

advice regarding treatment, and this aspect of cardiology is well handled and up to date—for example, the use of radioactive iodine, current usages in the treatment of bacterial endocarditis, and the administration of anti-coagulants. Any student wishing for clearly explained and brief accounts of the principles of modern cardiology could not do better than study the chapters of this book.

K. SHIRLEY SMITH.

### TRAPS FOR THE SURGEON

*Fehler und Gefahren bei Chirurgischen Operationen.* 4th edition. Edited by R. R. Stich and K. H. Bauer. 2 volumes. (Pp. 1,646; illustrated. DM. 76.50.) Jena: Gustav Fischer Verlag.

"Mistakes and Dangers in Surgical Operations" is the somewhat misleading title of a great work which represents German surgery at its highest level. More than 20 surgeons of wide experience have contributed full accounts of their varied fields of work, of the difficulties with which they have met, and of the precautions which they take to avoid them. It is impossible in a review to give any idea of the vast amount of detail of vital importance here collected, but perhaps two examples will serve to show its character. The risk of nerve injury in operations on the thyroid is well known, but we venture to think that few surgeons can be familiar with the many possibilities of injury which are here illustrated from precise dissections specially made with this object, whilst avoidance of the parathyroids is very clearly demonstrated. Gall-stones and the bile ducts present unlimited traps for the unwary, and here again we find every conceivable variation both of the ducts and of the arteries described and illustrated, whilst all the most modern methods of diagnosis in this difficult region are fully detailed.

In every article throughout the work we find the same complete discussion of the particular problems involved, of how they may be met, and of the peculiar difficulties which may arise. The value of such experience so clearly and candidly expressed is unlimited. Moreover, each section has a vast bibliography for those who wish to trace the sources of the methods and views described. The whole work impresses one by its thoroughness, and is indeed a splendid tribute to the surgery of Germany and Switzerland. We can only say that any surgeon who masters what he will find here about his own section—and no one could do more—far from making mistakes and meeting with dangers, will be well on the way to certainty and success.

HENRY SOUTTAR.

### TUMOUR SURGERY

*Tumor Surgery of the Head and Neck.* By Robert S. Pollack, M.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 101; illustrated. 37s. 6d.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1957.

This is a modest book of some 100 pages with perhaps a slightly misleading title. It is concerned for the most part with the surgical techniques for extirpating malignant tumours of the paranasal sinuses, mouth, larynx, and pharynx, and of the thyroid gland. Due emphasis is given to the importance of accurate diagnosis and assessment of the extent of the lesion, and the relative roles of surgery and of radiotherapy are discussed. Operations are described briefly but adequately, and the illustrations are clear. It is not expensive—by current standards—and should be useful to those surgeons who have to deal with these lesions.

D. W. C. NORTHFIELD.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

*Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received*

*The Free Family. A Creative Experiment in Self-Regulation for Children.* By Jean and Paul Ritter. (Pp. 269; illustrated. 18s.) London: Victor Gollancz Ltd. 1959.

*Herdefektion und Allergische Erkrankungen.* Edited by H. Redetzky and H. Thiele. (Pp. 268; illustrated. DM. 17.) Berlin: VEB Verlag Volk und Gesundheit. 1958.

*Directory of Social and Health Agencies of New York City, 1958-1959.* Prepared under the direction of the Committee on Information Services of the Community Council of Greater New York, Inc. (Pp. 640+xi. 60s.) New York: Columbia University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1958.

*Psychopathologie Générale.* By Gabriel Deshaies. (Pp. 211. 700 fr.) Paris: Presses Universitaires de France. 1959.

*Safe Handling of Radio-isotopes.* (Pp. 99. 6s.) Vienna: International Atomic Energy Agency. 1958.

*The Pathology and Management of Portal Hypertension.* By R. Milnes Walker, M.S., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 113+vii; illustrated. 35s.) London: Edward Arnold (Publishers) Ltd. 1959.

*Modern Trends in Diseases of the Vertebral Column.* Edited by Reginald Nassim, B.M., F.R.C.P., and H. Jackson Burrows, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S. (Pp. 292+ix+11; illustrated. 75s.) London: Butterworth and Co. (Publishers) Ltd. 1959.

