Editorial

Issue 22 of the Medical Historian, covering the 2010-2011 session of the Liverpool Medical History Society, returns to the slimmer dimensions of earlier years, in contrast to the bumper issues, 20 and 21, which book-ended the 25th anniversary of the Society. But size is not everything, and this issue contains much interesting material.

In addition to summaries of talks given to the Society, this issue once again features an (unsolicited) article from Dr Alan Sykes, who completes a triptych of Liverpool medical portraits with his account of Richard Caton, having previously written on Birkbeck Nevins¹ and William Carter.² Meg Parkes tells us of a new memorial recently unveiled in Liverpool with a medical history context. Purists will I hope forgive the editor for promoting to this issue a talk given by Dr James Carmichael as part of the LMHS 2011-2012 session (and hence properly in Issue 23), an eye witness history of medicine in Liverpool in the war years.

On the theme of Liverpool medicine, it is worth pointing out two relevant articles published elsewhere, but which may be of interest to readers of the Medical Historian, namely OC Ward (a previous contributor to this journal³) on Dr Alfred Stephens, co-founder of the Liverpool Children’s Infirmary,⁴ and Alexander Silvester on the Liverpool Ophthalmic Infirmary.⁵

All the papers published in Medical Historian are now available on the Liverpool Medical Institution website (www.lmi.org.uk, follow link to Liverpool Medical History Society) along with listings of LMHS meetings in the current 2011-2012 session.

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