

two short ones on clinical evidence. In these are discussed such subjects as analytical thinking, principles of classification, definitive and correlative propositions, and the problems of cause and effect. These chapters provide entertaining and in places informative reading, but it seems unlikely that they will lessen what the author describes as "the passive state of bewilderment which undergraduate training seems inevitably to induce in most students."

In the parts of the book devoted to neurology it appears clear that the author does not encourage a thorough routine neurological examination by students but emphasizes the minimum that can reasonably be done. For example, he states that if there is no weakness of the muscles around the mouth there is no point in testing the facial muscles round the eye, as weakness of the orbicularis oculi never occurs as an isolated sign, a statement not borne out by some cases of myasthenia gravis.

Dr. Renfrew says in his preface that this book constitutes an experiment in clinical teaching and one hopes that it will be successful, but one must agree with him that the book is not suitable for students obsessed with passing examinations.

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### PATIENTS' PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS

*Management of Emotional Disorders. A Manual for Physicians.* By A. H. Chapman, M.D. (Pp. 259+xvi. 63s.) London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1962.

Every perceptive doctor knows that patients with psychiatric problems are encountered daily by physicians and surgeons as well as by psychiatrists. On the assumption that all doctors are busy Professor Chapman sets out to provide at least partial answers to the dilemmas they will be expected to sort out. He avoids theory and "sticks to concrete suggestions and specific advice" believing that if only the doctor knew what to say to disturbed patients he could do them a lot of good. But doctors do not always know. This is because they have been taught to extract information from patients but not to give it. Quite rightly Chapman asserts that before the doctor can give sound advice he must examine his patient physically and talk to him. Talking to patients should have an objective, and trite remarks just won't do. Therefore he sets out a plan for the guidance of the doctor. When this is followed neuroses and psychoses will be recognized, recommendations will be made, and the correct management planned.

Not all the answers to life's problems will be found in these pages. Nevertheless the author gives plenty of specific advice—perhaps too much. Unfortunately the book is expensive and it is rather long and too detailed. For the general practitioner its best use will be as a reference book. In addition to sections on neurosis, psychosis, and personality disorders there are chapters on psychosomatic illness, organic brain disorders, problems in rearing children, mating, marriage and divorce, on middle age, and on old age.

Professor Chapman shares his experience in a matter-of-fact way. He writes clearly and his material is well arranged. Yet the book has a serious fault: it makes a difficult subject sound simpler than in fact it is.

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

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*Radiation Hazards and Protection.* By D. E. Barnes, O.B.E., G.M., B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., A.Inst.P., and Denis Taylor, M.Sc., Ph.D., M.I.E.E., F.Inst.P. Second edition. (Pp. 221+x; illustrated. 35s.) London: George Newnes Ltd. 1963.

*A Human Approach to General Practice.* By C. P. Elliott-Binns, M.B., B.Ch., D.C.H., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 75+vii. 7s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

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