

pointed out. It might also be mentioned that there have been successful resections of aneurysms of the aorta well above the origin of the inferior mesenteric artery.

One advantage of a "one-man" textbook is that a personal note may sometimes lighten the page, as when the author of this book mentions that he himself has an unstable lower end of the ulna following a Colles fracture. The type is clear and the publishers have produced the book well.

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### ADVANCES IN PAEDIATRICS

*Advances in Pediatrics.* Edited by S. Z. Levine. Volume X. (Pp. 362; illustrated. 67s.) Chicago: Year Book Publishers, Inc. London: Interscience Publishers, Ltd. 1958.

The tenth volume of *Advances in Pediatrics*, under the skilled editorship of Dr. S. Z. Levine, contains seven critical reviews of current topics and is well up to the standard of its predecessors. It is difficult to review without giving a short catalogue of contents. The treatment of tuberculosis in childhood (Edith Lincoln), convulsive disorders (S. Livingstone), poliomyelitis vaccines (A. B. Sabin), and staphylococcal infections in nurseries (by a team of three) all deal with important aspects of current work among children. Growing interest in muscular disorders is reflected in a chapter by F. H. Tyler; and from a non-American source comes a thoughtful article on the transfer of antibodies from mother to offspring by B. Vahlquist, of Uppsala. Quite the most outstanding article even against the high level of other contributors, however, is by Barbara M. Korsch on the present-day psychological principles which lie behind paediatric work. Her final summing-up, answering the question, "What can the physician do?" contains a wealth of good advice in under six pages.

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### DERMATOLOGY FOR NURSES

*The Nursing and Management of Skin Diseases.* By D. S. Wilkinson, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 288; illustrated. 32s. 6d.) London: Faber and Faber. 1958.

This book will prove attractive because of its freshness of approach and of a style which is easy without being slipshod or colloquial: nurses, for whom it is primarily intended, will find it interesting as well as informative.

Such a work as this must be reasonably brief. It is perhaps more difficult for the author to decide what to leave out than what to put in, and, as a result, he tends to include too much. It is, for example, doubtful whether the nurse will be much helped by the inclusion of 50 formulae for local applications, by details of the furniture required for an out-patient department, or by the table of hypnotics. In these and other ways there is an emphasis which often seems misplaced, but this perhaps is because the author also intends that the book should be used by general practitioners.

Good nursing is important in the treatment of many skin diseases, but it is inevitable that many nurses during their training will have no practical experience. This book will certainly help to supply the need, for in addition to ideas it contains much detailed, down-to-earth, and specific instruction on nursing procedure. Most of the illustrations are good; there are both photographs and line drawings of the acarus, *Phthirus pubis*, and nits, which hardly need to be duplicated in this way.

F. RAY BETTLEY.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

*Eisenstoffwechsel. Beiträge zur Forschung und Klinik.* Edited by W. Keiderling. (Pp. 294; illustrated. DM. 48.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Nutrition and Atherosclerosis.* By Louis N. Katz, M.D., Jeremiah Stamler, M.D., and Ruth Pick, M.D. (Pp. 146; illustrated. 37s. 6d.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1959.

*Elements of Vital Statistics.* By B. Benjamin, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.I.A., F.S.S. (Pp. 352. 56s.) London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1959.

*New and Nonofficial Drugs, containing Descriptions of Therapeutic, Prophylactic and Diagnostic Agents evaluated by the Council on Drugs of the American Medical Association, 1959.* (Pp. 687+xxvii. 30s.) Philadelphia and Montreal: J. B. Lippincott Company. London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1959.

*Nourishing Brain Cells. An Inaugural Lecture.* By C. E. Lumsden, M.D. (Pp. 23; illustrated. 2s. 6d.) Leeds: University Press. 1959.

*Annual Volume of Physiology and Experimental Medical Sciences. First Issue (1957-58).* Edited by Dr. S. R. Mukherjee, assisted by Dr. A. Bagchi and Dr. B. Roy. (Pp. 137+ix; illustrated 20 rupees.) Calcutta. 1958.

*Pregnancy, Birth and Abortion.* By Paul H. Gebhard, Wardell B. Pomeroy, Clyde E. Martin, and Cornelia V. Christenson. (Pp. 282+xxiii. 30s.) London: William Heinemann (Medical Books) Ltd. 1959.

