical works.

The fact that some librarians and antiquarian booksellers have taken to citing the 'Garrison-Morton' numbers in their catalogues has inhibited me from changing the entry numbers used in the second edition. Furthermore, the intercalation of new entries in the third and fourth editions has been made so as to disturb the numbering as little as possible. Numbers for deleted items have seldom been used for new entries except in the case of historical works.

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