*Chronische Hyperplasien der Bindehaut.* By Konstantin Pascheff. (Pp. 124; illustrated. DM. 25.65.) Halle (Saale): VEB Carl Marhold Verlag. 1959.

*Klinische Untersuchungen zur Frage der Ätiologie des primären Glaukoms.* By Professor G. Pietruschka, M.D. (Pp. 295. DM. 36.80.) Halle (Saale): VEB Carl Marhold Verlag. 1959.

*Medical Laboratory Investigations. Their Use and Interpretation.* By Ian Dawson, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., and William Goldie, M.A., M.B., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.(E.). (Pp. 260+xv; illustrated. 35s.) London: Butterworth and Co. (Publishers) Ltd. 1958.

*Anatomy for Surgeons. Vol. 3. The Back and Limbs.* By W. Henry Hollinshead, Ph.D. (Pp. 901+xii; illustrated. £8 8s.) London: Cassell and Company Ltd. 1959.

*Pulmonary Circulation. An International Symposium, 1958. Sponsored by the Chicago Heart Association.* Edited by Wright R. Adams, M.D., and Ilza Veith, Ph.D. (Pp. 316+xv; illustrated. \$4.50.) New York, London: Grune and Stratton. 1959.

*Die Grundlagen der Eierschalentherapie.* By Professor Stefan Krompecher, M.D. (Pp. 83+ix; illustrated. DM. 11.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1958.

*Entstehung und Verhütung von Lebensmittelvergiftungen durch Salmonellabakterien.* By Dr. Hans Dräger. (Pp. 98+v. DM. 5.60.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1958.

*Treatment of Lung Cavities and Endobronchial Tuberculosis. With Special Reference to Treatment in Malaya.* By Beryl E. Barsby, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 147+vi; illustrated. 20s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1959.

*First Afro-Asian Congress of Ophthalmology, 1-5 March, 1958. Cairo, United Arab Republic. Acta.* (Pp. 734 + lxxii; illustrated.) Cairo: Ophthalmological Society of Egypt. 1958.

*A Doua Consfatuire de Dermato-Venerologie pe Tara, Iasi, 25, 26 si 27 Octombrie 1957.* (Pp. 410; illustrated.) Bucharest: Editura Medicală. 1958.

*Rachitismo, Malattia Sociale.* By Professor Emilia Sorrentini. (Pp. 53.) Rome: Istituto di Medicina Sociale. 1958.

*L'Ulceri Gastro-Duodenale. Aspetti Clinici e Patogenetici di Patologia Geografica.* By E. Pisi and L. Barbara. (Pp. 332+xi.) Bologna: Casa Editrice Cappelli. 1958.

*Parasitology and Parasitologists in Poland.* A General Review of Progress in Parasitological Science in Poland, containing Lists of Institutions, Research Workers and the Problems. By Professor Dr. E. Grabda, Dr. Z. Kozar and Dr. W. Slusarski. (Pp. 118.) Warsaw: Polish Parasitological Society. 1958.

*Die Phenothiazinderivate in der Medizin. Klinik und Experiment.* Edited by Professor H. Kleinsorge, M.D., and Dr. K. Rösner. (Pp. 328; illustrated. DM. 31.60.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1958.

**Langley Memorial Prize.**—A prize of about £21 is offered for an essay on certain aspects of tropical medicine. It is open to officers, past and present, of the West African Medical Departments. Details from the Registrar, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street (Gower Street), London, W.C.1. Closing date October 1.

**Family Planning Association.**—The president, Sir RUSSELL BRAIN, received the guests at a reception of the Association at the Royal Commonwealth Society on March 11. The Association's film *Birthright* was shown, and a report on last month's international population conference at Delhi was given by Sir Julian Huxley, F.R.S., Dr. A. S. Parkes, F.R.S., and Mrs. Margaret Pyke.

