

Dr. de Gruchy, who is physician in charge of the Haematology Clinical Research Unit at St. Vincent's Hospital, Melbourne, a city which has a flourishing group of haematologists. As befits an Australian author, his outlook is pragmatic, with emphasis on the clinical aspects of blood disorders, diagnosis, and management of the patient; details of technical methods are deliberately omitted. The first two chapters deal with blood formation, the bone marrow, the red cell, and the pathological physiology of anaemia. The various blood disorders are then discussed seriatim in the remaining 13 chapters.

Dr. de Gruchy has managed to arrange the heterogeneous material of haematology in an orderly sequence—the anaemias, the disturbances of the white cells, the hyperplastic disorders, the splenomegalies, the haemorrhagic diseases, disorders of pigment metabolism, and blood groups and transfusion. The writing is clear and the information up to date, and Dr. de Gruchy is to be congratulated on giving a balanced account of the diseases of the blood in 600 pages. The book is strongly recommended to those who wish to obtain a firm grounding in haematology. A review can rarely be all praise. One regrets the absence of coloured pictures; perhaps they are expensive, but this is like reading a travel book without a map. It is possible, also, that Dr. de Gruchy has been almost too practical and pragmatic; will the novice realize what exciting subjects intrinsic factor and glutathione are to workers in haematological laboratories?

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A SUCCESSFUL MASQUERADE

The Strange Story of Dr. James Barry. Army Surgeon, Inspector-General of Hospitals, Discovered on Death to be a Woman. By Isobel Rae. (Pp. 124+vii. 13s. 6d.) London, New York, Toronto: Longmans, Green and Co. 1958.

The story of Dr. James Barry has been told many times and has even been woven into fiction, but it has never been so accurately or so interestingly told as by Miss Isobel Rae. How came it that a woman should qualify as a doctor, serve as a surgeon in the Army, and rise to the rank of Inspector-General of Hospitals without detection of the masquerade? Miss Rae has done an excellent piece of historical research, and by her sleuth-like methods has converted a plain tale into a first-rate piece of detection.

Dr. Barry was professionally clever, hard-working, conscientious, and eager to reform abuses; this brought her up against routine authority, but, like Miss Nightingale, Miss Barry often wrote over the heads of her immediate superiors to the highest authority in order to get her way—an efficacious but not altogether popular method. It is remarkable, indeed, that she performed one of the earliest successful caesarean sections—upon a lady called Munnik; one of the caesarean baby's children was godparent to James Barry Munnik Hertzog, who became Prime Minister of South Africa.

There were some who suspected that Dr. Barry was a woman, but the fact was not proved till after her death. Some of her habits must have given rise to comment. She was a teetotaller, a strict vegetarian, had a black servant as bodyguard, and always kept a little dog which ate its master's ration of meat and was called Psyche—a significant name. Dr. Barry died on July 29, 1864, at 14, Margaret Street, Marylebone, in her seventieth year, but there is no plaque on the building to indicate this.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

Symposium on Gastroduodenal Ulcer and Cancer. International Study among the Black, Bronze, White, Yellow, Aztec, Bantu, Basa, Bedouin, Esquimo, Maori, Red-Skin Indian, Yaqui, Zapotecan Peoples. Volume II, in two parts. By Prof. Dr. William Nimeh, F.A.C.P. (Pp. 182+xii; illustrated.) Beirut: Publications de l'Université Libanaise. 1958.

Advances in Virus Research. Edited by Kenneth M. Smith and Max A. Lauffer. Volume VI. (Pp. 382. \$10.) New York: Academic Press Inc. London: Academic Books Ltd. 1959.

Traitement des Suppurations Uréthro-Génitales et de Leurs Complications chez l'Homme et chez la Femme. By Pierre Durel and André Siboulet. (Pp. 168; illustrated. 2,100 fr.) Paris: G. Doin et Cie. 1959.

