

Professor Marc Amsler. The papers can be divided into two main groups: clinical descriptions of some types of uveitis, and pathological and serological investigations on aqueous humour and serum from cases of uveitis.

Under the title, "Dyscrasic Uveitis," Appelmans and Michiels discuss the clinical features of allergic uveitis, post-traumatic uveitis, and uveitis associated with endocrine disorders, the collagen diseases, and some haematological conditions. The clinical features of Behçet's disease are described by Bouzas, and Sezer reports his virological findings, though adding little to his previously published work.

The role of tuberculosis in uveitis is discussed in papers by Rohrschneider, Bouzas, Cross, and Remky, and it is interesting to note that the aetiological importance of tuberculosis in this condition is declining. Focal infection is still incriminated by Offret and Saraux in 25 to 50% of cases; though Coles was unable to find any correlation between anti-streptolysin-O titres in the blood and either anterior or posterior uveitis suggesting that the streptococcus was not an aetiological factor. The aetiological studies of Oksala demonstrate that electrophoretic patterns are frequently abnormal in uveitis, supporting the view that it is part of a systemic disease.

The clinical features and diagnosis of toxoplasmosis are discussed by Straub and by Weekers and his colleagues. Straub notes the particular frequency of juxtapapillary choroiditis and suggests that comparison of antibody in aqueous and serum is a promising diagnostic method. Jacobs reports experimental work suggesting that some strains of *Toxoplasma* show persistent activity with late parasitaemias which may account for the appearance of uveitis in patients with no clinical evidence of acute infection. The problem of late relapses is discussed by Amalric and Bessou. Remky, using the comparative dye test titres in aqueous and serum, finds that 20% of cases with posterior uveitis are toxoplasmic and emphasizes the importance of this test in diagnosis.

The role of leptospirosis (Witmer and Moro), brucellosis (Witmer), the rickettsiae (Thomas and his colleagues), and viruses (Bietti) in the causation of uveitis are also discussed.

Investigations on the aqueous humour were concerned with the demonstration of antibodies (Remky, Bozsóky and Laffers), bacteriological and microscopical examination (Bouzas and Agarwal), and micro-electrophoresis (François and Rabaey). The use of fluorimetry to detect reactions resulting from the injection of antigens is described by Lugossy. The principles and indications for treatment with corticosteroids and chemotherapeutic agents are described by Kless.

From the wealth of detailed information in these papers and the discussions it is difficult to draw general conclusions. The main value of symposia such as these is the intellectual stimulus to the participants, and the publication of the proceedings is bound to leave the reader who has not participated in some bewilderment at the unresolved differences of opinion. The clinician who hopes to find from this volume a solution to the many problems concerning the management of cases of uveitis will be disappointed, but to the pathologist and research worker the book will be valuable as an indication of the latest ideas on the laboratory investigation and on the immunological theories of uveitis.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

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

Ring the Night Bell. The Autobiography of a Surgeon. By Paul B. Magnuson. Edited by Finley Peter Dunne, jun. (Pp. 376 + viii. 25s.) London, Melbourne, Toronto: Heinemann. 1960.

A Synopsis of Ophthalmology. By J. L. C. Martin-Doyle, M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.O.(Oxon.), with a foreword by H. B. Stallard, M.B.E., M.A., M.D.(Cantab.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), Hon.L.L.D.(St. Andrews). Second edition. (Pp. 249 + x. 27s. 6d.) Bristol: John Wright and Sons Ltd. 1961.

Klinische Statistik der Diebetsichen Nephropathie. By Professor Dr. med. Habil. Georg Heuchel. (Pp. 112 + vii. DM. 15.) Jena: Veb Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1961.

Intra-abdominal Crises. By Kenneth D. Keele, M.D., F.R.C.P., and Norman M. Matheson, F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 397 + xii; illustrated. 50s.) London: Butterworths. 1961.

Northern Rhodesia in the Days of the Charter. A Medical and Social Study, 1878, 1924. By Michael Gelfand, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 291 + xiii. 30s.) Oxford: Basil Blackwell. 1961.

