

PAEDIATRIC "BRADSHAW"

The Compleat Pediatrician. Practical, Diagnostic, Therapeutic and Preventive Pediatrics. By W. C. Davison, M.D., and Jeana Davison Levinthal, M.D. (247 sections. 35s.) London: Staples Press, Ltd. 1958.

There can be but few paediatricians who do not know Dr. Davison's *Compleat Pediatrician* and who have not welcomed the new rewritten seventh edition which appeared in 1957 and in which Dr. Davison has had the collaboration of his daughter. Although it is not really a suitable book for undergraduates (as recommended on the title-page), it could be of immense value to general practitioners if they had the time to master the intricacies of finding their way about in this medical "Bradshaw." In his preface to the present edition Dr. Davison writes: "Facetiously, but indubitably with considerable truth, it has been suggested that an English translation would be an improvement." Lest anyone should think that the book here being reviewed is such a translation, it should be made clear at once that it is not. The contents are identical with the American edition (except for the omission of the adaptation of Izaak Walton's title-page) and the spelling has nowhere been anglicized. The only changes are in the colour and composition of the binding and in the four typographical errors which have crept into the English publisher's paper cover—namely, "practioner" for "practitioner" (thrice) and "steriod" for "steroid." There is an unbelievable amount of information and sound advice in this book, and only rarely will the inquirer search in vain, whether his quest be among the rarities or the commonplace. For all students of paediatrics this is an invaluable compendium.

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BLOOD MADE SIMPLE

The Story of Blood. By Kenneth Walker, M.A., M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S., F.I.C.S. (Pp. 213; illustrated. 21s.) London: Herbert Jenkins. 1958.

Mr. Kenneth Walker has the useful gift of explaining physiological facts in a simple and engaging style. In the *Story of Blood* he gives an interesting account of the growth of our knowledge of the blood, and describes how it both nourishes and protects the whole body. The wonders of the circulation and the mysteries of "blood-pressure" are explained, and the diseases of the blood are mentioned. In the section dealing with "bleeders" we are told of the potential haemophilic strain in Queen Victoria, which, fortunately, was not passed on to her eldest son. In other parts of the book we learn of the origins of the terms "blue blood" and "bad blood"; of the early attempts and final successful introduction of blood transfusion; of the rise and fall of the fashion for indiscriminate blood-letting; and of the work of Lister on antiseptics, and of Pasteur, Wright, and others on immunity.

Mr. Walker is a philosopher, and teaches "that 'life' and 'mind' are different aspects of the same entity," and adds: "I readily accept the fact that my body possesses a mind which orders its inner affairs and controls its running."

This is a readable and instructive book written in a popular manner. The publisher has entered into the spirit of the book, for the dust-cover shows the colours of venous and arterial blood, while the boards recall the tint of carboxyhaemoglobin.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

Breast Cancer. Factors Modifying Prognosis. By A. J. Delario, M.D. (Pp. 208+xvi. \$7.50.) New York: The Macmillan Company. 1959.

Maladies Héritaires du Métabolisme Chez l'Enfant. By Maurice Lamy, Pierre Royer, and Jean Frézal. Preface by Professor Robert Debré. (Pp. 259; illustrated. 3,600 Fr.) Paris: Masson et Cie. 1959.

Parasitology (Protozoology and Helminthology) in Relation to Clinical Medicine. By K. D. Chatterjee, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 188; illustrated. Rs. 17.50.) Calcutta: The Author. 1959.

Die Ätiologische und Pathogenetische Bedeutung Nicht-Endogener Faktoren für Die Schizophrenie. By O. Schrappe, M.D. (Pp. 82. DM. 18.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

Radiation Protection. Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection. (Pp. 18+vi. 3s. 6d.) London: Pergamon Press. 1959.

Virus Growth and Variation. Ninth Symposium of the Society for General Microbiology held at the Senate House, University of London, April 1959. (Pp. 272; illustrated. 35s.) London: Published for the Society for General Microbiology by Cambridge University Press. 1959.

Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases. Volume II. Tumors of the Nervous System. Edited by George T. Pack, M.D., F.A.C.S., and Irving M. Ariel, M.D., F.A.C.S. Second edition. (Pp. 316+xvii; illustrated. £5 5s.) London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1958.