The Anatomy of the Nervous System. Its Development and Function. By Stephen Walter Ranson, M.D., Ph.D. Revised by Sam Lilliard Clark, M.D., Ph.D. 10th ed. (Pp. 622+xii; illustrated. 66s. 6d.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

Hormones and Atherosclerosis. Proceedings of the Conference Held in Brighton, Utah, March 11-14, 1958. Edited by Gregory Pincus. (Pp. 484+xvi; illustrated. \$13.50.) New York: Academic Press Inc. London: Academic Books, Ltd. 1959.

Clinical Neurosurgery. Proceedings of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, Washington, D.C., 1957. Volume 5. (Pp. 206+xix; illustrated. 64s.) Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins Company. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox Ltd. 1958.

The Ecology of Human Disease. By Jacques M. May, M.D. Foreword by Felix Marti-Ibañez, M.D. (Pp. 327+xxi. \$7.50.) New York: MD Publications, Inc. 1959.

William Harvey's De Motu Locali Animalium, 1627. Edited, Translated, and Introduced by Gweneth Whitteridge, M.A., D.Phil., F.S.A. (Pp. 163+x. 60s.) Cambridge: Published for the Royal College of Physicians, at the University Press. 1959.

Bleeding Esophageal Varices. Portal Hypertension. By Hirsch Robert Liebowitz, B.S., M.D. Section on Surgical Treatment in Collaboration with Louis M. Rousselot, M.D., M.S.(Surg.), Med.Sc.D.(Surg.), F.A.C.S. (Pp. 986+xxxiii; illustrated. £9 3s. 6d.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

Epilepsy. By Manfred Sakel, M.D. With a preface by Otto Poetzl. (Pp. 204+xxxvi. 35s.) London: Peter Owen. 1959.

Battle for the Mind. A Physiology of Conversion and Brain-Washing. By William Sargant, 3rd ed. (Pp. 134; illustrated. 2s. 6d.) London: Pan Books Ltd. 1959.

Clinical Neuropsychology. By John Marshall, M.D., F.R.C.P.(Ed.), M.R.C.P., D.P.M.(Lond.). (Pp. 296+viii; illustrated. 37s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

The Rewards of Medicine and Other Essays. By Hugh Barber. (Pp. 140. 15s.) London: H. K. Lewis and Co. Ltd. 1959.

Psychopharmacology Frontiers. Second International Congress of Psychiatry, Proceedings of the Psychopharmacology Symposium. Edited by Nathan S. Kline, M.D. (Pp. 533+xxiii. 72s.) London: J. and A. Churchill Ltd. 1959.

The Management of Fractures and Dislocations. By Anthony F. DePalma, M.D. (Pp. 960+xxviii; illustrated. £12 5s.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company, Ltd. 1959.

Vascular Surgery. By Geza de Takats, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 726+ix; illustrated. £6 2s. 6d.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

Proceedings of the Second World Congress on Fertility and Sterility (1956). 2 Vols. Edited by G. Tesaro. (Pp. 1,389+xix; 1,559+xv; illustrated.) Naples: Institute of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Naples.

Diseases of the Colon and Anorectum. 2 Volumes. Edited by Robert Turell, M.D. (Pp. 1,238+xxii; illustrated. £12 5s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

Small Malady Malignant. By Alfred Fosse. (Pp. 78. 8s. 6d.) London: Christopher Johnson. 1959.

Hunterian Society's Gold Medal Essay Competition.—The subject for the 1959 essay is "The Use and Abuse of Sedatives." The competition is open to all general practitioners resident within the British Commonwealth. Further details may be obtained from the honorary secretary, Mr. GEORGE QVIST, 72, Harley Street, London, W.1.

Penicillin Agreements.—Beecham Group Ltd. signed agreements with Bristol Laboratories Inc., of Syracuse, New York, on April 2, in New York, which will bring substantial dollar royalties to this country in the event of new products derived from the recent Beecham penicillin discovery being marketed in the United States.

