

There is much of great interest in this book, although it is doubtful whether a work of 500 pages with a bibliography of 432 references can, without meiosis, be described as a synopsis. To the initiated there is little new, but it is unlikely to make many converts. The several authors have achieved a standard aridity of style and a polysyllabic uniformity which will support the vulgar suspicion that psychiatrists are unable to express themselves in comprehensible language: this is unfortunate, because the book contains much wisdom. Prolegomena, as a heading for the final paragraph of the book, illustrates the author's unexpected use of words.

R. BODLEY SCOTT.

TECHNIQUE OF OFFICER SELECTION

The Group Approach to Leadership-Testing. By Henry Harris, M.D. With foreword by General Sir Ronald Adam, Bart., G.C.B., D.S.O., and preface by Brigadier A. Torrie. (Pp. 288. £1 1s.) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul.

This is the first comprehensive account of the methods used for the selection of Army officers in the recent war. It is written by an enthusiast and lacks the detachment and precision which we may expect from the official volume which is in preparation. It does, however, convey something of the spirit which animated the teams of psychiatrists, psychologists, and combatant officers who formed the War Office Selection Boards.

If it is borne in mind that the book represents the views elaborated by a combination of technical and non-technical persons some of its peculiar features will be better understood. The author revels in a jargon which will annoy all but the most good-humoured of readers. While there may be good reasons for having to accept words like Benelux and Unesco, it is difficult to forgive the use of *imag* for "immature aggressive personality" and lots for the "law of the total situation." These are ephemeral terms not likely to gain currency outside their immediate context, and they do not merit the somewhat pompous significance which they are given by the use of this nomenclature.

This is an extremely individual account which describes officer selection as one observer saw it, and which he has expressed in his own idiom. For instance, when Dr. Harris borrows his analogies from judo it should not be assumed that he is expressing a system of ideas which was prevalent in War Office Selection Boards. Readers who have an interest in selection will, however, gain a great deal from this lively description by one who was undoubtedly extremely skilful in its practice and who has taken considerable pains to give a very detailed account of the methods used by him and his immediate colleagues.

T. FERGUSON RODGER.

VASCULAR DISEASE FROM THE SURGICAL STANDPOINT

Surgical Management of Vascular Diseases. By Gerald H. Pratt, M.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 496; 181 illustrations. £3 10s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1949.

The author's aim is to present a practical guide to his subject, founded on his long experience of vascular disease. The sections on the arterial and venous systems are full and contain much useful advice, though some of the conclusions will not be universally accepted. Fuller follow-up information is needed on such procedures as Babcock's operation for aortic aneurysm, and to recommend morphine $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. (32 mg.) hourly without some word of caution is dangerous, particularly in a book recommended for students. More support for diagnosis is sometimes required if the procedures advocated are to be carried

out. A notable omission is venography; erythrocyanosis frigida and the use of protamine in heparin therapy are also excluded.

Arterial hypertension is discussed usefully in a short chapter, but the surgery of the heart is described less fully (though this section would be useful to students). There are chapters on such varied topics as skin grafting, radioactive isotopes, and the compensation aspects of vascular disease.

The rather careless style sometimes makes the sense difficult to follow, and this fault is not helped by a surprising number of printing errors. Mention of Percivall Pott as "Perc Pott" cannot be passed over, and W. J. Potts is referred to as Pott, which adds to the confusion. The commoner operations are described in some detail. Although primarily concerned with surgical treatment, the pathology and symptoms of many conditions are presented in varying detail. The reader will find the book useful provided that he remembers, as the preface points out, that many of the views expressed are the author's own.

CEDRIC J. LONGLAND

Practical Biochemistry for Medical Students. by G. T. Mills, B.Sc., Ph.D. (foreword by J. N. Davidson, M.D., D.Sc.; pp. 244; illustrated; 15s.) Glasgow: John Smith and Son, is designed to provide a collection of experiments that illustrate the general properties of the biological materials the medical student will meet with and to familiarize him with the analytical procedures applied to such materials. The methods described are simple, the tests are familiar, well established, and well described, and theoretical explanations are reduced to a minimum. The four plates include one in colour of the absorption spectra of haemoglobin derivatives; this does not, however, indicate the wavelengths of the various bands shown. The text is printed on one side only of the page, which has advantages but may tempt the hasty worker to forgo the use of a rough note-book.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

Diagnostic Radiology. By G. Claessen, M.D. Foreword by J. W. McLaren. (Pp. 411. 60s.) London: William Heinemann. 1949.

