

nephritis is a common complication of pregnancy, and will be critical of the statement that 26% of the cases of toxæmia at Johns Hopkins Hospital are found to be suffering from this disease. In discussing the oblique and transverse lie of the foetus the author emphasizes that this is usually a sign of disproportion between the foetus and pelvis, yet rather surprisingly fails to warn of the possibility of placenta prævia.

This edition, in spite of paper restrictions, is beautifully produced and lavishly illustrated.

PSYCHOTHERAPY IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Psychotherapy in General Medicine. Reports of an Experimental Postgraduate Course. By Geddes Smith. (Pp. 38. Single copies 25 cents.) New York: The Commonwealth Fund, 41, East 57th Street. 1946. (London: Geoffrey Cumberlege, 2s.)

This booklet describes a fortnight's postgraduate course for general practitioners given in the University of Minnesota. The objects of the course were: (1) To give the doctor a feeling of the dynamic qualities and the value of the doctor-patient relationship; (2) to introduce him to the broad patterns of human motivation and to the common causes and backgrounds of emotional disturbance; (3) to lead him to think in terms of the relation between emotional disturbance and illness; (4) to teach him easily understandable methods of therapy so that he can treat a number of such patients; (5) to give him some knowledge of more malignant conditions so that he may refer them to specialists. The first three of these objectives were attained adequately. The fourth could not of course be reached in a fortnight, but it was thought that growing experience would gradually increase the doctor's ability to carry treatment further. The fifth was at least sufficiently achieved to ensure that the doctors would not commit serious errors.

Great keenness for and appreciation of the course was expressed, and the instructors were encouraged by discovering that men in "general practice" could learn so much and so readily about ways of helping psychoneurotic patients. Inspired by this precedent it is hoped that much more will be done along these lines in this country.

OUTLINE OF SKIN DISEASES

Aids to Dermatology. By R. M. B. MacKenna, M.D., F.R.C.P. Third edition. (Pp. 310; 6s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1946.

This useful little volume has changed a good deal since the last edition. It has lost the section on venereal disease, which has now been segregated into a separate volume in the Students' Aids Series written by T. E. Osmond. The dermatological part has undergone some revision and expansion, and one or two points to which we took exception in the last edition have now been amended. But the book remains a handy size, easily slipped into the pocket, and not taking much room in the baggage of any practitioner who may be ordered off to one of the far-flung outposts of Empire. He will continue to find it informative and practical.

As a brigadier in the R.A.M.C. the author gained wide knowledge of the practical problems of dermatological therapeutics on a large scale during the recent war, and it is no doubt greatly due to him that for the first time in military history the importance of skin disease was adequately recognized as a cause of disability in an army in the field, apart from the rôle of cutaneous parasites in conveying serious and often fatal disease. In this little book he has been able to make some of the results of his experiences available to a wider public, and it is therefore additionally valuable. The chapter on diseases due to animal parasites, which includes scabies and pediculosis, is particularly good. Unlike most books on dermatology there are very few illustrations—only about six figures—diagrams of the more important parasites. But this deficiency is easily understood, for it would be quite impossible to illustrate it fully without destroying its handiness and (another factor of some importance) materially increasing the moderate price at which it is sold.

Jones, A., Finds the Body. by HUGH McEVoy (John Gifford; 8s. 6d.) is a brisk story of murder in a military hospital during the war. The author is a doctor, and, as one might expect, the book is happily free from both the scientific blunders and the sadistic grunting that have of recent years so often disfigured such works.

BOOKS RECEIVED

[Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received]

Essai de Mesure des Phénomènes Electriques Accompagnant la Pensée Emotive et l'Influence. By N. T. Loressios and M. Marchal. (Pp. 94. 100 francs.) Paris: Librairie Maloine. 1946.

A study in electroencephalography from the point of view of relating particular wave patterns to the individuals from whom they were obtained.

Trabajos del Hospital del Rey. Volume V. By Prof. A. M. V. de Simon et al. (Pp. 648. No price.) Madrid. 1946.

A collection of papers by various authors on a variety of medical and surgical conditions. In Spanish.