**Polio Vaccine.**—Messrs. Pfizer Ltd. announced last week that they had begun production of Salk-type polio vaccine in Britain. One batch of 163,000 doses had passed tests of safety and potency. The chairman stated at a press conference that the type-1 strain being used was Brunenders. He also said that the plant could be used for the production of a live attenuated vaccine if necessary.

**Sir Paul Fildes, F.R.S.**, formerly director of the Medical Research Council's unit for bacteriological chemistry, will receive the honorary degree of D.Sc. of Reading University at a Congregation on May 9.

**Faculty of Anaesthetists.**—Dr. R. P. W. SHACKLETON, of Southampton, and Dr. B. L. S. MURTAGH, of Birmingham, Fellows in the Faculty of Anaesthetists, have been elected members of the board of the Faculty of Anaesthetists for eight years.

**Mr. T. M. Prossor** has been appointed by the Army Council as honorary consultant in radiotherapeutics to the Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, Millbank, with effect from March 6.

**Professor A. B. Semple**, professor of public health, and medical officer of health for Liverpool, is to be a member of the subcommittee appointed by the Central Housing Advisory Committee to consider the standards of design and equipment applicable to family dwellings and other forms of residential accommodation.

**Dr. Hossein Samirad**, rector of Meshed University, Iran, has arrived in London for a two-weeks visit at the invitation of the British Council.

## COMING EVENTS

**Society of Chemical Industry.**—An exhibition of new laboratory apparatus and techniques will be held in the chemistry department, Birkbeck College, Malet Street, London, W.C.1, at 4 p.m., March 24.

**Congrès International de la Neutralité de la Médecine en Temps de Guerre.**—This congress, which was postponed in June last year, will now take place from April 6 to 8. Details from CHARLES RICHET, the President, Comité de la Neutralité de la Médecine en Temps de Guerre, 37, rue de Bellechasse, Paris, 7.

**Royal Statistical Society.**—The Medical Section of the Society will hold a day conference on "Accidents" and "Medical Genetics" at Bedford College, London, on April 17. Speakers will be Dr. F. GARWOOD (child road accidents), Dr. J. P. BULL (types and severities of accidental injuries), Professor G. C. DREW (alcohol and accidents), Dr. T. C. CARTER (the genetical aspects of radiation), and Dr. ELIOT SLATER (the genetics of schizophrenia). Further details from J. A. HEADY, M.R.C. Social Medicine Research Unit, London Hospital Research Laboratories, Ashfield Street, London, E.1. Applications by April 8.

**Ileostomy Association of Great Britain.**—A divisional general meeting will be held at 2.15 p.m., April 11, at the Birmingham Medical Institute, 36, Harbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15.

**Symposium on "The Staphylococcus."**—This symposium for consultant pathologists will be held at the Postgraduate Medical School of London, Ducane Road, London W.12, from July 15 to 17. Applications by June 17. Details from the Dean, Postgraduate Medical School. See also advertisement at p. 52 of this week's *Journal*.

## 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, March 23

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SPORT AND MEDICINE.—At Guy's Hospital Medical School (Anatomical Theatre), London Bridge, S.E., 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. Joseph: Anatomy of Movement in Relation to Athletics.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF ODONTOLOGY.—At Lecture Room, Dental Hospital, 5 p.m., Mr. W. G. Cross: Treatment of the Periodontal Pocket.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Ophthalmology Lecture by Professor A. Sorsby: Irregularly Dominant Affections of the Retina.

### Wednesday, March 25

BRITISH PSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 8.30 p.m., Mr. Michael Reed, B.Sc.: Communication and the Deaf.

INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. J. G. Sandrey: Neoplasms of the Kidneys.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: (1) SECTION OF MEDICINE.—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University, 5 p.m., Dr. K. Shirley Smith: Recurrent Angina Independent of Effort. (2) SECTION OF GENERAL PRACTICE.—At Grand Hotel, 8 p.m., Mr. P. W. H. Revington: The Plaintiff was a Patient.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY.—Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., public lecture by Dr. Valy Menkin (Philadelphia): Role of Inflammation in Carcinogenesis.