Medical Diseases of the Kidney. By J. F. A. McManus, M.D. (Pp. 176. 42s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950

Biology: An Introduction to Medical and Other Studies. By P. D. F. Murray, M.A., D.Sc. (Pp. 600. 25s.) London: Macmillan. 1950.

The Cytology and Life-History of Bacteria. By K. A. Bisset, Ph.D. (Pp. 136. 18s. 6d.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1950.

Oxidation-Reduction Potentials in Bacteriology and Biochemistry. By L. F. Hewitt, B.Sc., F.R.I.C. 6th ed. (Pp. 215. 20s.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1950.

Diseases of the Aorta. By N. E. Reich, M.D., F.A.C.P. (Pp. 288. 56s.) New York: Macmillan. 1949.

Conférences Cliniques de Rhumatologie Pratique. 2nd series. By F. Françon. (Pp. 368. 1,460 francs.) Paris: Vigot. 1949.

Choc Traumatique. By J. Creyssel and P. Suire. (Pp. 340. 950 francs.) Paris: Masson. 1949.

La Mesoartritis Luética. By A. del Cañizo y García and J. del Cañizo Suárez. (Pp. 26. No price.) Barcelona: Ediciones Byp. 1950.

La Placenta Previa Su Tratamiento. By A. S. Ibáñez. (Pp. 394. No price.) Barcelona: Ediciones Byp. 1949.

Die Periphere Schmerzauslösung und Schmerzausschaltung. By A. Fleckenstein. (Pp. 92. No price.) Frankfurt-on-Main: Dietrich Steinkopff. 1950.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

Monday

INSTITUTE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON), Judd Street, London, W.C.—March 27, 5.30 p.m., "Endocrine Disorders and the Eye," by Dr. S. P. Meadows.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—March 27, 5 p.m., "Carotid Ligation for Intracranial Aneurysms—Review of 100 Cases," Hunterian Lecture by Professor R. T. Johnson.

Tuesday

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—March 28, 5 p.m., "Abnormalities of the Cutaneous Circulation in the Lower Limb," by Mr. A. K. Monro.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., March 28, (1) 3.30 p.m., X-rays and Museum Specimens, by Mr. J. D. Ferguson; (2) 5 p.m., "Injuries, Carcinoma, Fistula, and Foreign Bodies in the Urethra," by Mr. H. G. Hanley.

Wednesday

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND OBSTETRIC AND GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

—At Birmingham Medical School, March 29, 4.30 p.m., "Observations on the Genesis of Cervical and Endometrial Carcinoma with Respect to the in situ Stage," by Professor A. T. Hertig (Harvard University).

CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At University Arms Hotel, March 29, 7.15 for 7.45 p.m., dinner.

FACTORY OF ANAESTHETISTS OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—March 29, 5 p.m., "Anaesthetic Factors in the Causation and Prevention of Excessive Bleeding during Surgical Operations," Joseph Clover Lecture by Dr. John Gillies.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY: DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.—March 29, 8 p.m., "Modern Methods of Investigation," by Dr. T. Wilson.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON), Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, S.E.—March 29, 4.30 p.m., lecture-demonstration for postgraduates by Dr. E. Stengel.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—(1) At St. Mary, Islington, Hospital, Highgate, N., March 29, 10.30 a.m., Ward Round by Mr. N. E. Stidolph; (2) At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., March 29, 5 p.m., "Gonococcal Urethritis," by Dr. W. N. Mascall.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—March 29, 5 p.m., "Anaesthetic Factors in the Causation and Prevention of Excessive Bleeding during Surgical Operations," Joseph Clover Lecture by Dr. John Gillies.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE, 28, Portland Place, London, W.—March 29, 3.30 p.m., "Accident Prevention in the Home," by Dr. C. A. Boucher.

