

of interest, as also the detailed accounts of the various methods of administration. The section on clinical investigations shows widely spread enthusiasm; claims are made for the efficacy of the treatment in apparently any and every type of personality disorder and neurosis, not excluding sexual deviations and stuttering. In a disarming chapter on its value in obstetrics, the administration of carbon dioxide is held to combine the double role of allaying apprehension and tension during pregnancy with anaesthesia during labour.

The assessment of the specific value of any one form of psychiatric treatment is a problem of extraordinary difficulty and complexity. The results reported here lack adequate controls, and are further vitiated by incomplete follow-ups. They do not, however, appear to differ materially from the results obtained by other methods of treatment. No mention is made in this monograph of the carefully controlled experiments carried out in Great Britain, which arrived at the dispiriting conclusion that the administration of carbon dioxide had no specific therapeutic value (J. R. Hawking and R. W. Tibbetts, *J. ment. Sci.* 1956, **102**, 52). To mention this finding—which may have appeared too late for inclusion—is not, however, to suggest that the enthusiastic application of any method of treatment in psychiatry may not do good in certain hands in certain cases; especially, maybe, when the method of treatment is both dramatic and capable of repetition. The social and medical structure is so different in our two countries that the statement on the dust cover that “even very poor patients can pay for carbon dioxide therapy” has not the same application or appeal here.

DESMOND CURRAN.

JOHN WESLEY AS A PHYSICIAN

John Wesley among the Physicians. A Study of Eighteenth-century Medicine. By A. Wesley Hill, B.A., M.B., B.Ch. (Pp. 135. 10s. 6d.) London: Epworth Press. 1958.

John Wesley's life work is part of the history of the English people. The fact that he was an amateur medical practitioner, along with many other gentlemen of his period, led him to help the sick poor wherever he could, and his little handbook of popular home treatment, *Primitive Physick*, was a perennial best-seller. Wesley acknowledged his indebtedness to medical men for much of his information and always advised his patients in acute and difficult cases to seek help from a regular physician. *John Wesley among the Physicians* has a subtitle, “A Study of Eighteenth-century Medicine,” which might lead us to believe that it is a serious contribution to medical history. It is, unfortunately, the most partial and tendentious of sketches and can do little service to the cause in which it is presumably written. Dr. Wesley Hill is much less fair than was Wesley himself to the character and abilities of the medical profession in eighteenth-century England. By painting an impossibly black picture he gives John Wesley the role (one which he would surely have repudiated) of the greatest physician of his day, “the equal of Sydenham and Boerhaave.” Errors and inconsistencies are too numerous to mention, but those who are familiar with the text of *Primitive Physick*—and the book has been studied by a number of well-informed medical historians—must smile wryly when they are told, “Modern medicine is primitive physick as Wesley used the term.”

F. N. L. POYNTER.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

Thrills and Regressions. By Michael Balint, M.D., Ph.D., M.Sc. (Pp. 147. 18s.) London: Hogarth Press. 1959.

A History of Neurology. By Walter Riese, M.D. (Pp. 223. \$4.) New York: MD Publications Inc. 1959.

Electronic Apparatus for Biological Research. By P. E. K. Donaldson, M.A. (Pp. 718+xii; illustrated. 120s.) London: Butterworths Scientific Publications. 1958.

The New Chemotherapy in Mental Illness. The History, Pharmacology and Clinical Experiences with Rauwolfia, Phenothiazine, Azacyclonol, Mephenesin, Hydroxyzine and Benactyzine Preparations. Edited by Hirsch L. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.P.A. (Pp. 762+xvii; illustrated. 84s.) London: Peter Owen Ltd. 1959.

Centaur. Essays on the History of Medical Ideas. By Félix Martí-Ibáñez, M.D. (Pp. 714+xvii. \$6.) New York: MD Publications Inc. 1959.

British Surgical Practice. Surgical Progress 1958. Edited by Sir Ernest Rock Carling, LL.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., F.F.R., and Sir James Paterson Ross, K.C.V.O., LL.D., M.S., P.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S., F.A.C.S. (Pp. ix+441+15; illustrated. 52s. 6d.) London: Butterworth and Co., Ltd. 1958.

