

possibly carry out his work. This admirable manual supplies with precision and clarity all the information which they require, and the fact that it has been written by a surgeon in active practice and his own theatre sister is sufficient evidence that it is just what is needed for the formation of a well-organized team. Beautifully illustrated and really well arranged, it is a model of what such a manual should be, and it will repay the careful study of any who are called on to organize the service of a theatre. The young surgeon will find here a mine of information, and there are few pages from which even the most experienced may not gather useful hints. The great capacity of the German mind for organization is shown at its best.

In defence of our own country we would make two points. The eyeless needle, which was first made at the London Hospital in 1922, seems to have only just reached Germany, and there is no hint of the superb technical perfection it has now achieved. And only a limited account is given of the modern apparatus for general anaesthesia—but one has to remember that until quite recently all general anaesthesia was given by the nurses, because, as a well-known surgeon once said, they understand it.

HENRY SOUTTAR.

### GANGWAY FOR DOCTORS

*The Phantom Limb.* By Hamilton Johnston. (Pp. 254. 15s.) London: Victor Gollancz. 1958.  
*Gangway for the Lady Surgeon.* By Wynne O'Mara and Eleanor Buckles. (Pp. 176. 12s. 6d.) London: Robert Hale, Ltd. 1958.

Doctors and detectives can knock on any door, which probably accounts for the popularity of both these unwelcome visitors as novelists' puppets. Most of the books about doctors which pour from publishers' warehouses have as little connexion with medicine as Trollope's books about clergymen had with piety, and expecting to find lifelike practitioners in them is as unreasonable as expecting the *Army List* to resemble *The Army Game*. But Dr. Johnston's publishers insist that *The Phantom Limb* is a novel "above all remarkable for its quality of remorseless truth" on life in the N.H.S. Discovering exactly what goes on in another man's practice is as difficult as discovering exactly what goes on in another man's house, but I doubt if all 47-year-old G.P.s have querulously neurotic wives for both themselves and their assistants, get into bed with their lady-novelist patients during the afternoons, and in teashops plot irregular week-ends with other doctors' wives. Contemporary tales of medical practice, like contemporary tales of imprisonment, seem to be either dramatic or gay, but Dr. Johnston makes it all rather furtive.

There is nothing furtive about *Gangway for the Lady Surgeon*, Dr. O'Mara's bright little romp on the ocean. Books about doctors at sea have suffered from catatonic rigidity since the best of them all, J. Johnston Abraham's *Surgeon's Log*, was published in 1911. There is always the crew's embarrassing distrust of their medical adviser, the horrifying fate of former doctors and the horrifying seasickness of the current one, muddling the medicines in the ship's dispensary, rows with the captain, and the alarming operation afloat. Dr. O'Mara gets the lot, plus the complication of her shipmates picking her a suitable husband *en route*.

RICHARD GORDON.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*Chirurgie der Arterien.* By Dr. K. Kremer. (Pp. 280+viii. illustrated. DM. 59.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Praktische Hämatologie. Differential-diagnose, Therapie Methodik.* By Prof. Dr. H. Begemann and Dr. H.-G. Harwerth. (Pp. 264+xi; illustrated. DM. 29.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Cardiovascular Sound in Health and Disease.* Being a Comprehensive Treatise, introduced by a Historical Survey. By Victor A. McKusick, M.D. (Pp. 570+xii; illustrated. £6.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1958.

*Physiologie und Experimentelle Pathologie der Leber.* By Dr. Anton Fischer. (Pp. 187; illustrated. 46s.) Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó. Berlin: Akademie-Verlag. 1959.

*Blastogenese des Menschen.* By Karel Mazanec, M.D. (Pp. 179; illustrated. DM. 20.60.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1959.

*A Doctor's Story.* By Sir Fred Bowerbank. (Pp. 341; illustrated. 30s.) Wellington, N.Z.: Harry H. Tombs Limited 1958.

*The Pneumoconiosis Problem. With Emphasis on the Role of the Radiologist.* By Eugene P. Pendergrass, M.D. (Pp. 146+x; illustrated. 51s.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1958.

*The Demonstration Clinic for the Psychological Study and Treatment of Mother and Child in Medical Practice.* By David M. Levy, M.D. With a preface by Leona Baumgartner, M.D. (Pp. 120+xxviii. 37s. 6d.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*The Roots of Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. A Search for Principles of General Psychotherapeutics.* By S. A. Szurek, M.D. (Pp. 134+viii. 32s. 6d.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Basic Issues in Psychiatry.* By Paul V. Lemkau, M.D. (Pp. 106+vii. 25s.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Clinical Flame Photometry.* By Henry A. Teloh, M.D. (Pp. 103+xvi. 34s.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Physical Diagnosis. The History and Examination of the Patient.* By John A. Prior, M.D., Jack S. Silberstein, M.D., and contributors. (Pp. 388; illustrated. 56s.) St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. London: Henry Kimpton. 1959.