Thursday

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—March 30, 5 p.m., "Pitfalls in Treatment," by Dr. H. Gordon.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—At St. Paul's Hospital, Endell Street, London, W.C., March 30, (1) 3.30 p.m., Ward Round by Mr. D. I. Williams; (2) 5 p.m., "Non-Gonococcal Urethritis," by Dr. A. H. Harkness.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Clinical Theatre, Royal Infirmary, Manchester, March 30, 3.30 p.m., "Cataract Surgery—Usual and Unusual Procedures," to be illustrated by films and slides, by Dr. Ramón Castroviejo (New York).

WESTMINSTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, Horseferry Road, London, S.W.—March 30, 5.30 p.m., clinico-pathological meeting. Discussion: "Two Cases of Hodgkin's Disease Complicated by Tuberculosis."

Friday

CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, March 31, 2.30 p.m., "The Clinical Problem in Psychiatry," by Dr. E. Beresford Davies.

INSTITUTE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON), Judd Street, London, W.C.—March 31, 5.30 p.m., "The Physiology of Pain with Special Reference to Ocular Structures," by Mr. D. Sloane.

KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL, Canterbury.—March 31, 8 p.m., clinical meeting.

MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF VENEREAL DISEASES, 11, Chandos Street, London, W.—March 31, 8 p.m., "Principles of Penicillin Therapy," by Dr. A. R. Martin, Ph.D. A discussion will follow.

NORTH OF ENGLAND OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical School, Leeds, March 31, 3 p.m., "Keratoplasties and Keratectomies" (to be illustrated with films and slides), by Dr. Ramón Castroviejo (New York).

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. John Peel Sparks, senior medical registrar at the Postgraduate Medical School of London, has been appointed medical officer of Rugby School in succession to Dr. Ronald Edward Smith. Dr. Smith has been appointed consultant physician to the Coventry, Nuneaton, and Rugby Group of Hospitals, but will remain consultant physician to the school.

GALLOWAY, JAMES FORBES, M.D., D.P.H., D.P.M., Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer, County Borough of Wolverhampton.

LOVEL, K. W., B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., Medical Registrar to Thoracic Unit, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.

MACDONALD, RODERICK, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Physician-Superintendent and Consultant Psychiatrist, Banstead Hospital, Sutton, Surrey.

NEUSTATTER, W. L., M.D., M.R.C.P., Part-time Consultant Psychiatrist, St. Ebba's Hospital, Epsom.

OWEN, JOHN S., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, County Borough of Smethwick.

SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in West Cornwall Clinical Area, Kenneth W. B. Rostron, M.B., B.Chir., D.O.M.S.; Deputy Medical Superintendent, Tehidy Sanatorium, Cornwall, R. H. Andrews, M.D., M.R.C.P.; Consulting Surgeon to Weston-super-Mare Hospital, W. Rutherford Black, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E.D.; Consulting Chest Physician in Bristol Clinical Area, R. A. Craig, M.D., M.R.C.P.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Bell.—On March 4, 1950, at Edinburgh, to Sheila (née Campbell), M.S.A.O.T., wife of Dr. J. Douglas Bell, a daughter—Caroline Sara.

Foxell.—On March 12, 1950, at Southampton, to Dr. and Mrs. Alan W. H. Foxell, a son.

Gretton-Watson.—On March 9, 1950, at the Chester Nursing Home, Chester, to Concetta, wife of Dr. B. G. Gretton-Watson, a daughter.

Guthrie.—On March 9, 1950, in Glasgow, to Olive (née Parson), R.G.N., wife of Dr. John Guthrie, a daughter.

Mort.—On March 4, 1950, at Lorna Lodge Nursing Home, Manchester, to Sybil, wife of Philip D. Mort, M.A., M.B., a son.

Rosser.—On March 12, 1950, at Farnham, Surrey, to Peggy (née Dash), M.B., B.S., wife of Brindley Rosser, a second son.

MARRIAGE

Smith—Turner.—On March 18, 1950, at Bishops Stortford, Irvine Smith, M.A., F.R.C.S., to Kathleen Turner, M.B., B.S.

DEATHS

Campariolle.—On March 5, 1950, at Port of Spain, Trinidad, B.W.I., Paul Clement Campariolle, M.B., C.M., aged 74.

Chadwick.—On March 15, 1950, at Tunbridge Wells, Charles Montague Chadwick, M.D., F.R.C.P., late of Leeds, aged 96.

Crow.—On March 5, 1950, at The Hawthorns, 13, Merchiston Place, Edinburgh, William James Crow, M.D.