Recherches sur la Croissance des Cultures Bactériennes. Second edition. By Jacques Monod. (Pp. 210. 1,500 fr.) Paris: Hermann. 1958.

Immunity and Virus Infection. Symposium held at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. May 1-2, 1958. Edited by Victor A. Najjar, M.D. (Pp. 262+viii; illustrated. 84s.) New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. London: Chapman and Hall, Limited. 1959.

Social Science and Social Pathology. By Barbara Wootton, assisted by Vera G. Seal and Rosalind Chambers. (Pp. 400. 35s.) London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1959.

Infant Mortality in India 1901-55. A Matter of Life and Death. By S. Chandrasekhar. With a foreword by Professor Philip M. Hauser. (Pp. 175. 20s.) London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1959.

The Hand. Its Anatomy and Diseases. By John J. Byrne, M.D. (Pp. 384+xiv; illustrated. 80s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

Mentally Infirm People over Sixty-five. Need for Better Means of Support and Disposal. By C. P. Blacker, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 23. 2s.) London: Board of Governors of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital. 1959.

Textbook of Microbiology. By William Burrows, Ph.D. With the collaboration of Richard Janvier Porter, Ph.D., and James William Moulder, Ph.D. Seventeenth edition. (Pp. 954+xxii; illustrated. 98s.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

Électromyographie dans les Malades Nerveuses et dans la Cryptotétanie. Atlas d'Électromyographie. By N. Rosselle with the collaboration of K. de Doncker, P. Jolie, and S. Ligot. (Pp. 159; illustrated. FB. 200.) Louvain: Edouard Nauwelaerts Editions. Paris: Beatrice Nauwelaerts. 1958.

Middle Age. By Leslie J. Tizard, B.A., B.D., B.Litt., and Harry J. S. Guntrip, B.A., Ph.D. (Pp. 163. 10s. 6d.) London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1959.

Verhandlungen der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Verdauungs- und Stoffwechselerkrankheiten. XIX. Tagung in Bad Kissingen 2-5 Oktober 1957. Edited by Dr. G. A. Martini. (Pp. 328+140; illustrated. S.Fr. 45.) Basle, New York: S. Karger. 1958.

Diseases of Metabolism. Detailed Methods of Diagnosis and Treatment. Edited by Garfield G. Duncan, M.D. Fourth edition. (Pp. 1,104+xxii; illustrated. £6 9s. 6d.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

and complete its building programme, has already reached the half-way mark, according to *The Times*. On May 19 the College announced a gift of £100,000 from Mr. HAROLD SAMUEL, the property owner.

Doctors' Widows and Orphans.—The annual meeting of the Society for Relief of Widows and Orphans of Medical Men was held on May 13 in London under Sir ROBERT YOUNG's chairmanship. At the end of 1958 the Society was assisting 23 doctors' widows whose annual income was under £200. During the year £4,054 was distributed in grants and gifts to them. The treasurer, Sir ERNEST ROCK CARLING, reported that the Society's funds had appreciated to £121,808. Inquiries about membership should be addressed to the Secretary of the Society, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1.

A.M.A. Journals.—*To-day's Health*, the popular health magazine published by the American Medical Association, has a new editor, Mr. KENNETH N. ANDERSON, formerly on the staff of *Popular Mechanics* and of *Better Homes and Gardens*, according to a statement issued by the A.M.A.

The *A.M.A. Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry* is being split into two journals, the chief editor of the neurological journal being Dr. HAROLD G. WOLFF and of the other Dr. ROY F. GRINKER.

COMING EVENTS

International Fertility Association.—Third World Congress on Fertility and Sterility will be held in Amsterdam from June 7 to 13. Details from Dr. L. I. SWAAB, 4, Sint Agnietenstraat, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Second International Conference on Medical Electronics.—To be held from June 24 to 27 at the Unesco Building, 123, Avenue de Suffren, Paris, 7. Further details from Dr. C. N. SMYTH, University College Hospital, London, W.C.1.

Faculty of Medicine, University of Paris.—The Faculty has organized a refresher course in internal medicine from July 6 to 18 for foreign doctors and students in their final year. Those interested should apply to the Secrétariat de la Faculté de Médecine, rue de l'École de Médecine, Paris, 6.