*Obstetric and Gynecologic Milestones. Essays in Eponymy.* By Harold Speer, M.D. (Pp. 700+ix; illustrated. £5 5s.) New York, London: Macmillan Company. 1958.

*Dorsalgias Interescapulares.* By V. Bosch Olives. (Pp. 157; illustrated. 50 pesetas.) Barcelona: Administración Queromón Editores, S.A. 1958.

*La Disproteínaemia Nefrótica. Estudio Clínico y de Laboratorio.* By Andrés Olivé Badosa. (Pp. 136. 50 pesetas.) Barcelona: Administración Queromón Editores, S.A. 1958.

*A History of Ophthalmology.* By George E. Arrington, Jr., M.D. (Pp. 174+xvii. \$4.) New York: MD Publications, Inc. 1959.

*The Eternal Search. The Story of Man and His Drugs.* By Richard R. Mathison. (Pp. 308. 21s.) London: Frederick Muller Limited. 1959.

*The Enzymes.* Edited by Paul D. Boyer, Henry Lardy, and Karl Myrbäck. Second edition. Vol. I. Kinetics, Thermodynamics, Mechanism, Basic Properties. (Pp. 785+xi; illustrated. \$24.) New York: Academic Press Inc. 1959.

*Pathophysiology in Surgery.* By James D. Hardy, M.S.(Chem.), M.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 704+xx; illustrated. £7 12s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox, Ltd. 1958.

*Hermaphroditism, Genital Anomalies and Related Endocrine Disorders.* By Howard W. Jones, Jr., M.D., and William Wallace Scott, M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 456+xvi; illustrated. £6 8s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox, Ltd. 1958.

*Das Akute Abdomen im Kindesalter auf Grund angeborener Anomalien.* By Václav Tošovsky, M.D., and Otto Vychytil, M.D. (Pp. 159; illustrated. DM. 24.70.) Berlin: VEB Verlag Volk und Gesundheit. 1958.

which an audience of leading industrialists and surgeons had been invited. During the evening it was announced that £937,000 had already been received. (*The Times*, March 25.)

**Blood Club, Birmingham.**—A Blood Club has been formed in Birmingham. Its aim is the informal discussion of problems of haematology and blood transfusion, and membership is open to all interested in this field; pathologists, physicians, paediatricians, obstetricians, surgeons, and anaesthetists will be welcome. Meetings will take place on Friday evenings at 6 p.m. at three-monthly intervals. So far two meetings have been held in the Department of Experimental Pathology. Further information may be obtained from Dr. ELIZABETH TOPLEY, c/o Blood Transfusion Service, 15, Ampton Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15.

**Wessex Regional Hospital Board.**—The new board held its first meeting on March 16. Dr. J. REVANS, deputy S.A.M.O. to the south-west metropolitan board, was appointed as the board's senior medical administrative officer.

**Sir Stewart Duke-Elder** has been awarded the Charles Mickle Fellowship for 1959 by the Senate of the University of Toronto. The award is for "the member of the medical profession who has done most during the preceding ten years to advance sound knowledge of a practical kind in medical art or science."

**University of St. Andrews.**—On June 30 the degree of Doctor of Laws at the University will be conferred on Sir GEORGE LINDOR BROWN, F.R.S., Jodrell Professor of Physiology, University College London, secretary and Vice-president of the Royal Society; and on Professor D. R. Dow, Emeritus Professor of Anatomy, St. Andrews University.

**B.M.J. Index.**—The half-yearly indexes to Volume II of the *Journal* and the *Supplement* for 1958 are now being sent to members who receive them regularly and to subscribers. Members who have not previously asked for the indexes to be sent regularly to them can obtain copies, post free, on application to the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1; those wishing to receive the indexes regularly should mention this.

## COMING EVENTS

**Auxiliary Royal Army Medical Corps Funds.**—The annual general meeting will be held at 5 p.m., April 6, at 11, Chandos Street, London, W.1.

**Tudor Edwards Lecture.**—Sir CLEMENT PRICE THOMAS will lecture on "Conservative and Extensive Resection for Carcinoma of the Lung" on April 8 at 5 p.m. at the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

**Lumleian Lectures.**—Professor E. J. WAYNE will lecture on "Clinical and Metabolic Studies in Thyroid Disease" on April 14 and 16, at 5 p.m., at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall East.

**The Association of Clinical Pathologists.**—The 62nd general meeting will take place in the Medical School, University of Manchester, on April 16, 17, and 18. Further details from Professor J. N. CUMINGS, Department of Chemical Pathology, The National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.1.

**British Association of Physical Medicine.**—The annual meeting will be held on April 17 and 18 at Guy's Hospital, London, S.E.1. Details from the association, 47, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

**Institute of Diseases of the Chest.**—Clinical demonstrations, open to medical practitioners without fee, will be held at the Institute (in the grounds of the Brompton Hospital, Fulham Road, London, S.W.3) on Fridays at 5 p.m. from April 17 to July 3.

**Wessex Rahere Club.**—Spring dinner at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Exeter, on April 18. Details from Mr. A. D. BATEMAN, F.R.C.S., 11, The Circus, Bath.