X-Ray Microscopy and X-Ray Microanalysis. Proceedings of the Second International Symposium (Stockholm, 1960). Edited by A. Engström, V. Cosslett, H. Pattee. (Pp. 542 + x; illustrated. £5.) Amsterdam, London, New York, Princeton: Elsevier Publishing Company. 1960.

Toxicology and Biochemistry of Aromatic Hydrocarbons. By Horace W. Gerarde, M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 329 + xiii; illustrated. 30s.) Amsterdam, London, New York, Princeton: Elsevier Publishing Company. 1960.

The Birth of a New Physics. By I. Bernard Cohen. (Pp. 200; illustrated. 5s.) London, Melbourne, Toronto: Heinemann. 1960.

Waves and the Ear. By Willem A. Van Bargeijk, John R. Pierce, and Edward E. David, jun. (Pp. 235; illustrated. 5s.) London, Melbourne, Toronto: Heinemann. 1961.

The Physics of Television. By Donald G. Fink and David M. Lutyens. (Pp. 160; illustrated. 5s.) London, Melbourne, Toronto: Heinemann. 1961.

Crystals and Crystal Growing. By Alan Holden and Phyllis Singer. (Pp. 320; illustrated. 10s. 6d.) London, Melbourne, Toronto: Heinemann. 1961.

Belfast and Its Charitable Society. A Story of Urban Social Development. By R. W. M. Strain. (Pp. 333 + xvi; illustrated. 45s.) London, New York, Toronto: Oxford University Press. 1961.

Transactions of the Ophthalmological Society of the United Kingdom. Volume LXXX. Session 1960. (Pp. 708 + lxxi; illustrated. No price.) London: J. and A. Churchill, Ltd. 1961.

L'Enfisema Polmonare Fisiopatologia, Clinica e Terapia. By Emilio Sartorelli, Max Magistretti, and Antonio Grieco. (Pp. 184 + v. L. 4,000.) Milan: Edizioni Minerva Medica. 1960.

Understanding Interrelations in Nursing. By Lester D. Crow, Ph.D., and Alice Crow, Ph.D. (Pp. 461 + xiii; illustrated. No price.) New York: The Macmillan Company. 1961.

A Synopsis of Contemporary Psychiatry. By George A. Ulett, B.A., M.S., Ph.D., M.D., and D. Wells Goodrich, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 309. 48s. 6d.) London: Henry Kimpton. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1960.

Culture Methods for Invertebrate Animals. A Compendium prepared co-operatively by American zoologists under the direction of a committee from Section F of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. By Paul S. Galtsoff, Frank E. Lutz, Paul S. Welch, James G. Needham (Chairman). (Pp. 590 + xxxii + 15. \$2.75.) New York: Dover Publications Inc. 1960.

Island of Terrible Friends. By Bill Strutton. (Pp. 192. 15s.) London: Hodder and Stoughton. 1961.

Frau und Sport. Ein Leitfaden für Ärzte, Sportlehrer, Krankengymnastinnen und Sportlerinnen. By Professor Dr. E. J. Klaus and Professor Dr. H. Noack. (Pp. 156 + viii; illustrated. DM. 19.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1961.

Die Thromboembolischen Erkrankungen. Edited by Professor Dr. Th. Naegeli, Doz. Dr. P. Matis, Professor Dr. R. Gross, Professor Dr. H. Runge, and Professor Dr. H. Sachs. (Pp. 1,045 + viii; illustrated. DM. 158.) Stuttgart: Friedrich-Karl Schattauer Verlag. 1961.

B.M.A. Film Competition

The winners of the B.M.A.'s 1960 competition for 16-mm. medical films were:

Commercial category: Silver Medal, "Resuscitation of the Newborn" (colour, sound, 25 min.), Special Committee on Infant Mortality of the Medical Society of New York and Smith Kline and French Laboratories; Bronze Medal, "Hospital Cross Infection: Dressing Technique in Wards" (colour, sound, 27 min.), Dr. Keith Thompson, Little Bromwich Hospital and Samaritan Films Ltd., for Smith and Nephew Ltd. **Non-commercial category:** Silver Medal, "Claremont"—a documentary film about cerebral palsied children (colour, sound, 12 min.), Bristol Public Health Department and Bristol Amateur Cine Society; Bronze Medal, "The Spitz-Holter Valve in the Treatment of Hydrocephalus" (colour, sound, 20 min.), Mr. R. B. ZACHARY and the Department of Medical Photography, United Sheffield Hospitals.