NEW ISSUES

Journal of Clinical Pathology.—Issued six times a year (£4 4s. annually). The new issue (Vol. 12, No. 2) includes:

- A CRITICAL REVIEW OF HUMAN HAEMOGLOBIN VARIANTS: PART II. G. H. Beaven and W. B. Grazer.
- THE EFFECT OF SWEATING ON THE PROTHROMBIN TIMES OF BLOOD. E. F. St. J. Lyburn.
- AN ASSAY FOR THE ANTITHROMBOTIC ACTIVITY OF ANTICOAGULANTS. O. R. Blake, J. G. Ashwin, and L. B. Jaques.
- THE EXTRACTION OF EVANS BLUE (T1824) FROM PLASMA AND THE MEASUREMENT OF PLASMA VOLUME. A. C. K. Lawrence and G. Walters.
- THE MEASUREMENT OF AMMONIA IN WHOLE BLOOD. V. M. Rosenoer.
- SERUM TRANSAMINASE LEVELS IN LIVER DISEASE. L. Henry.
- A SOURCE OF ERROR IN SERUM GLUTAMIC-OXALOACETIC TRANSAMINASE DETERMINATION. S. B. Rosalki and J. H. Wilkinson.
- THE INHIBITORY EFFECT OF TRIAMCINOLONE ON ADRENAL FUNCTION. C. B. Hatfield and S. Shuster.
- COMPLEXIMETRIC DETERMINATION OF CALCIUM IN PATHOLOGICAL AND PHYSIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS. D. N. Baron and Joyce L. Bell.
- AN IMPROVED FLAME-PHOTOMETRIC METHOD FOR DETERMINING CALCIUM IN SERUM. J. W. Woollen and P. G. Walker.
- STUDIES WITH A MORE RAPID METHOD OF VITAMIN B₁₂ ASSAY UTILIZING EUGLENA GRACILIS. Bernard A. Cooper.
- MONILIASIS IN ACUTE LEUKAEMIA. R. Lannigan and M. J. Meynell.
- THE SENSITIVITY OF STAPHYLOCOCCI AND OTHER WOUND BACTERIA TO ERYTHROMYCIN, OLEANDOMYCIN, AND SPIRAMYCIN. E. J. L. Lowbury and L. Hurst.
- ISOLATION OF CHROMOBACTERIUM PRODIGIOSUM FROM EMPYEMA. John Papanagiotou and Ch. Aligizakis.
- ADENOMATOID HAMARTOMA OF THE LUNG IN A NEWBORN INFANT. J. E. Goodyear and A. J. Shillito.
- "MALIGNANT LEUKOPLAKIA" OF THE RECTUM: METAPLASIC BASO-SQUAMOUS CARCINOMA OF THE RECTAL MUCOSA. J. M. Drennan and C. W. A. Falconer.
- ON THE HISTOPATHOLOGY OF CHONDRODERMATITIS NODULARIS HELICIS CHRONICA. James Calnan and Bruno Rossati.
- ARGENTAFFIN CARCINOMA (CARCINOID TUMOUR) OF OVARY. R. Winston Evans, Hilda R. Harris, and Catherine D. M. McDougall.
- TECHNICAL METHODS:
 - A TECHNIQUE FOR OBTAINING UNDISTORTED SPECIMENS OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM. K. M. Laurence and Derek Martin.
 - TECHNIQUES USED IN THE ROUTINE EXAMINATION OF SPECIMENS FOR THE SPECIFIC SEROLOGICAL TYPES OF ESCHERICHIA COLI. K. B. Rogers, J. E. Dowse, and J. T. Hall.

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, June 1

DENTAL AND MEDICAL SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF HYPNOSIS.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 8 p.m., annual general meeting.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Barry J. Anson (Chicago): Otic Capsule, Perilymphatic Labyrinth and Periodic Appendages.
●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 4.30 p.m., Mr. C. Flood: Acute Abdomen of Pelvic Origin.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. B. Ackner: Emotional Reactions to Physical Illness.

