

on experiences in teaching senior medical students at the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles.

The details of the different techniques of skin testing are well and fully presented, as is the advice on when and how to carry out desensitization. The detection and management of food allergens follow conventional and accepted lines, and the authors quite properly point out the marked divergence of opinion among different workers in the United States on the frequency of food allergies.

The chapters on history-taking and on the emotional factors in allergic diseases are pleasant reading in which there is much sound advice. Naso-respiratory allergy, insect allergy, physical allergy, various miscellaneous manifestations of allergy, the collagen diseases, and specific and non-specific treatments are all briefly described and discussed.

A very small, but to English readers a not unimportant, part of the book is a table of "Important Allergenic Plants of the British Isles." Apart from the grasses, a formidable list of 65 species or genera is published. It is lists such as these which have confronted and confused beginners in allergy for the last 15 to 20 years. It is unfortunate that the authors are not apparently aware of the atmospheric pollen studies conducted in Britain, for the list could, with benefit, be considerably reduced. In general, however, the book succeeds in giving a very fair and reasonable account of the United States viewpoint on allergic problems, and as such can be recommended to those for whom it is written.

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## CLINICAL PATHOLOGY OF THE BLOOD

*Laboratory Medicine—Hematology.* By John B. Miale, M.D. (Pp. 735; illustrated. £5 2s. 6d.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1958.

This book is intended to be one of a series on laboratory medicine and to be followed by others on chemical pathology and microbiology. The first 360 pages deal with the normal and pathological anatomy and physiology of the blood-forming tissues. In the middle of this section, rather like the jam in a sandwich, is a series of 36 case histories which are shown with the details of the case on one side of the page and pictures of the blood and marrow smears, sections from biopsies, etc., on the opposite page. The next 130 pages deal with disorders of the red cells, and they are followed by sections of about half this length on the white cells and on haemostasis and blood coagulation. There is an appendix of nearly 100 pages on methods. The book is well illustrated with good diagrams and black-and-white photographs and there is plenty of tabulated material. There are five colour plates each containing 24 pictures about 30 mm. square, but the quality of these pictures is poor. Clinical aspects of haematology are cut to a minimum, and there is practically nothing about treatment. The book contains much accurate and well-documented information about the blood-forming organs, with emphasis on the dynamic aspects of erythropoiesis. Of the four audiences to whom the author addresses himself—medical student, clinician, pathologist, and medical technologist—it will be most useful to the two last, for it is essentially a book on the clinical pathology of the blood. The writing is agreeably simple and clear, and each chapter is headed by a quotation, of which that on haemolytic anaemias is one of the most apt: "Some men give their blood to their country; others their spleen."

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*The Chemistry of Industrial Toxicology.* By Hervey B. Elkins. 2nd edition. (Pp. 452+xi; illustrated. 92s.) New York: John Wiley and Sons Inc. London: Chapman and Hall, Ltd. 1959.

*Klinische Psychopathologie.* By Kurt Schneider. 5th edition. (Pp. 166+viii. MD. 12.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Le Cœur.* Volume II. *Les Maladies Organiques du Cœur. Le Cœur dans les Maladies.* By Professor Camille Lian and his pupils. (Pp. 278; illustrated. 2,000 Fr.) Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. 1959.

*Chest and Heart Disease in the Commonwealth, 1958.* Transactions of the NAPT Commonwealth Chest Conference, incorporating the Annual Conference of the British Tuberculosis Association. London, 1st-14th July, 1958. (Pp. 443; illustrated. 35s.) London: Chest and Heart Association. 1959.

*Geographic Ophthalmology. Asia, Australia, and Africa.* Edited by William John Holmes, M.D. (Pp. 293+xv; illustrated. 63s.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Bronchography.* By C. Dijkstra, M.D. (Pp. 157+ix; illustrated. 45s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Experimentation in Man.* By Henry K. Beecher, M.D. (Pp. 80. 25s.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*The Management of Emergencies in Thoracic Surgery.* By John Borrie, M.B.E., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.A.C.S. Foreword by Sir Russell Brock. (Pp. 340+xi; illustrated. 84s.) London: Staples Press. 1959.

*Crime Doctor. The Memoirs of a Police Surgeon.* By A. David Matthews. (Pp. 228; illustrated. 18s.) London: John Long. 1959.

*Early Diagnosis.* By various authors. Edited by Henry Miller, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 400+viii. 25s.) Edinburgh, London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1959.

*Abnormal Haemoglobins. A Symposium Organized by the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences.* Edited by J. H. P. Jonxis, and J. F. Delafresnaye. (Pp. 427+ix; illustrated. 45s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Total Surgical Management.* By James D. Hardy, M.S., M.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 292+x; illustrated. \$9.50.) New York and London: Grune and Stratton. 1959.

*Medical Museum Technology.* By J. J. Edwards and M. J. Edwards. (Pp. 172+ix; illustrated. 21s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1959.