**British Tuberculosis Association.**—The provincial meeting in collaboration with the Thoracic Society of Wales will be held in Cardiff on April 17 and 18. All lectures will be held in the Department of Pathology, Cardiff Royal Infirmary. Further details from the Administrative Secretary, The British Tuberculosis Association, 59, Portland Place, London, W.1.

## 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.

### Saturday, April 4

**SOUTH-WEST CHEST SOCIETY.**—At Library, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, 2.15 to 5.15 p.m., papers by Dr. D. A. Williams, Dr. Kenneth Citron, and Dr. I. G. Kreeger.

### Monday, April 6

**MARLBOROUGH DAY HOSPITAL.**—8.15 p.m., Dr. Peter D. Scott: Treatment of Sex Perversions.

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.15 p.m., Mr. Rodney Smith: Tumours of the Liver; 6.30 p.m., Mr. D. Patey: Infection of the Salivary Glands.

### Tuesday, April 7

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.15 p.m., Mr. Rodney Maingot: Repair of Large Incisional and Inguinal Herniae; 6.30 p.m., Mr. Stephen J. H. Miller: Exophthalmos and its Complications. **WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. N. Milnes: Neurology.

### Wednesday, April 8

**MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Birmingham Medical Institute, 8.15 p.m., valedictory address by Dr. H. W. Donovan: General Practice: Its Place and Prospect.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Tudor Edwards Lecture by Sir Clement Price Thomas: Conservative and Extensive Resection for Carcinoma of the Lung.

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.15 p.m., Mr. C. E. Drew: Pulmonary Resection for Metastases; 6.30 p.m., Mr. R. Vaughan Hudson: Thyroïditis.

**ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.**—3.30 p.m., Mr. R. J. Wallis, M.A.: Laminated Plastics in Everyday Hygiene (illustrated).

### Thursday, April 9

**LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Medical Society of London, 8.15 p.m., Dr. Ludwig Guttmann: Modern Trends in the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Paraplegics, followed by silent film.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor T. J. S. Patterson: Congenital Deformities of the Hand.

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—6.15 p.m., Sir Stanford Cade: Malignant Melanoma.

**ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Aspects of Refraction Work—(2) The Reduced Eye, and Retinoscopy.

### Friday, April 10

**INSTITUTION OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS: MEDICAL ELECTRONICS DISCUSSION GROUP.**—5.30 to 6 p.m., discussions—Professor E. C. Cherry: Problems of Sight, Hearing, and Touch. Mr. H. C. W. Stockbridge: Human Engineering Recording Problems.

**MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL.**—At National Institute for Medical Research, Mill Hill, N.W., 5 p.m., Dr. S. E. Luria (Massachusetts): Mechanisms of Infective Heredity in Bacteria.

● **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5.15 p.m., Mr. J. B. Oldham: Complications of Abdominal Operations; 6.30 p.m., Dr. H. A. Sissons: Primary Tumours of Bone.

### Saturday, April 11

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, Symposium on Paediatrics. 10.15 a.m., Dr. Arthur Rook: The Child with Eczema; 11 a.m., subject: Mentally Retarded Child. Papers by Dr. Douglas Gairdner, Dr. Janet Roscoe, Dr. D. R. Davis, Dr. R. E. Glennie, and Mr. W. F. H. Stublings. 3.45 p.m., Dr. C. D. Farris: Current Problems in the Treatment of Dental Conditions in Children.

**KENT PAEDIATRIC AND CHILD HEALTH SOCIETY.**—At Farnborough Hospital (Children's Department), 3 p.m., clinical meeting. Members of Bromley Division (B.M.A.) are invited.

**SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.**—At Joyce Green Hospital, Dartford, 10.30 for 11 a.m., Dr. Paul Forgas: Some Clinical Applications of Respiratory Physiology; Dr. John Bullough: Resuscitation in Chronic Bronchitis; Demonstration of Respirators and Methods of Physiological Measurement.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

**Barrow.**—On March 14, 1959, at B.M.H., Imtarfa, Malta, G.C., to Maureen (formerly O'Callaghan) and Squadron Leader B. A. J. Barrow, M.B., R.A.F., Episkopi, Cyprus, a sister for Paul and Claire—Siobhan Elizabeth.

**Earnshaw.**—On March 1, 1959, to Gillian (formerly Cook), M.B., B.Chir., wife of Tony Earnshaw, M.B., B.Chir., of Earl Shilton, Leicester, a second son—Timothy David.

**Lockett.**—On March 20, 1959, to Gillian, wife of Dr. Harry Lockett, of Reading, Berks, a sister for Stephen and Felicity.

### DEATHS

**Bisset.**—On March 23, 1959, Alexander Andrew Bisset, M.D., of 16, Victoria Avenue, Harrogate, Yorks, aged 72.

**Broadhurst.**—On March 22, 1959, at 58a, Harvard Road, Chiswick, London, W., Harry Cecil Broadhurst, M.B., B.S., aged 67.