Psychology as Applied to Nursing. By Andrew McGhie, M.A. Foreword by Margaret C. N. Lamb, R.G.N., S.C.M. (Pp. 247+xii. 17s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone, Ltd. 1959.

General Pathology and Bacteriology for Dental Students. By Ronald L. Bishton, M.D. (Pp. 317+viii; illustrated. 42s.) Bristol: John Wright and Sons, Ltd. 1958.

Reversicon. A Medical Word Finder. By J. E. Schmidt, Ph.B.S., M.D., Litt.D. (Pp. 440+xv. 57s. 6d.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1958.

Grundriss der Sozialhygiene. By Rudolf Neubert, M.D., and Gottfried Schrödel, M.D. (Pp. 283+viii; illustrated. DM. 19.20.) Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1958.

Aviation Medicine. An Annotated Bibliography. Vol. 2. 1957 Literature. By A. J. Jacobius, M. J. Wilkins, L. Kassianoff, R. B. Slie, and S. L. Whitehead. (Pp. 354+vi.) St. Paul, Minn.: Aero Medical Association. 1959.

Health in Industry. By Donald Hunter. (Pp. 288; illustrated. 4s.) Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books. 1959.

Le Cancer de la Prostata. Son Diagnostic, son Traitement Radiumthérapique. By Raymond Darget. (Pp. 163; illustrated. 2,500 fr.) Paris: Masson et Cie. 1958.

Mental Subnormality. Biological, Psychological, and Cultural Factors. By R. L. Masland, S. B. Sarason, and T. Gladwin. (Pp. 442. \$6.75.) New York: Basic Books, Inc. 1959.

The Social Impact of Bomb Destruction. By F. C. Iklé. (Pp. 250+xxii; illustrated. \$3.95.) Norman, Oklahoma: University of Oklahoma Press. 1958.

Physiologie der Körperflüssigkeiten. By Joseph H. Cort and Vladimir Fencel. (Pp. 402+xiv; illustrated. DM. 36.50.) Jena: Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1958.

Management of the Newborn. By A. H. Parmelee, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 368; illustrated. 64s.) Chicago: Year Book Publishers, Inc. London: Interscience Publishers Ltd. 1959.

Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology. Vol. 1, No. 4. Symposium on Operative Obstetrics. Edited by J. Robert Willson, M.D. *Symposium on Genital Cancer.* Edited by Daniel G. Morton. (Pp. 857-1138; illustrated. \$18.) New York: Paul B. Hoeber, Inc. Medical Books Department of Harper and Brothers. 1958.

Pediatric Methods and Standards. Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania. Editor, Fred H. Harvie, M.D. Third edition. (Pp. 330+vi; illustrated. 34s.) Philadelphia: Lea and Febiger. London: Henry Kimpton. 1958.

Staphylococcal Infections. By Ian Maclean Smith, M.D., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S.G. (Pp. 180; illustrated. 32s.) Chicago: Year Book Publishers, Inc. London: Interscience Publishers Limited. 1959.

COMING EVENTS

Hunterian Oration.—Sir REGINALD WATSON-JONES will lecture on "Surgery is Destined to the Practice of Medicine" at 4 p.m., on February 16, at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Closed-circuit Colour Television.—The North Middlesex and the Enfield and Potters Bar Divisions of the B.M.A. are holding a colour television demonstration and conference at 8.30 p.m. daily from March 9 to 12, at the Regal Cinema, Edmonton. Tickets for each evening from the Secretary, North Middlesex Hospital, Silver Street, London, N.18.

Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine.—Week-end course on chronic rheumatic diseases will be held at St. Stephen's Hospital, London, S.W.10, on March 14-15. Further details from the Secretary, Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, 60, Portland Place, London, W.1.

