

This book lists a large number of psychological tests and describes cases in which abnormalities were found, but the general presentation and discussion suggest a lack of intimate clinical contact with neurological problems. It is particularly surprising that the aphasias and the amnesic and the parietal-lobe syndromes receive so little attention, for here there are wonderful opportunities for combined research by neurologist and psychologist. It is very difficult for a psychologist to present this subject without assistance from a medical clinician, and it seems to the reviewer that this type of book needs to be a combined study. It is also noteworthy that this field of study becomes vastly more interesting if it is used also as a research tool to study brain mechanisms.

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### SIC TRANSIT GLORIA

*Anatomical Eponyms.* By Jessie Dobson, B.A., M.Sc. Foreword by the late Frederic Wood Jones. Second edition. (Pp. 235. 30s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone, Ltd. 1962.

With loving care Miss Jessie Dobson has cleaned the anatomists' epitaphs which have been obscured by the lichen accumulated through deliberate neglect on the part of the descendants of the deceased. In an introduction deploring this neglect she describes how it has come about. She points out, as others have done before her, that in discarding eponymy anatomists stand alone; botanists, zoologists, and mineralogists successfully base their nomenclature and classification upon it and clinicians use it extensively in newly discovered diseases. Yet in taking this step anatomists have been defeated by tradition; one modern British textbook retains about 80 honoured names.

Miss Dobson lists some 700 eponyms. These she has arranged alphabetically, giving in each case the dates of birth and death of the eponym, his nationality and appointments, and the definition of and literary reference to his discovery. The majority of these names were ephemeral; few, such as Eustachius, seem assured of immortality. The second edition of *Cunningham's Text-book*, published in 1906 (when, despite the ban imposed in 1895, nomenclature was still based on eponymy), contains fewer than one-quarter of the names recorded in this book. However deeply one may deplore the passing of names that have become household words few tears will be shed for the loss of Abernethy's fascia, Acrel's ganglion, or Adamkiewicz's demilunes, to name only the first three on the list. It is, however, of interest to be told, or reminded, that Wormian bone was named after Goethe, and fibres of the dorsal spinal nerve-roots after Nansen, the explorer.

One reason for the abolition of eponymy is wrongful ascription. Of these Miss Dobson gives several striking examples. Oddi's sphincter (1887) was described by Glisson in 1654. The Wolffian body (1759) was later (1833) called Oken's body. Hannover in 1845 and Cloquet in 1883 have in turn been credited with the discovery of the canal first described by Petit in 1726. Poupart's ligament (1705) was described by Fallopius in 1561.

Miss Dobson is to be congratulated on her painstaking achievement. In rescuing these names from oblivion she has rendered a signal service to the history of medicine. Type and lay-out are excellent.

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### BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*An Introduction to Physical Methods of Treatment in Psychiatry.* By William Sargant, M.A., M.B.(Cantab), F.R.C.P., and Eliot Slater, M.A., M.D.(Cantab.), F.R.C.P., assisted by Peter Dally, M.B.(London), M.R.C.P. Fourth edition. (Pp. 346 + xv. 30s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

*The Teaching of Psychiatry in the United States.* By Michael Shepherd, M.A., D.M., D.P.M. (Pp. 44. 5s.) London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1963.

*A Link with the Past.* By Robert H. Ivy, M.D., D.D.S., Sc.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 148; illustrated. 32s.) Baltimore, Maryland: The Williams and Wilkins Co. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox Ltd. 1962.

*A Background Course in Radiological Safety.* Edited by M. F. Cottrall. (Pp. 129; illustrated. 43s. 6d.) Kenley, Surrey: British Paper and Board Industry Research Association. 1963.

*Some Aspects of Internal Irradiation.* Edited by Thomas F. Dougherty, Webster S. S. Jec, Charles W. Mays, and Betsy J. Stover. (Pp. 529 + xviii; illustrated. £5.) Oxford, London, New York, and Paris: Symposium Publications Division, Pergamon Press. 1962.

*Man and Beast.* By Major C. W. Hume, O.B.E., M.C., B.Sc., M.I.Biol. (Pp. 222; illustrated. 15s.) London: Universities Federation for Animal Welfare. 1962.

*A Primer of Medicine.* By M. H. Pappworth, M.D., M.R.C.P. Second edition. (Pp. 292. 32s. 6d.) London: Butterworths. 1963.

*Nurses' Guide to Surgery.* By Peter Childs, M.A., D.M., M.Ch. (Oxon), F.R.C.S. (Pp. 321; illustrated. 10s.) Bristol: John Wright and Sons Ltd. 1962.

*An Introduction to General and Comparative Endocrinology* By E. J. W. Barrington. (Pp. 387 + xii; illustrated. 35s.) Oxford: Clarendon Press: Oxford University Press. 1963.

*Neural Physiopathology.* Edited by Robert G. Grenell, Ph.D. (Pp. 397 + xiv; illustrated. 75s.) London: Cassell. 1963.

*Dictionary of Abbreviations in Medicine and the Related Sciences.* By Edwin B. Steen, Ph.D. (Pp. 102. 10s. 6d.) London: Cassell. 1963.

*First Pan-African Psychiatric Conference.* Abeokuta, Nigeria, November 12 to 18, 1961. Edited by Dr. T. Adeoye Lambo, O.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P.Ed., D.P.M. (Pp. 320 + vii; illustrated. £2 17s. 6d.) Abeokuta, Nigeria. 1963.

*Penguin Science Survey 1963.* A: Edited by Arthur Garratt. (Pp. 223; illustrated. 7s. 6d.) B: Edited by S. A. Barnett and Anne McLaren. (Pp. 241; illustrated. 7s. 6d.) Harmondsworth, Middlesex: Penguin Books. 1963.

*Inside Story.* A report submitted by a group of ex-prisoners to the Prison Commission, drawing attention to discrepancies between policy and practice in prison administration. (Pp. 21. 1s.) London: Housmans, for the Prison Reform Council. 1963.

*Water, Electrolyte, and Acid-base Balance.* By Harry F. Weisberg, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 533 + xx; illustrated. £5 5s.) Baltimore, Maryland: The Williams and Wilkins Company. London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox Ltd. 1962.

*A Textbook of Midwifery.* By R. W. Johnstone, C.B.E., in collaboration with R. J. Kellar. Nineteenth edition. (Pp. 618 + xvi; illustrated. 50s.) London: Adam and Charles Black 1963.

*The Diagnosis of Early Carcinoma of the Cervix.* By Stanley Way, F.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 100 + vii; illustrated. 30s.) London: J. and A. Churchill Ltd. 1963.

*Pathology of the Upper Respiratory Tract.* By R. E. Rewell, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 283 + viii; illustrated. 40s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

*Medicine and the Navy 1200-1900. Volume IV, 1815-1900.* By Christopher Lloyd, F.R.Hist.S., and Jack L. S. Coulter, F.R.C.S. (Pp. 299 + xi; illustrated. 50s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

*Whitby and Britton: Disorders of the Blood.* By C. J. C. Britton, M.D.(New Zealand), D.P.H. Ninth edition. (Pp. 870 + viii; illustrated. £5.) London: J. and A. Churchill Ltd. 1963.