People in the News

Prince BERTIL of Sweden has bestowed the following decorations on his doctors at the King Edward VII Hospital: Commander of the Order of the Pole Star, Mr. C. N. MORGAN; Knight of the Order of the Pole Star, Dr. E. HERBERT, Dr. J. D. EBSWORTH, and Mr. S. M. COHEN.

Mr. J. BRUCE DEWAR has been appointed chairman and Dr. D. MCKAY HART deputy chairman of the Central Midwives Board for Scotland for the coming year.

Professor C. F. W. ILLINGWORTH has been appointed an honorary surgeon to the Queen in Scotland in the room of Mr. G. G. Bruce, who becomes an extra surgeon there to the Queen.

Dr. W. S. C. COPEMAN will lecture on Tudor medicine at the University of California as exchange Professor of Medical History next spring.

COMING EVENTS

Brook General and Lewisham General Hospitals.—For details of lectures and clinicopathological meetings held on Wednesdays at 5.45 p.m. during April to July see weekly "Societies and Lectures."

Society for the Study of Addiction.—Sir RUSSELL BRAIN, "The Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Drug Addiction," April 18, 8 p.m., Medical Society of London, 11 Chandos Street, London W.1. Details from Society's Honorary Secretary, 93 Harley Street, London W.1.

Royal College of Physicians.—Exhibition, "The Annals Illustrated" (second series, consisting mainly of 17th- and 18th-century extracts) on view on consultation with Harveian Librarian (WHI 7701) until April 22.

Faculty of History of Medicine and Pharmacy.—Annual general meeting, April 28, 4.30 p.m.; 5 p.m., Gideon de Laune Lecture, Sir GEOFFREY KEYNES, "Timothy Bright," Apothecaries Hall, Black Friars Lane, Queen Victoria Street, London E.C.4.

National Perinatal Mortality Survey.—First results of survey (under auspices of National Birthday Trust Fund) at Royal Society of Medicine, April 28, 5 p.m.

Institute of Diseases of Chest.—Clinical demonstrations open to medical practitioners without fee, arranged by Mr. N. C. OSWALD, in Lecture Room of Institute (in grounds of Brompton Hospital, Fulham Road, London S.W.3), Fridays, 5 p.m., April 28–July 7.

College of General Practitioners (South-west England Faculty).—Symposium, "Emotional Disorders in General Practice," May 6, Torquay, Devon. Details from Dr. W. H. HYLTON, Eglington, Princes Road, Clevedon, Somerset.

University of Clermont-Ferrand (Institut d'Hydrologie et de Climatologie).—International summer course, August 27–September 10. A few scholarships in the form of free accommodation and meals are offered to students of medicine or of pharmacy. Applications should be sent to Monsieur le Directeur des Cours de Vacances, Institut d'Hydrologie et de Climatologie, Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie, Boulevard Gergovia, Clermont-Ferrand (Puy-de-Dôme), France.

NEW ISSUES OF SPECIALIST JOURNALS

The journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

ANNALS OF THE RHEUMATIC DISEASES

Heberden Oration. Joseph J. Bunim.
Prevalence of Rheumatoid Arthritis. J. S. Lawrence.
Chloroquine Diphosphate in Rheumatoid Arthritis. A. J. Popert, K. A. E. Meijers, J. Sharp, and F. Bier.
Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of Joint Stiffness in Normal Subjects and in Patients with Connective Tissue Diseases. Verna Wright and Richard J. Johns.
Spontaneous Atlanto-Axial Dislocation in Ankylosing Spondylitis and Rheumatoid Arthritis. J. Sharp and D. W. Purser.
Experiments with Control Substances. C. R. B. Joyce.
Tissue Mast Cells in the Bone Marrow in Rheumatoid Arthritis. P. C. McCrea.
Corticosteroid Bruising. H. F. West.
University of Toronto Rheumatic Diseases Unit.
Book Review.
British Council.
New Zealand Rheumatism Association.
Abstracts.