*Surgical Technique.* By Stephen Power, M.S., F.R.C.S. Second edition. (Pp. 411+x; illustrated. 40s.) London: William Heinemann (Medical Books) Ltd. 1959.

*Enuresis or Bed-wetting.* By Franklin Bicknell, D.M.(Oxon.). With a foreword by J. Johnston Abraham, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 104. 7s. 6d.) London: William Heinemann (Medical Books) Ltd. 1959.

*Understanding the Child. Habit Training and Bedwetting.* By Sister Mary Martin, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Pp. 32. 1s.) London: Delisle Limited. 1959.

*Essentials of Human Reproduction. Clinical Aspects, Normal and Abnormal.* Edited by Joseph Thomas Velardo. (Pp. 270; illustrated. £5 10s.) New York: Oxford University Press. 1958.

*Trends in Genetic Analysis.* By G. Pontecorvo, F.R.S. (Pp. 145+x; illustrated. 25s.) New York: Columbia University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1959.

*T. H. Huxley, Scientist, Humanist and Educator.* By Cyril Bibby. (Pp. 330+xxi; illustrated. 25s.) London: Watts. 1959.

*Dangerous Marine Animals.* By Bruce W. Halstead, M.D. (Pp. 146+v; illustrated. 30s.) Cambridge, Maryland: Cornell Maritime Press. London: Putnam and Co. 1959.

*Orthopaedic Surgery.* By Sir Walter Mercer, M.B., Ch.B. (Edin.), M.Ch.Orth.(Liv.) (Hon.), F.R.C.S.(Edin.), F.A.C.S.(Hon.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.) (Hon.), F.C.S.So.Af.(Hon.), F.R.C.S.I.(Hon.), F.R.S.(Edin.). 5th ed. (Pp. 1,075+xi; illustrated. 90s.) London: Edward Arnold (Publishers) Ltd. 1959.

*Laparoscopia e Laparografia nella Pratica Medica.* By Franco Bertolani. (Pp. 222; illustrated. L. 3,500.) Turin: Edizioni Minerva Medica. 1958.

*Actions and Uses of Drugs.* By Norman Sapeika, B.A., M.D., Ph.D.(Cape Town), F.R.S.S.Af. (Pp. 389. £3.) Cape Town, Amsterdam: A. A. Balkema. 1959.

*Diseases of Laboratory Primates.* By Theodore C. Ruch, Ph.D. (Pp. 600+xxvi; illustrated. 52s. 6d.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

*Dreaming.* By Norman Malcolm. (Pp. 128+vii. 12s. 6d.) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. New York: Humanities Press. 1959.

*What is Cybernetics?* By G. T. Guilbaud. (Pp. 126+viii. 10s. 6d.) London: Heinemann. 1959.

*Fat-free Cookery.* By Alice Record Hooper. (Pp. 112+vi. 12s. 6d.) London: Oxford University Press. 1959.

*Hunger and Food. Special edition of Science and Mankind.* Edited by Professor Josué de Castro. (Pp. 123. 10s.) London: World Federation of Scientific Workers. 1958.

**Joint B.M.A.-C.M.A. Annual Meeting.**—Canadian cardiologists attending the Edinburgh meeting who would like to be put in touch with particular cardiac centres in this country should write to the Secretary, British Cardiac Society (Dr. P. Mounsey, 35, Flood Street, Chelsea, London, S.W.3), who will try to arrange for them to do so between July 8 and 17.

**Central Midwives Board.**—At a meeting of the Board last month Mr. ARNOLD WALKER was re-elected as chairman, and Professor A. A. MONCRIEFF as deputy chairman for the ensuing year.

### COMING EVENTS

**Fourth Almroth Wright Lecture.**—"The Molecular Basis of Heredity," by Professor G. W. BEADLE. For details see advertisement p. 52 of this week's *Journal*.

**National Deaf Children's Society.**—The Society's Spring Meeting will be held at 2.30 p.m. on May 2 at the Holborn Borough Assembly Hall, John's Mews, Northington Street, London, W.C.1.