National Association for Mental Health.—Annual conference at Church House, Westminster, on March 19 and 20. The theme will be "The Place of Work in the Treatment of Mental Disorder." Details from the National Association for Mental Health, 39, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

Eleventh International Hospital Congress.—To be held in the Assembly Rooms, George Street, Edinburgh, from June 1 to 6. The central theme will be "Efficiency Methods in the Hospital." Further details from the International Hospital Federation, 6th Floor, 34, King Street, London, E.C.2.

Third International Congress of School and University Health.—Paris, July 6-8. Details from the Organizing Committee, 13, rue du Four, Paris, 6.

Third International Congress of the World Confederation for Physical Therapy.—Paris, September 6-12. Details from the Secretary, 1 ter, Rue Chanez, Paris, 16.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked ●. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, February 2

DENTAL AND MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF HYPNOSIS.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8 p.m., symposium.

GUY'S HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Endocrine demonstration by Dr. K. S. MacLean: Cortisone.

MARLBOROUGH DAY HOSPITAL.—8.15 p.m., Dr. T. M. Lins: Dynamic Treatment of Neuroses with Lysergic Acid (illustrated by a tape recording of treated patients).

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Guest lecture by Dr. Alick Bearn (New York): Biochemical Genetics in Clinical Medicine.

Tuesday, February 3

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. O. M. Wrong: Sodium Excretion and the Control of Extracellular Fluid Volume.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. P. D. Samman: Diseases of the Nails (1).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Milroy Lecture by Dr. A. R. Southwood: Aspects of Preventive Cardiology—(1) Elaboration of Public Health.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. Rodney Smith: Anatomy and Physiology of the Bile and Pancreatic Ducts and Their Surgical Significance.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. C. Scott Russell: Some Problems of Puberty.

Wednesday, February 4

ASSURANCE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 5 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. Donald Norris: Widening Horizon in Medical Insurance.

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Professor T. B. Fitzpatrick: Increased (Brown and Grey-blue) Pigmentation.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. H. Nicholson: Early Diagnosis of Lung Cancer.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. Friedmann, Dr. D. A. Osborn, and Dr. A. L. Jeanes: clinical pathological conference.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. H. K. Vernon: Indications for Treatment in Enlarged Prostate.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF MEDICINE.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University, 4.30 for 5 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. C. S. D. Don: Treatment of Diabetes.

MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 8.15 p.m., Mr. L. D. Abrams, Mr. F. Ashton, and Dr. W. A. Hudson: Experiences in the Use of the Extra-corporeal Heart.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Litchfield Lecture by Dr. Paul Beeson: Pathogenesis of Pylonephritis.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Guest lecture by Dr. F. E. Camps: Post-mortem Investigation and Interpretation of Head Injuries.

● **SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—7.15 p.m., Dr. Joshua Carse: The Worthing Experiment—New Methods in the Mental Health Services.

Thursday, February 5

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. A. F. Rogers: Human Physiology in Antarctica.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 5.30 p.m., Mr. Victor Riddell: Thyroid Gland and Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve.

LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8 p.m., Dr. T. R. Littler: Rheumatoid Arthritis. Dr. H. Fuld: The Use of Chloroquin in Rheumatoid Arthritis.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Milroy Lecture by Dr. A. R. Southwood: Aspects of Preventive Cardiology—(2) Rise of Biochemistry.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—(1) 3.45 p.m., Arnott Demonstration by Dr R. McP. Livingston: Human Embryo—Development and Form. (2) 5.30 p.m., Otolaryngology Lecture by Mr. Victor Riddell: Thyroid Gland and Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.—At Physiology Department Lecture Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. J. C. Hoyle: Some Recent Work on Sarcoidosis.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5 p.m., Dr. Maurice Partridge: Psychiatry.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY.—At Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5 p.m., public lecture by Prof. F. G. Young, F.R.S.: Hormones and Metabolic Processes—(3) Anterior Pituitary Hormones.

WEST OF ENGLAND CHILD HEALTH GROUP.—At Department of Child Health Lectur: Theatre, Children's Hospital, Bristol, 5.30 p.m., Mr. David Stevens: Catarrhal Deafness in Childhood.