La Penicilina en Cirugia Maxilo-Facial. By C. M. Squirru, M. B. Galea, and H. D. Bianchi. (Pp. 158. No price.) Buenos Aires: Alfa. 1946.

Contains a general account of penicillin as well as a detailed description of its use in maxillo-facial surgery. Illustrated. In Spanish.

A Tiroide. By H. de Lacerda. (Pp. 151. No price.) São Paulo. 1946.

A monograph on the thyroid gland and its physio-pathology and disorders. Many illustrations. In Portuguese.

Cardiopatologia. By A. M. Michelazzi. (Pp. 469. No price.) Turin: Rosenberg and Sellier. 1946.

A comprehensive account of the cardiovascular system in health and disease, designed for medical practitioners and students. Includes diagrams, skiagrams, and electrocardiograms. In Italian.

Le Onde Ultra-Corte Attraverso l'Encefalo. By G. C. Giorgi. (Pp. 40. No price.) Turin: Minerva Medica S.A. 1946.

A monograph on the effects of ultra-short waves on the brain, with experimental evidence and a description of the apparatus used.

Minor Surgery. By Cecil Fleming, O.B.E., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Twenty-third edition. (Pp. 406. 14s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1946.

The new edition of this well-known textbook has been considerably revised, particularly the sections on the treatment of wounds and fractures. Intended for house-surgeons, dressers, and junior practitioners.

Music in Medicine. By Sidney Licht, M.D. (Pp. 132. \$3.) Boston: New England Conservatory of Music. 1946.

Treats of music as occupational therapy, background music, meal-time music, psychiatry and music, with detailed instructions for providing music as therapy and entertainment.

Klinische Elektrokardiographie. By Max Holzmänn. (Pp. 624. 50 Swiss francs.) Zurich: Fretz and Wasmuth. 1946.

A profusely illustrated work on electrocardiography.

Vitamine, Hormone, Fermente. By R. Abderhalden. (Pp. 250. 14.50 Swiss francs.) Basle: Benno Schwabe. 1946.

A summarized account of the chemistry, physiology, therapeutic uses, and available preparations of the vitamins, hormones, and body ferments.

Ernährungsprobleme in Mangelzeiten. By Prof. A. Fleisch. (Pp. 518. 32 Swiss francs.) Basle: Benno Schwabe. 1947.

Problems of diet in time of famine, with particular reference to the war years.

Dynamische Reaktionspathologie. By Prof. K. von Neergaard. (Pp. 317. 24 Swiss francs.) Basle: Benno Schwabe. 1946.

Develops a new biological approach to medicine.

Entstehung und Früherfassung des Portiokarzinoms. By H. Wespi. (Pp. 183. 18 Swiss francs.) Basle: Benno Schwabe. 1946.

The origin and early diagnosis of carcinoma of the cervix uteri. Many photomicrographs.

Die Scheuermansche Krankheit. By J. E. W. Brocher. (Pp. 91. 11 Swiss francs.) Basle: Benno Schwabe. 1946.

A monograph on Scheuerman's disease, or adolescent kyphosis due to vertebral osteochondritis.

Psychoses et Névroses. By Prof. H. Baruk. (Pp. 136. No price.) Paris: Presses Universitaires de France. 1946.

An introduction to the fundamentals of psychiatry as the basis of therapeutic principles.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following candidates have been approved at the examination indicated:

M.D.—*Branch I (Medicine)*: R. A. J. Asher, R. D. Blachford, A. Bloom, J. W. C. Cochrane, I. S. Dalton, N. H. Desai, R. G. Evans, W. Fine, R. A. Henson, F. E. Joules, P. D. C. Kinmont, D. C. Lewin, R. I. McCallum, A. T. M. Roberts, D. Stafford-Clark, P. H. Sutton. *Branch II (Pathology)*: K. R. Hill, C. C. S. Pike. *Branch III (Psychological Medicine)*: B. M. C. Gilsenan. *Branch IV (Midwifery and Diseases of Women)*: G. H. Bancroft-Livingston, Jean R. C. Burton-Brown (gold medal), D. A. Davies, P. S. Jaikaran, Muriel G. Rose. *Branch V (Hygiene)*: M. J. Pleydell, T. D. Spencer, S. J. Sutton. *Branch VI (Tropical Medicine)*: S. W. Hinds, O. N. Ransford.