*Textbook of Surgery.* Edited by H. Fred Moseley, M.A., D.M., M.Ch.(Oxon.), F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.C.S.(C.). 3rd edition. (Pp. 1,336+xxi; illustrated. £6 7s. 6d.) St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. London: Henry Kimpton. 1959.

*Surgical Pathology.* By Lauren V. Ackerman, M.D., in collaboration with Harvey R. Butcher, jun., M.D. (Pp. 1,096; illustrated. £5 12s. 6d.) St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. London: Henry Kimpton. 1959.

*Coma Diabeticum. Seine Pathophysiologie, Pathogenese, Symptomatik und Therapie.* By Professor Rudolf Baumann, M.D. (Pp. 210; illustrated. DM. 25.70.) Berlin: VEB Verlag Volk und Gesundheit. 1959.

*Science, Medicine and Morals. A Survey and a Suggestion.* By Charles E. Raven, D.D., D.Sc., F.B.A. (Pp. 189. 15s.) London: Hodder and Stoughton. 1959.

*Beiträge zur Modernen Therapie. Vorträge und Diskussionsbemerkungen der ersten drei Weimarer Therapietagen, 1955, 1956, 1957.* Edited by Peter G. Hesse, M.D. (Pp. 498+xii; illustrated. DM. 38.25.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1959.

*The Kansas Doctor. A Century of Pioneering.* By Thomas Neville Bonner. (Pp. 334; illustrated. \$5.) Lawrence: University of Kansas Press. 1959.

an appeal dinner for the New Victoria Hospital on May 12, arranged by the Mayor of Kingston-upon-Thames. The New Victoria Hospital was opened a year ago as a voluntary hospital of 22 beds—the only hospital supported entirely by voluntary effort to be opened since the hospitals were nationalized in 1948. It replaces the old Victoria Hospital, Kingston, originally a general-practitioner hospital, which was converted by the regional hospital board in 1951 into a gynaecological unit. The DUKE OF SUTHERLAND, president of the hospital, presided at the dinner. Mr. A. LAWRENCE ABEL responded to the toast of the hospital proposed by the MAYOR OF KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES.

**Chelsea Clinical Society.**—LORD BOOTHBY gave a highly entertaining performance when speaking as guest of honour at the annual dinner of Chelsea Clinical Society. But he was able to instruct his hosts as well, for on the eve of the publication of the Hinchliffe Report he had this to say about treatment: "It doesn't matter what you do to your patients, but do something to them. Give them the impression that you are up and about. Make them feel there is a bustle going on." Lord Boothby added that he regarded his successful parliamentary fight for the retention of heroin as one of the two positive achievements of his political career. After Sir HENEAGE OGILVIE had proposed the toast to the guests and Dr. T. F. FOX had replied, Dr. HARRY COKE, the outgoing president of the Society, installed Dr. G. T. PITTS as the new president. Dr. Coke had previously described the flourishing state of the Society, which now has 299 members out of a total of 300 permitted by the Society's rules.

**Advertising Inquiry Committee.**—The medical panel of this committee, under the chairmanship of Dr. DESMOND O'NEILL, has submitted a report to the MINISTER OF HEALTH, Mr. Walker-Smith, which emphasizes the dangers of free availability of non-scheduled drugs, and suggests that a study should be made of the extent to which "self-medication" is a social problem in this country. One of the activities of the Advertising Inquiry Committee, formed early this year under the chairmanship of Sir HENRY TURNER, has been an inquiry into the advertising of medical and para-medical products. The address of the Committee is 49, Cresswell Place, London, S.W.1.

**Dublin University.**—Professor R. J. V. PULVERTAFT, professor of clinical pathology at Westminster Hospital School of Medicine, has been appointed John Mallet Purser Lecturer for 1959.

**Professor W. C. W. Nixon**, director of the obstetric unit at University College Hospital, has been appointed consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology to the University of Ceylon for the month of June to August inclusive.

## COMING EVENTS

**National Marriage Guidance Council.**—The twenty-first birthday year annual conference, on "Parenthood" will be held at the Palace Hotel, Buxton, Derbyshire, from May 28 to 31. Application forms and details from the Office Secretary, National Marriage Guidance Council, 78, Duke Street, Grosvenor Square, London, W.1.

**"Cours de Perfectionnement d'Endocrinologie."**—The twelfth course will be held at Hôpital Laënnec from June 21 to 27. Details from Secrétariat du Service du Docteur Albeaux-Fernet, Hôpital Laënnec, 42, rue de Sèvres, Paris, 7.

**American College of Chest Physicians.**—The second Spanish national meeting will be held at Valencia (Spain) from June 29 to July 1. Details from Dr. A. CARALPS, American College of Chest Physicians in Spain, Corcega, 393, Barcelona, Spain.

**Indian Medical Service Dinner Club.**—The annual dinner will be held at the East India and Sports Club Limited, St. James's Square, London, S.W.1, on June 12. Tickets and information from the Secretary of the I.M.S. Dinner Club, Medical Board Room, Commonwealth Relations Office, Matthew Parker Street, London, S.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.