Volume 20, No. 1. (Quarterly; £3 annually.)

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 17

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.—3.30 p.m., Mr. A. G. Cross: Some Common Eye Defects and Ailments (illustrated).

Tuesday, April 18

ILFORD MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At King George Hospital, Ilford, 8.45 p.m., Dr. Richard Asher: Down with Psychosomatic Medicine.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—4.15 p.m., Arnott Demonstration by Dr. A. A. Barton: Replication of Species.
SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADDICTION.—At Medical Society of London, 8 p.m., Sir Russell Brain, Bt.: Report of the Interdepartmental Committee on Drug Addiction.
WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. K. I. Nissen: Orthopaedic Aspects of Neurological Conditions.

Wednesday, April 19

BONE AND TOOTH SOCIETY.—At 234 Great Portland Street, London W., 5.15 p.m., Dr. Franklin C. McLean (Chicago): Parathyroids and Vitamin D in Calcium Homeostasis.
BROOK GENERAL HOSPITAL.—5.45 p.m., Dr. E. J. Moran Campbell: Breathing and Breathlessness.
HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.—At 11 Chandos Street, W., 8.15 p.m., Buckston Browne Prize Essay for 1960: Iatrogenic Disease. An epitome of the winning essay will be delivered by Dr. A. E. Read.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, London W.C.—5.15 p.m., Dr. Lillian Recant (St. Louis): Concepts of Nephrosis.
SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH: HOME COUNTIES BRANCH.—At Senior Common Room, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2.45 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. W. Alcock: The Art of Living.

Thursday, April 20

ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF MEDICAL EDUCATION.—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5 p.m., Professor J. P. Hubbard: Medical Examining in the U.S.A.
LIVERPOOL SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—At Liverpool Medical Institution, 8 p.m., combined meeting with Anaesthetic Section of Manchester Medical Society. Dr. M. Sverdlow: A New Intravenous Anaesthetic; Dr. A. L. Stead: Dental Anaesthesia for Children.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor D. P. Choyce: Development and Uses of All-acrylic Anterior Chamber Implants in Ophthalmic Surgery.

Friday, April 21

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., Mr. S. E. Birdsall: Emergencies in Throat, Nose, and Ear Practice.
SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: FINE CHEMICALS GROUP.—At 14 Belgrave Square, London S.W., 6.30 p.m., annual general meeting. 7 p.m., Professor F. Bergel, F.R.S.: Newer Developments in Carcino-chemotherapy.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**BIRTHS**

Fraenkel.—On March 30, 1961, at Dunedin, New Zealand, to Ruth (formerly Anderson), wife of Professor G. J. Fraenkel, a brother for Margaret—David John.
Low.—On March 15, 1961, at Kira-Kira, British Solomon Islands, to Dr. Mary (formerly Tullis), wife of Robin Low, M.A., a son—Christopher David Tullis.

MARRIAGES

Rimmer—McCandless.—On February 28, 1961, at Liverpool, T. B. Rimmer, to Anne E. McCandless, M.D.

DEATHS

Holmes.—On March 25, 1961, at Royal Navy Hospital, Plymouth, Devon, James McAlister Holmes, D.S.O., M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired, aged 81.
Lees.—On March 14, 1961, at Knutsford, Cheshire, Alfred Everard Lees, M.B., B.S., aged 78.
Murray.—On March 15, 1961, in hospital, Aberdeen, William George Murray, M.B., Ch.B., formerly of Crewe.
Prendiville.—On March 22, 1961, at his home, 183 Bolton Road, Rochdale, Lancs, George Ernest Prendiville, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., D.Obst. R.C.O.G.
Prideaux.—On March 22, 1961, at Westbury and District Hospital, Mary Colegrave Prideaux, M.R.C.S. L.R.C.P., of 15 Westbury Road, Warminster, Wilts.
Raffle.—On February 4, 1961, Robert Raffle, M.B., B.S., of 15 Beach Road, South Shields, Co. Durham.