A course of four public lectures on "Some Aspects of Pharmacological Chemistry" will be delivered by Dr. F. Bergel on Tuesdays, Jan. 21, Feb. 4, Feb. 18, and March 4, at 5.15 p.m., in the Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, W.C.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

In a congregation held on Dec. 20, 1946, the following medical degrees were conferred:

M.B., B.S.—Irene O. Blankley, A. Ross, *Diana L. Priest, *P. Wise.
* *In absentia.*

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND

At a quarterly meeting of the Council of the College held on Jan. 9, with Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson, Bt., President, in the chair, the Honorary Fellowship was conferred on Dr. Louis Bazy, formerly President of the Académie de Chirurgie, and consulting surgeon to the French Army, and on Dr. Leopold Mayer, President of the International Society of Surgery.

Prof. G. Grey Turner was appointed honorary curator of the instrument collection in the College. It was reported that Sir Alfred Webb-Johnson had been elected *Associé Etranger* of the Académie de Chirurgie de Paris. It was agreed that Dr. James Craigie, formerly of Toronto, should give an Imperial Cancer Research Fund lecture in the College in place of Prof. W. E. Gye.

The Council reiterated its opinion that a Statutory register of specialists is neither necessary nor desirable.

The Princess Beatrice Hospital, London, was recognized for the resident surgical post required of the candidates for the Final Fellowship examination, and the additional post of Resident Surgical Officer was recognized at the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool.

A Diploma of Fellowship was granted to J. G. Coxon.

Diplomas of Membership were granted to H. Rawlings and M. Redfern.

A Diploma in Child Health was granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to N. F. E. Burrows.

Diplomas in Psychological Medicine, in Laryngology and Otology, and in Industrial Health were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London, to the following successful candidates:

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—H. S. Capoor, Margaret T. Collins, J. Cowen, G. R. Debenham, J. Farr, T. C. N. Gibbens, J. R. Hawkins, R. M. M. Hunter, A. Kamal, P. W. W. Leach, L. F. E. Lewis, D. O. Lloyd, N. J. de V. Mather, P. A. May, A. R. Norton, G. O'Gorman, M. A. Partridge, Mildred I. Pott, D. Rice, R. A. B. Rorie, D. Rumney, F. T. Shadforth, K. C. P. Smith, K. R. Stallworthy, K. R. Thomas, M. G. Valentine, G. A. van Someren.

DIPLOMA IN LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—A. D. Bateman, P. Chandra, J. V. De Sa, P. R. B. Grimaldi, A. R. Harper, S. Kavanagh, D. G. Lloyd-Davies, W. McO. Macgregor, J. Magill, T. A. Narayanan, H. N. Perkins, H. C. Purser Smith, S. N. Sarma, C. J. Scott, J. B. Scott, E. M. Sewell, H. J. M. Stratton, A. S. Walker, H. A. Ware.

DIPLOMA IN INDUSTRIAL HEALTH.—A. L. L. Silver.

On April 10 the Council will elect a member of the court of examiners in the vacancy occasioned by the retirement, in rotation, of Mr. E. A. Crook, who is applying for re-election. Fellows of the College desirous of becoming candidates for the office must make application in writing to the assistant secretary of the College (Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.) by Monday, Feb. 3.

In the announcement of Dr. Meave Kenny's appointment to the University Readership in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the British Postgraduate Medical School (Jan. 4, p. 37) she should have been described as Miss Meave Kenny.

The Services

Major Hoe Min Sein, I.M.S., medical superintendent, Rangoon General Hospital, has been appointed O.B.E. (Civil Division).

Squad-Ldr. H. H. S. Brown, R.A.F., has been awarded the Air Force Cross.

The Efficiency Decoration of the Territorial Army has been conferred upon Lieut.-Col. (Hon. Col.) J. A. Matheson, O.B.E., R.A.M.C.