### Monday, May 25

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—At British Institute of Radiology, 5 p.m., Dr. P. Wade: Radiotherapy of Malignant Skin Conditions (II).  
**MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF GENERAL PRACTICE.**—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 9 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. N. P. Chamarette: Some Views on the Theory and Function of Dreams.  
**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. L. E. Glynn: Role of Auto-immunity in Diseases of Connective Tissue.

### Tuesday, May 26

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. D. I. Williams: Cutaneous Manifestations of Venereal Disease.  
● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Hammersmith Hospital, 3 p.m., Mr. A. Walker: Maternal Mortality 1952-1954.  
**ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY: MEDICAL SECTION.**—At Small Lecture Theatre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., annual general meeting. Dr. J. C. McDonald: Value of Periodic Health Examinations.  
**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Wright-Fleming Theatre, 5 p.m., Mr. George Bonney: Backache in Women.  
**WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. Colin Edwards: Neurology.

### Wednesday, May 27

**CHELMSFORD CLINICAL SOCIETY.**—At Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. Griffith Pugh: Man in Antarctica. Members of the B.M.A. are invited to attend.  
**HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.**—At Zoological Society's Rooms, Regent's Park, London, N.W., 8.15 p.m., Buckston Browne-Gray Hill dinner.  
**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Moniliasis as a Problem of Diagnosis and Treatment.  
**INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Dr. Paul Wood: Further Studies of Atrial Septal Defect.  
**MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF PATHOLOGY.**—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Manchester University Medical School, 5 p.m., Dr. R. W. Fairbrother: Prevention and Control of Staphylococcal Infection.  
**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—2 p.m., Professor R. J. V. Pulvertaft: Films on Toxoplasmosis and Leishmania.

### Thursday May 28

**HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.**—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Dr. A. R. Currie: Dynamic Approach to Human Endocrine Pathology.  
**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. S. Mattingly: Rheumatic Aspects of Cutaneous Disease.  
**LONDON JEWISH HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Medical Society of London, 8.15 p.m., Dr. Hugh Gainsborough: Diabetes and Diabetics.  
**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. E. E. Pochin: Therapeutic Use of Radioiodine.  
**ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL.**—2.45 p.m., Dr. Michael Peters: Some Pathological Specimens (demonstration).

### Friday, May 29

**INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.**—5 p.m., Professor S. Van Creveld (Amsterdam): Myocarditis in Childhood.  
● **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. O. L. S. Scott.  
**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLGY.**—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 5 p.m., Dr. Barry J. Anson (Chicago): Development and Adult Anatomy of the Auditory Ossicles in Relation to Certain Problems in Endaural Surgery.  
**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—10 a.m., Mr. I. S. Smillie: Injuries of the Knee.  
**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Special Lecture by Dr. Barry Anson: Development and Adult Anatomy of the Auditory Ossicles in Relation to Certain Problems in Endaural Surgery.  
**MIDLAND CENTRE FOR NEUROSURGERY**, Holly Lane, Smethwick, near Birmingham.—8 p.m., Professor O. L. Zangwill: Some Problems of Cerebral Dominance.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

**Browne.**—On May 5, 1959, to Muriel James, M.B., wife of Dr. D. Warren Browne, of Chichester and Bognor Regis, Sussex, a son.  
**Searle.**—On May 9, 1959, at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, Hants, to Dr. Gwenllian Searle (formerly Edwards), wife of Dr. J. S. T. Searle, a sister for Anne.  
**Sers.**—On April 1, 1959, in Antigonish, Nova Scotia, to Drs. Phyllis (formerly Neil) and Rolf Sers, a sister for Robert and Larissa—Barbara Elizabeth.  
**Smith.**—On March 30, 1959, in Nairobi, to Dorothy (formerly White), M.B., Ch.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., and Ronald Smith, a son—David Michael Ewing.  
**Whyte.**—On May 2, 1959, at Much Wenlock Hospital, Shropshire, to Drs. Ursula (formerly Kynoch) and George Whyte, a son—Donald.

### DEATHS

**Andrew.**—On April 25, 1959, at Reigate, Surrey, John Andrew, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 56, Grand Avenue, Worthing, Sussex.  
**Chenard de la Giraud.**—On April 25, 1959, at Kumasi, Ghana, Arthur Henri Chenard de la Giraud, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 53.  
**Davies.**—On April 23, 1959, at Lymington Hospital, Lymington, Hants, Stuart Thomas Davies, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Lieutenant-Colonel, I.M.S. (retired), aged 57.  
**Latimer.**—On April 25, 1959, Gordon Dill Latimer, M.B., B.Ch., of "Northcote," Ripon, Yorks.  
**Marsh.**—On April 20, 1959, at Guy's Hospital, London, S.E., Henry Rupert Marsh, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Crit Hall Gate, Benenden, Kent.  
**Seaton.**—On April 19, 1959, in hospital, John Stewart Seaton, L.R.C.P. & S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., of Pine Lodge, Stanley Avenue, Bebbington, Cheshire.