projects, all of which are of a high quality and stimulate an awareness of the increasing range of rehabilitation medicine, as it moves into the 1980s. Now that it is the policy of the Royal College of Physicians to require specialists in all branches of medicine to acquire an understanding of the principles of rehabilitation, this book should be required

reading for all physicians in training. It should also find its place in all postgraduate libraries, physiotherapy and occupational therapy departments and schools, and will be of very great value as an introduction to those thinking of rehabilitation medicine as a career or who are studying for the Diploma in Medical Rehabilitation.

Letter to the Editor

February 4th, 1981

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Sir,

Regular readers of my Review of Surgery may notice that this year's is rather shorter, and rather later in appearance, than usual. This is because I, like all of my colleagues at Westminster Medical School, have been preoccupied in 1980 in dealing with the report of a committee, set up by the Vice Chancellor of the University of London, which recommended the closure of our School. No reasons were given nor worthwhile advantages claimed. It was therefore necessary for us to become deeply involved in proving to others what we ourselves already knew – that we had one of the (if not *the*) best and most economic medical schools in the country. It now seems that common sense has prevailed and the University hierarchy has found other things with which to occupy itself. However, television and radio appearances, speaking at emergency meetings, writing to newspapers and publishing political articles (Ellis, 1980a, b) were hardly compatible with the normal duties of a Professor of Surgery, who is far better occupied in teaching and research. Hence the difficulties that have been encountered in finding time for more important academic exercises, such as the preparation of this review.

Sincerely,

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