Dr. C. F. Harris, physician in charge of the Children's Department, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been re-elected vice-chancellor of London University from September 1 for the university year 1959-60.

Dr. W. W. Kay has been appointed Vice-moderator, and in due course Moderator for 1960 to 1961, of the Free Church Federal Council. He is senior pathologist at the Mental Hospital Group Laboratory at West Park Hospital, Epsom.

London Hospital Medical College.—Mr. G. L. SLACK has been appointed to the chair of dental surgery tenable at the College from May 1.

Professor J. N. Davidson, Gardiner Professor of Physiological Chemistry at the University of Glasgow, is visiting Poland at the request of the biochemical committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences. He will lecture at the universities of Warsaw and Cracow.

Professor Muhiddin Erel, rector of Ege University and director of the Institute of Hygiene and the Institute of Microbiology, Izmir, Turkey, is now in London at the invitation of the British Council. He will study medical and university education and the training of British nurses.

Mr. A. Dickson Wright was given a dinner on March 21 by all the housemen and registrars who had served under him at St. Mary's Hospital.

COMING EVENTS

St. George's Hospital Medical School.—Owing to rebuilding it will not be possible to hold the usual postgraduate demonstrations in psychiatry and neurology on Thursdays at 5 p.m. during the Summer Term beginning April 13. They will be resumed in October, 1959.

First Almroth Wright Lecture.—"Antigens of Pathogens," by Dr. D. A. L. DAVIES. For details see advertisement in this week's *Journal* (p. III of cover).

Occupational Aspects of Ageing.—This one-day conference on current research will be held on April 21 at the Industrial Welfare Society, Robert Hyde House, 48, Bryanston Square, London, W.1. Fee for the conference is £2 12s. 6d. (or £3 3s. for delegates from organizations not in membership with the I.W.S.). Details from the Society, at the above address (AMB 2401-6).

International Seminar on Health Education.—The Central Council for Health Education will hold an international seminar in London from April 21 to 24 at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1. Further details from the Council, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Manchester Medical Exhibition.—This exhibition is to be held at the City Hall, Manchester, from April 27 to May 1 and will be officially opened by Professor Sir GEOFFREY JEFFERSON. Further details from organizers, British and Colonial Druggist, Ltd., 194-200, Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2.

British Orthopaedic Association.—Spring meeting with the French and Belgian Orthopaedic Societies at Torquay and Exeter from April 30 to May 2. Further details from the British Orthopaedic Association, 47, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2.

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, April 13

● ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. R. L. Holt: Trends in the Surgical Treatment of Peptic Ulcer; 6.30 p.m., Professor C. G. Rob: Place of Surgery in the Treatment of Arterial Hypertension. ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—5 p.m., Professor J. H. Louw (Capetown): Intestinal Malrotation and Duodenal Ileus.

Tuesday, April 14

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE.—8 p.m., symposium: Local Psychiatric Research. Papers by Dr. H. C. White, Dr. L. Zollman, and Dr. H. Halstead, Ph.D. MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF SURGERY.—At Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, 4 for 4.30 p.m., clinical meeting. ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Lumleian Lecture by Dr. Edward J. Wayne: Clinical and Metabolic Studies in Thyroid Disease. ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arris and Gale Lecture by Mr. G. L. Bourne: Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology of the Human Amnion and Chorionic Membranes. ● ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—6.15 p.m., Mr. Harold Dodd: Concept of Varicose Veins and their Allied Conditions. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. Lionel Higgins: Abruptio Placentae (Accidental Haemorrhage). WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. F. Swann: Encephalography or Ventriculography?