Medical News

A meeting of the Society for the Study of Addiction will be held at the Medical Society of London (11, Chandos Street, W.) on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 4 p.m., when Dr. A. P. Rossiter Lewis will read a paper entitled "Alcohol and Abnormal Behaviour in Head Injury Cases."

A meeting of the Middlesex County Medical Society will be held at Busch House Open Air School, Isleworth, on Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 3 p.m. Agenda: The special education treatment of handicapped pupils.

A scientific meeting of the Association of Clinical Pathologists will be held at the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C., on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 24 (at 9.45 a.m.) and 25 (at 12 noon), when papers will be read. Demonstrations will be on view from 11 a.m. on Jan. 24 to 4.15 p.m. on Jan. 25. A copy of the full programme may be obtained from the honorary secretary, Dr. W. H. McMenemey, Royal Infirmary, Worcester.

A meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be held at South Shields Town Hall on Saturday, Jan. 25, at 10.15 a.m., when papers will be read by Dr. T. Lloyd Hughes on "The Future Public Health Responsibilities of Local Authorities" and by Lieut.-Col. John Reid on "The Present Trend of Local Government Administration from an Engineer's Point of View."

The Ministry of Supply will hold a disposal sale at its depot at Ashchurch, Gloucestershire, on Jan. 28-31; Feb. 4-7; and Feb. 11-14 (all dates inclusive). The sale includes a large quantity of medical equipment. Ashchurch is two miles from Tewkesbury and seven miles from Cheltenham, and sale catalogues are obtainable from Bruton Knowles and Co., Albion Chambers, Gloucester, or from Mr. G. Hone, 120, High Street, Tewkesbury.

Mr. P. H. Mitchiner will deliver an address before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of St. Mungo's College at Glasgow Royal Infirmary on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7.30 p.m. His subject is "Surgical Experiences in the Middle East."

On Jan. 29 the governors of Wembley Hospital will consider a scheme whereby the hospital will be amalgamated with the Charing Cross Hospital when the latter takes over its site at Northwick Park, where it intends building a teaching hospital. Investments and cash held by the Wembley Hospital, as well as private donations in future, would remain for its own use.

A course in diseases of the ear, nose, and throat, specially designed for paediatricians and school medical officers, will be given at Metropolitan Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Granville Place, W., on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 1 and 2, from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and will include lectures and practical demonstrations. The class is limited to fifteen, and applications must be made to the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

The National Association of Maternity and Child Welfare Centres and for the Prevention of Infant Mortality has arranged a conference on "Parentcraft and Homecraft," to be held at Friends' House, Euston Road, N.W., on Thursday, Jan. 30, at 10.30 a.m. The speakers will include Dr. Leslie Housden, at 10.40 a.m., on the need and scope of parentcraft, and Dr. John D. Kershaw, at 3 p.m., on the organization of parentcraft and homecraft teaching on a national basis. The fee for the conference is 7s. 6d., which includes a printed copy of the proceedings. Applications for tickets should be addressed to the secretary of the association, Miss M. R. Lovelock, at 5, Tavistock Place, London, W.C.1.

The Westminster Diocesan Catholic Doctors' Guild dinner and dance will be held at Dorchester Hotel, Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m., when His Eminence Cardinal Griffin will receive the guests. Tickets (£2 2s. each) can be had from the Honorary Secretary, 5, Wimpole Street, W.1.

Major-Gen. R. J. Blackham, C.B., C.M.G., C.I.E., D.S.O., M.D., has been re-elected a member of the Common Council of the Corporation of London for the twenty-second consecutive year. It was on the proposal of Gen. Blackham that the Corporation of London entertained the British Medical Association to a reception at the Guildhall as part of the Association's centenary celebrations in 1932, and he was chairman of the special committee of the Corporation which arranged the reception.

Lord Horder, chairman, Prof. Winifred Cullis, vice-chairman, and Mr. Cyril Bibby, hon. secretary, have announced the formation of the Family Relations Group. At present it comprises the British Social Hygiene Council, the Central Council for Health Education, the Eugenics Society, the Family Planning Association, the Family Welfare Association, the Marriage Guidance Council, the National Council for Maternity and Child Welfare, and the Pioneer Health Centre.