

# Collection of Medical Essays For Premeds Written by Kremer

By Marguerite Wittwer

Just off the press last week and soon to become available at the Co-op, the latest book by Dr. Edmund P. Kramer, University professor of German, "Im Zeichen des Askulap," is a collection of readings by contemporary experts in medicine and related fields intended for premedical students.

The book, "In the Sign of the Caduceus," is published by F. S. Crofts and Co., New York.

"All intelligence has already been thought, one must but try to reflect again upon it," Goethe said, and following this precept, Dr. Kremer compiled in this 200-page book excerpts from lectures and texts of outstanding men varying in presentation and subject matter.

In his foreword to the book, Dr. Henry E. Sigrist, eminent Swiss professor of history of medicine at Johns-Hopkins University, explains the need for a book of this type. His foreword, freely translated, follows:

"Most of the Universities in this country require that the premedical student possess familiarity with 'scientific German.' However, there is no 'scientific' and no 'non-scientific' German; there is only one German language in which feelings, observations, thoughts, and the exact conclusions from scientific research are expressed.

"Furthermore, medical literature is composed not only of stories of illnesses and reports from the laboratory; for the field of medicine is an immensely wide one. It embraces the studies of mankind in his psycho-physical entirety, in his natural and social environment, in his sickness and in health. With every century the duties of the doctor have been enlarged.

"Out of the simple healer of olden times the doctor has become tional and it would be naive to one who trains and educates, who through his advice seeks to further health and conquer illness. . . The great progress of medical science has forged new weapons for the battle against disease. It is consequently today more than ever a satisfaction to be a doctor.

"... the young medical student who wishes to use German literature needs more than an acquaintance with professional terms. He must learn to read German, and it is therefore commendable that this book is not composed of essays from professional writing which sooner or later will become obsolete, but is composed of essays

which concern the eternal questions of the medical calling.

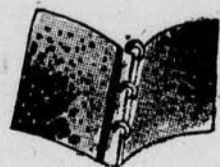
"The student who reads this fellow men, and to this purpose we must strive to leave no stone unturned.

"Every country, and Germany perhaps more than others, has con-

tributed to the progress of medicine. Medical science is international with understanding will not only acquire the linguistic tools with which to read German literature, but will find himself inspired to contemplation and better prepared to enter his profession.

In his preface Dr. Kremer expresses appreciation to Dr. C. L. Johnson, Dr. Waldo Schumacher, Kenneth S. Wood, and Mrs. Aileen Guy McNett, University faculty members, for their help.

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