Wednesday, April 15

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8.15 p.m., Dr. Stephen J. Hadfield (Assistant Secretary, B.M.A.) and Dr. Alistair French: Medical Ethics. NORTH-WESTERN THORACIC SOCIETY.—At Aintree Hospital, Liverpool, 5 p.m., Dr. Brian Taylor: Masters, Methods, and Memories. ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH.—5 p.m., George Alexander Gibson Lecture by Mr. T. Holmes Sellers: Contribution of Surgery to Clinical Cardiology. ● ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Dr. M. Bodian: Fibrocystic Disease of the Pancreas; 6.30 p.m., Mr. D. Innes Williams: Congenital Abnormalities of the Upper Urinary Tract. ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—3.30 p.m., Dame Anne Bryans: Work of the British Red Cross Society Throughout the World (illustrated). WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Royal Society of Arts, 8.30 p.m., Cavendish Lecture by Sir Wilson Jameson: Laying the Foundations.

Thursday, April 16

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—8 p.m., Silvanus Thompson Memorial Lecture by Professor G. Stead, D.Sc.: 1895 and All That. HYPNOTHERAPY GROUP.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8 p.m., Dr. J. A. Hadfield: Clinical Importance of Infantile Experiences. MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF ANAESTHETICS.—At Liverpool Medical Institution, 8 p.m., joint meeting with members of Liverpool Society of Anaesthetists. Dr. I. C. Geddes: Hyperventilation in Anaesthesia; Dr. A. R. Hunter: Some Experimental and Clinical Observations on Analgesic Drugs. ROYAL ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. Ainsworth Harrison: Environmental Determination of Mammalian Morphology (illustrated by slides). ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—5 p.m., Lumleian Lecture by Dr. Edward J. Wayne: Clinical and Metabolic Studies in Thyroid Disease. ● ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Mr. J. Leigh Collis: Tumours of the Oesophagus; 6.30 p.m., Mr. L. S. Walsh: Surgical Treatment of the Cerebral Vascular Accident. ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Aspects of Refraction Work—(3) Prisms in Refraction Work.

Friday, April 17

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. R. Bignall: clinical demonstration. INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., clinical discussion for general practitioners by Mr. Anthony Radcliffe: Dysphagia. KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—8 p.m., clinical meeting. LEICESTER CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Leicester Royal Infirmary, 8.45 p.m., Reverend F. S. Sinker, M.B., B.Ch.: Christian Trends in Present-day Medicine. ● ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5.15 p.m., Dr. J. H. Middlemiss: Radiology in Acute Abdominal Emergencies; 6.30 p.m., Mr. A. L. Eyre-Brook: Tendon Transplantation. YORKSHIRE THORACIC SOCIETY.—At Instructional Block, General Infirmary at Leeds, 7 p.m., Dr. Paul Wood: Modern Auscultation.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Eustace.—On March 12, 1959, to Dr. Jean Musgrave, wife of Dr. Philip F. Eustace, of 47, Englishcombe Lane, Bath, Som., a daughter—Joanna. Young.—On April 1, 1959, in Saskatoon, Canada, to Margot, wife of Dr. F. O. Young, a daughter—Janice Nicole.

DEATHS

Clidening.—On March 23, 1959, at 301, Clive Court, Maida Vale, London, W., Frederick Talbot Driffild Clidening, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 99. Couche.—On February 16, 1959, James Buxton Couche, M.D., of San Diego, California, U.S.A., aged 88. Knapp.—On March 21, 1959, at his home, Gloucester House, Barry Road, Dulwich, London, S.E., William Knapp, M.B., B.Ch. Martin.—On March 20, 1959, at Hayling Island, Hants, John James Black Martin, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., D.P.M., of The Chart House, Swanage, Dorset. Millar.—On March 25, 1959, William Baldwin Millar, M.B., Ch.B., of 205, Pitshanger Lane, Ealing, London, W. Morel.—On March 25, 1959, Mervyn Philip Morel, M.B., F.R.C.S., of Beech Hill, Barnstaple, Devon, aged 51. Pritchard.—On March 21, 1959, Eric Law Pritchard, M.D., of Knowle, Coombe, Sidmouth, Devon, formerly of Hampstead, London, N.W., aged 90.