## APPOINTMENTS

JACKSON, A. D. M., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Part-time Consultant to Children's Department, the London Hospital, London, E.

McWILLIAMS, L. F., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Boroughs of Rochester and Chatham.

NAVIN, W. P., M.B., B.Ch., Coventry City Police Medical Officer.

REID, J. J. A., T.D., M.B., Ch.B., B.Sc., D.P.H., Deputy County Medical Officer and Deputy Principal School Medical Officer of Northamptonshire.

ROBERTS, D. P. WYNN, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Deputy Medical Officer of Health for Blackpool.

SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—T. S.-B. Kelly, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., D.O.M.S., Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in Bath Clinical Area; P. N. Tandon, M.B., B.S., Ear, Nose, and Throat Registrar at South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth; Margaret F. Beard, M.B., B.Chir., Anaesthetic Registrar in Bath Group of Hospitals; B. A. Poley, M.B., Ch.B., D.A., Registrar in Anaesthetics, Southmead Hospital, Bristol; R. H. Harris, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Assistant Psychiatrist at Digby-Wonford Hospital, Exeter; J. M. Pencheon, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist in West Cornwall Clinical Area; W. Rodger, M.B., B.Chir., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist in Exeter Clinical Area; A. K. Mitra, M.B., B.S., Registrar in Department of Pathology at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol; E. R. Johns, M.B., B.S., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Camborne-Redruth Miners' and District Hospital, Redruth.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

Longstaff.—On February 18, 1959, at Felton, Northumberland, to Drs. Peggy and John Longstaff, a brother for Fiona and Siân—William John. Werry.—On March 6, 1959, at Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, Canada, to Jocelyn and John Werry, a son.

### DEATHS

Atmore.—On February 25, 1959, at Otaki, New Zealand, Emma Gertrude Atmore (formerly Applegate), M.B., Ch.B., aged 64.  
Bowes.—On March 2, 1959, in hospital, Carlisle, Joseph Edward Bowes, M.B., C.M., of Grange-in-Borrowdale, Keswick, Cumberland, aged 92.  
Bull.—On March 2, 1958, in hospital, George Vernon Bull, M.B., of White Gables, Sandhurst, Kent, aged 86.  
Hamill.—On March 4, 1959, Philip Hamill, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P., of 11, County Gate, London, S.E.  
Hole.—On March 5, 1959, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, Kenneth Hill Hole, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., Surgeon Captain, R.N. (retired), of 4, Upper Knollys Terrace, Plymouth.  
Lever.—On March 6, 1959, Charles Arthur Ashton Lever, L.R.C.P.&S.I. & L.M., of Brendon House, Llandudno, Caerns., aged 83.  
Leyton.—On March 1, 1959, at Brownheath House, Droitwich, Wores, Helen Gertrude Leyton, M.D.  
McKenzie.—On March 7, 1959, Ivy McKenzie, M.D., F.R.F.P.S., of Glasgow, aged 81.  
Macmillan.—On March 7, 1959, at Bangour Hospital, John Cairns Macmillan, M.B., Ch.B., of Kinloch Crag, Bonness, West Lothian.  
Marshall.—On March 4, 1959, at Yatesbury, Tyler Hill, Canterbury, Kent, William Henry Marshall, M.B., formerly of East Grinstead, Sussex.  
Somerville.—On March 3, 1959, Hugh Somerville, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., of 44, Grange Road, Fenham, Newcastle upon Tyne.  
Taylor.—On March 2, 1959, at St. Thomas's Hospital, Hyde, near Godalming, Surrey, William Benjamin Batchelor Taylor, M.D., D.P.H., F.R.C.S.Ed., of Friday's Hill Cottage, Fernhurst, Haslemere, Surrey, formerly of 35, Connaught Square, London, W., aged 81.  
Wassermann.—On February 28, 1959, Dr. Sigmund Wassermann, of Utopia Parkway, Flushing, New York, U.S.A., aged 69.  
Wilson.—On March 4, 1959, at Edinburgh, Charles Wilson, M.B., C.M., of 77, Cluny Gardens, Edinburgh, late of Wallasey, Cheshire.