Tuesday, June 2

INSTITUTE OF CARDIOLOGY.—At Barnes Hall, Royal Society of Medicine, 5 p.m., St. Cyres Lecture by Dr. Reginald Hudson: Human Pacemaker and its Pathology.
INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. C. H. Whittle: Ringworm from Animal Sources.
●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 3 p.m., Mr. D. Stern: Third Stage of Labour.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright-Fleming Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. David Hay: Diagnosis and Significance of Minor Degrees of Uterine Abnormality in Relation to Pregnancy.
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. K. I. Nissen: Orthopaedic Treatment of Various Neurogenic Conditions.

Wednesday, June 3

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. O. Oliver: Infective Agents in Skin Diseases.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. G. Scadding: Chronic Interstitial Fibrosis of the Lungs.
MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF GENERAL PRACTICE.—At Duchess of York Hospital for Babies, Burnage, 4 p.m., clinical meeting.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—2 p.m., Professor R. J. V. Pulvertaft: Nature of Hodgkin's Disease.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF ARTS.—2.30 p.m., Dr. D. Stafford-Clark: The Contribution of Psychiatry to Modern Medicine.

Thursday, June 4

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—At Large Lecture Theatre, New Medical School, 5.15 p.m., Professor J. B. de C. M. Saunders (California): Shoulder Joint and its Dynamic Anatomy.
LONDON ASSOCIATION OF THE MEDICAL WOMEN'S FEDERATION.—2.30 p.m., combined meeting with Cambridge Association. Visit to Department of Blind Persons, Leichworth Government Training Centre.
NORTH-WESTERN THORACIC SOCIETY.—At Aintree Hospital, Liverpool, 3 p.m., summer meeting.
NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. A. Brodetti: Biomechanics of the Fractured Femoral Neck with Internal Fixation: An Experimental Study.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. R. I. S. Bayliss: Care of the Patient on Cortisone.
SOUTHERN-ON-SEA HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.—At the Recreation Hall, General Hospital, Rochford, 8.30 p.m., Sydney Body Lecture by Sir Basil Henriques, J.P.: Some Problems of the Juvenile Court.

Friday, June 5

●INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., clinical demonstration by Dr. R. H. Meara.
●INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 11 a.m., Mr. H. J. Malkin: Obstetric Shock.
POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—10 a.m., Mr. John Charnley: Treatment of Osteoarthritis of the Hip.
WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., Dr. William Evans: Some Aspects of Cardiac Pain.

Saturday, June 6

SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Eversfield Chest Hospital, St. Leonards-on-Sea, 10.30 for 11 a.m., papers by Dr. R. Grenville-Mathers, Dr. D. F. Ross, and Mr. W. P. Cleland.

Sunday, June 7

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—10.15 a.m., meet in Front Hall of main Hospital. Lecture-demonstration for general practitioners, clinical demonstration by Professor R. S. Pilcher: Peripheral Vascular Disease.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Clayton.—On May 11, 1959, at the British Military Hospital, Iserlohn, to Pamela (formerly Passmore), M.B., B.S., D.A., wife of Captain Peter Clayton, M.B.E., a son—Patrick Brian.
Dietrich.—On May 12, 1959, at Philadelphia, U.S.A., to Violet Kathleen St. George Breakey, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., wife of Herbert J. Dietrich, M.D., of 2035, Delancey Place, Philadelphia, a son—Guy Whitlock-Lloyd.
Fleet.—On May 11, 1959, at Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury, to Audrey, wife of Dr. Gordon Fleet, a son—Gareth David.

DEATHS

Blackburn.—On April 30, 1959, at 24, Copers Cope Road, Beckenham, Kent, Albert Edward Blackburn, M.D., aged 85.
Clark.—On May 3, 1959, at 33, Howe Street, Edinburgh, William Alexandra Blyth Clark, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., L.D.S.
Kellner.—On April 30, 1959, Andrew Kellner, M.D., F.F.Hom., of 146, Harley Street, London, W., and Greengates, Grove Road, Sonning Common, Reading, Berks, aged 58.
Lavelle.—On April 22, 1959, Herbert Vaughan Lavelle, M.B., Ch.B., of 645, Wilmslow Road, Didsbury, Manchester.
Le Bas.—On April 25, 1959, at Sedgemoor Priory, St. Austell, Cornwall, Dumaresq Le Bas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Jersey, Channel Islands, aged 80.
Van Someren.—On April 25, 1959, Alexander Grant Vermont van Someren, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., of Deanbank Lodge, East Dean, Sussex.