Friday, February 6

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. W. N. Goldsmith.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. I. Hill: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—3.30 p.m., clinical discussion for general practitioners. Mr. K. G. Rotter: Otitis Externa.

INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS: MEDICAL ELECTRONICS DISCUSSION GROUP.—At Savoy Place, W.C., 5.30 for 6 p.m., discussion to be opened by Dr. P. Bauwens and Mr. P. Styles: Problems of Storing Transient Phenomena for Subsequent Analysis.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—At Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, Westminster Medical School, 5.15 p.m., special university lecture in biochemistry by Professor L. T. Samuels (Utah): Studies of Steroid Interconversion in Testicular Interstitial Cells.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Guest lecture by Mr. B. N. Brooke: Certain Aspects in the Care and Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis.

● **ROYAL INSTITUTION.**—9 p.m., Dr. V. E. Cosslett, Ph.D.: Microscopy with X-rays.

ROYAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW.—At Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. M. Lennihan: Radiation and Life.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., Dr. E. Hinden: Place of Children in Society.

Saturday, February 7

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.—11.30 a.m., Dr. J. J. Groen (Utrecht): Basis of Vestibular Examination.

MIDLAND THORACIC SOCIETY.—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 3 p.m., Mr. O. S. Tubbs: Abnormalities of the Diaphragm.

NATIONAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.—5 p.m., Charter Day Lecture by Mr. G. F. Gibberd: Changes in the Manifestations of Puerperal Sepsis in the Past 30 Years.

APPOINTMENTS

BONNELL, J. A. L., M.B., B.S., Nuclear Medical Officer to Central Electricity Generating Board, Winsley Street, London, W.1.

SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—D. H. Johnson, M.D., Consultant Pathologist in Bristol Clinical Area (Weston-super-Mare); P. J. W. Monks, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., Consultant Surgeon in Exeter Clinical Area (Torquay); T. Stuart-Black Kelly, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. Ed., D.O.M.S., Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon at Bath Eye Infirmary; D. A. Sime, M.B., Ch.B., Senior Hospital Medical Officer at Royal Western Counties Institution, Starcross, Devon; G. H. Hall, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., Senior Medical Registrar at Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter (joint appointment with United Bristol Hospitals); A. J. Webb, M.B., Ch.B., Surg. cal Registrar to Cossham-Frenchay Hospitals Group; Catherine M. White, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., Paediatric Registrar at Southmead Hospital, Bristol.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Treston.—On December 31, 1958, to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Treston, of Mlanje, Nyasaland, a son—Paul Anthony.

DEATHS

Acheson.—On January 17, 1959, at Danes House, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, Patrick Merrick Acheson, M.R.C.S., I.R.C.P.

Corben.—On January 15, 1959, at his home, Riva, Burdon Lane, Cheam, Surrey, Charles Corben, M.D., F.R.C.S. Ed.

Evers.—On January 14, 1959, at Woking, Surrey, James Alexander McElroy Shortt Evers, L.R.C.P.&S. Ed., L.R.F.P.S.

George.—On January 1, 1959, at Orange Walk, Northern District, British Honduras, William Ayrton Strathearn George, L.R.C.P.&S. Ed., L.R.F.P.S., I.P.

Macpherson.—On January 15, 1959, at Seaview, Eire, Orkney, James Archibald Stewart Macpherson, M.B., Ch.B.

Payne.—On January 10, 1959, at 29, Fitzwalter Road, Colchester, Essex, William Frank Payne, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 57.

Quinn.—On January 10, 1959, at 116, Kenilworth Gardens, Westcliffe-on-Sea, Essex, Patrick Quinn, M.B., Ch.B., aged 79.

Stewart.—On January 14, 1959, at Ilex House, Wells, Norfolk, Henry Hay Stewart, M.B., Ch.B., late of Lagos, Nigeria.

Walker.—On January 17, 1959, Edward Geoffrey Learoyd Walker, M.B., of Springbank, Huddersfield.