**British Red Cross Society.**—The society is holding an exhibition illustrating its work throughout the world at 14-15, Grosvenor Crescent, London, S.W.1, from May 4 to 8.

**National Industrial Safety Conference and Trade Exhibition.**—This will be held at Scarborough from May 8 to 10. Details from the Industrial Safety Division, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Artillery Mansions, 75, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1 (ABB 6963).

**World Health Organization.**—The twelfth World Health Assembly will be held in Geneva from May 12 for three weeks. Details from the W.H.O., Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

**London University Convocation.**—Dr. C. F. HARRIS, vice-chancellor of the University, will address convocation on "Problems of Medical Education" on May 12 at 6 p.m. at the Senate House, Malet Street, London, W.C.1.

**Joint Conference of the College of General Practitioners and the Society of Medical Officers of Health.**—This conference will take place at the Wellcome Building, Euston Road, London, N.W.1, on May 23 and 24. Details from the secretary, the Society of Medical Officers of Health, Tavistock House South, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

**Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency.**—A week-end course for psychiatrists on "Assessing the Offender for the Courts" will be held at Moor Park College, Farnham, Surrey, from May 29 to 31. Details from Miss E. SAVILLE, I.S.T.D., 8, Bourdon Street, Davies Street, London, W.1. (MAY 3472.)

**Eighth German Postgraduate Medical Congress.**—This will be held in West Berlin from May 20 to 24. Details from Kongressgesellschaft für ärztliche Fortbildung e.V., Berlin-Steglitz, Klingsorstr. 21, Germany.

**International Association of Gerontology.**—The second meeting of the European Clinical Section will be held at Nancy and Vittel from June 25 to 28. Further details from Dr. E. WOODFORD-WILLIAMS, Department of Medicine and Geriatric Medicine, General Hospital, Sunderland.

### 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, May 2

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Chest Clinic, Castle Hill, Cambridge. Symposium on Respiratory Diseases, 10.30 a.m., Dr. R. A. Bruce: Cough; 11.30 a.m., Mr. C. Parish: Haemoptysis; 12.15 p.m., Dr. E. M. Cheffins: Pain in the Chest; 2.15 p.m., Dr. M. J. Greenberg: Dyspnoea; 3 p.m., Mr. B. B. Milstein: Dysphagia; 4 p.m., film: Treatment of Bronchiectasis, with commentary by Mr. P. R. Slade.

#### Monday, May 4

**MARLBOROUGH DAY HOSPITAL.**—8.15 p.m., Dr. S. L. Morrison: Epidemiology and Mental Illness.  
**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Mr. Geoffrey Knight: Surgical Treatment of Mental Illness.  
**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Wright-Fleming Institute of Microbiology 5 p.m., Almroth Wright Lecture by Professor P. B. Beeson (Yale): Studies on Bacterial Infections of the Kidney.

#### Tuesday, May 5

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—At British Institute of Radiology, 5 p.m., Dr. E. Wright: Effects of Irradiation on the Skin.  
● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 2.30 p.m., Professor J. Walker: Oxygen Supply to the Human Foetus.  
**LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.**—5.15 p.m., Joint history of medicine lecture by Dr. Robert Cope: Medicine in the early nineteenth century.  
**LONDON UNIVERSITY.**—At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University College, Gower Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in human anatomy and morphology by Professor V. B. Mountcastle (U.S.A.): Central Nervous Mechanisms in Somatic Sensation—(1) Inter-relations of Structure and Function in the Somatic Afferent System.  
**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—5 p.m., Dr. Desmond O'Neill: Tension Pain in Gynaecological Practice.  
**WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.**—5.30 p.m., Mr. J. Minton: Ocular Manifestations in Clinical Neurology. Part II.  
**WEST OF ENGLAND CHILD HEALTH GROUP.**—At Department of Child Health Lecture Theatre, Children's Hospital, Bristol, 5.30 p.m., Dr. Cecile Hopkins: Problem Families.