Curwen.—On March 15, 1950, at 1, St. Aubyns, Hove, Sussex, Eliot Curwen, M.B., B.Ch., aged 84.

Dingley.—On March 16, 1950, at home, Lionel Alfred Dingley, M.D., F.R.C.S., of The Nest, Lower Road, Myddle, Salop, formerly of Wednesbury, aged 61.

Dunn.—On March 17, 1950, at Farnborough, Hants, George Hunter Dunn, M.B., B.Ch., aged 69.

Ettmayer.—At Grenada, British West Indies, Andrzej Ettmayer, M.B., Ch.B.

Fearnhead.—On March 11, 1950, Thomas Fearnhead, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Sydall Cottage, Lytham, Lancs, aged 83.

Hollins.—On March 5, 1950, at his daughter's home, Pepper Hill House, Amwell, Ware, Herts, Thomas John Hollins, M.D., of Brackenhurst, Baldslow Down, St. Leonards-on-Sea, late of Sedlescombe, Sussex.

Kelleher.—On March 1, 1950, Jeremiah Kelleher, L.R.C.P.&S.I.&L.M., of Macroom, Co. Cork, aged 84.

Lane.—On March 16, 1950, at 5, Burlington Court, Eastbourne, Gordon Joseph Lane, O.B.E., M.D., formerly of Harley Street, London, W.

Lewis.—On March 5, 1950, at 81, Hove Park Road, Hove, John Stephen Herbert Lewis, M.D., formerly of Harley Street, London, W., aged 67.

Lindsay.—On March 5, 1950, John Lindsay, M.D., of 23, St. John's Avenue, Hebburn-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.

McKelvey.—On March 5, 1950, at Tudor Lodge, Tygwyn Road, Penylan, Cardiff, Thomas McKelvey, M.B., B.Ch.

Maurice.—On March 8, 1950, at 8, Silverless Street, Marlborough, Wilts, George Thelwall Kindersley Maurice, C.M.G., C.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Colonel, late R.A.M.C., retired, aged 82.

Moffat.—On March 10, 1950, at Bridge of Earn Hospital, Peter Orr Moffat, M.D., of 7, Atholl Crescent, Perth.

Moriarty.—On March 5, 1950, at "Hall Barn," 14, Forest Road, Mosley, Birmingham, Rowland Edgar Moriarty, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.Glas.

Poole.—On March 10, 1950, after an operation, Thomas Brice Poole, M.D., of 39, Furze Croft, Hove, Sussex, formerly of Westcliff-on-Sea, aged 80.

Ross.—On March 13, 1950, at St. Duthus House, Tain, Ross-shire, Hugh Ross, M.B., C.M.

Sarjant.—On December 26, 1949, the result of an accident, John Wynn Sarjant, L.R.C.P., aged 29.

Sellar.—On March 11, 1950, at Dunleath, Aberlour, Banffshire, Thomas Alexander Sellar, T.D., M.B., C.M., J.P., aged 93.

Smallman.—On March 4, 1950, Arthur Briton Smallman, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.D., D.P.H., Lieutenant-Colonel, late R.A.M.C., retired, of 2, Pilgrims Way, Guildford, Surrey.

Sprague.—On March 11, 1950, Cecil Gordon Sprague, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Surgeon-Captain, R.N., retired, of 15, Carbery Avenue, London, W.

Stephens.—On March 9, 1950, at Harcourt, Coleshill, near Birmingham, Harold Freize Stephens, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 65.

Stevenson.—At Belfast, Howard Stevenson, M.B., F.R.S.C.I., aged 71.

Sturdy.—On March 10, 1950, at 11, Tennyson Road, Bognor Regis, Sussex, Harry Carlisle Sturdy, M.D., late of Wandsworth Common, London, S.W.

Ward.—On March 11, 1950, at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton, Arthur Blackwood Ward, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.B., B.Ch., Lieutenant-Colonel, S.A.M.C., retired, of 24, Westfield Court, Surbiton, Surrey, aged 79.

Watson.—On March 5, 1950, at Leigh House, Leigh-on-Sea, William Douglas Watson, T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Colonel, A.M.S., T.A., retired, aged 79.

Winter.—On March 7, 1950, at Meadow House, Coniston, Lancs, John Bradley Winter, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.