#### Wednesday, May 6

**ASSURANCE MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Medical Society of London, 5 p.m., Dr. Francis Bach: Rheumatic Diseases and their Relation to Life Insurance.  
**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. H. Haber: Lymphocytic Infiltration of the Skin.  
**INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Sir Russell Brock: Present Position of the Surgery of Pulmonary Stenosis with Normal Aortic Root.  
**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. I. Friedmann, Dr. D. A. Osborn, and Dr. A. L. Jeanes: Clinical pathological conference.  
**LONDON UNIVERSITY.**—(1) At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in hygiene and public health by Professor Jonas E. Salk (Pittsburgh): Waning and Waning of Epidemics in Our Time. (2) At Bedford College, N.W., 6 p.m., special university lecture in psychology by Professor D. J. van Lennep (Utrecht): Recent Studies on the Personality of the Proficient Research Worker.  
**MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Physiology Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 5 p.m., annual meeting. Professor M. L. Rosenheim: A Medical Visit to the Antipodes.  
**POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—2 p.m., Dr. E. J. L. Lowbury: Infection of Burns.

#### Thursday, May 7

**HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.**—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Professor H. N. Robson: Some Aspects of Leukaemia.  
**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.**—5 p.m., Professor N. M. Dott: Syndromes of Cerebral Displacement.  
**LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—8.15 p.m., clinical meeting.  
**LONDON UNIVERSITY.**—(1) At Anatomy Lecture Theatre, University College, Gower Street, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in human anatomy and morphology by Professor V. B. Mountcastle (U.S.A.): Central Nervous Mechanisms in Somatic Sensation—(1) Neural Correlates of Tactile and Kinesthetic Sensibilities. (2) At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., special university lecture in microbiology by Dr. François Jacob (Paris): Viruses in Relationships with Some Genetic Elements of the Cell. (3) At Bedford College, N.W., 6 p.m., special university lecture in psychology by Professor D. J. van Lennep (Utrecht): Recent Studies on the Personality of the Proficient Research Worker.  
**NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.**—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. J. Judet: Treatment of Talipes Equino-Varus in Children Beyond the Age of Two Years.  
**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. Raymond Daley: Mechanism and Treatment of Cor Pulmonale.  
**ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Aspects of Refraction Work—(6) Astigmatism.  
**ROYAL SOCIETY.**—4.30 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Professor W. T. J. Morgan, F.R.S.: Contribution to Human Biochemical Genetics; Chemical Basis of Blood Group Specificity.

#### Friday, May 8

**FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS.**—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4.30 p.m., Third Knox Memorial Lecture by Dr. S. Cochrane Shanks: Medicine, Radiology, and the Law.  
● **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. P. D. Samman.  
**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.**—5.30 p.m., clinical lecture by Mr. N. Asherson: Cysts of the Larynx and Pharynx.  
**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—10 a.m., Mr. W. T. Irvine: Some Clinical and Experimental Problems of Ureteral Transplantation.  
**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.**—3.30 p.m., Professor J. B. Kinmonth: Some Aspects of Cardio-vascular Surgery.  
**WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—5.30 p.m., Clinico-pathological Conference: Aortic Coarctation.

#### Saturday, May 9

● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Hammersmith Hospital, (1) 9.45 a.m., Professor H. Carey (New Zealand): Conservative Management of Toxaemia. (2) 11 a.m., Professor D. E. Cannell (Toronto): Management of Cardiac Diseases in Pregnancy.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

#### BIRTHS

**Bass.**—On April 15, 1959, in University College Hospital, London, W.C., to Nesta (formerly Shiner), wife of Dr. A. L. Bass, a daughter—Gillian Anne.  
**Maling.**—On April 21, 1959, in Swansea, to Rosemary (formerly Dearden), M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., and Derek Hylton Maling, B.A., Ph.D., a daughter—Heather.  
**Moody.**—On April 20, 1959, to Marion (formerly Lavers) and Dr. W. P. C. Moody, of 48, Chester Road, Northwood, Middx., a brother to Kingsley and Susan—Julian Christopher.

#### DEATHS

**Blackmore.**—On April 6, 1959, at 21, Lynwood Close, Woodham Lane, Woking, Surrey, Douglas William Nelson Blackmore, M.B., Ch.B., late of Thornton, Bradford, Yorks, aged 60.  
**Buckley.**—On April 10, 1959, at St. Augustine's Home, Brighton, Sussex, Winifred Finimore Buckley, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., formerly of 20, Lexham Gardens, London, W.