

plastic surgery. They will also find much which does not concern them directly whether they be specialists or general surgeons. But all will benefit from its use as a book of reference on any subject included that impinges on their own field of work.

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## Statistical Tables

**Statistical Tables for Biological, Agricultural and Medical Research.** By Sir Ronald A. Fisher, Sc.D., F.R.S., and Frank Yates, C.B.E., Sc.D., F.R.S. Sixth edition. (Pp. 146+x. 30s.) Edinburgh and London: Oliver and Boyd. 1963.

Fisher and Yates's *Statistical Tables* first appeared in 1938 and rapidly became part of the library of anyone who took his statistics seriously. New and enlarged editions have appeared with remarkable regularity every five years since.

When a textbook becomes larger with each edition the fact is sometimes regretted; with a book of tables, however, enlargement gives almost unmixed pleasure, provided that the price does not follow the same trend. In the present case the price remains remarkably low.

Anyone who is interested in statistics will already be aware of the general nature, layout, and "flavour" of the tables, and will be familiar with their comprehensive introduction. Anyone else will not be reading this review. The reviewer, therefore, has only two tasks: to indicate the changes in the new edition, and to suggest possible further changes for the seventh edition (presumably in 1968).

The main additions are a table giving the fiducial limits for a variance component, tables of balanced incomplete blocks with 11 to 15 replications (the table numbers of which are wrongly given in the preface), and an expansion of the table of the angular transformation.

In the next edition it is to be hoped that the notation  $F$  will at last be adopted for the variance ratio (as is universal practice elsewhere) instead of  $e^2$ , and that a complete recasting of the table numbers will be undertaken, abolishing the Roman numbers and the subscripts. To find that there is both a Table VI and a Table VI, and a monstrosity such as Table XXXIII<sub>2</sub>, does not help one's belief in the tidy minds of statisticians.

I. D. HILL.

## Housing for Disabled

**Designing for the Disabled.** A Manual of Technical Information. Prepared by Selwyn Goldsmith, M.A., A.R.I.B.A. (Pp. 236; illustrated. 50s.) London: Royal Institute of British Architects. 1963.

The design and modification of houses for the disabled or infirm is a matter that has attracted increasing attention in recent years. Each disabled person poses an individual problem according to his particular disability, but there is nevertheless a great deal of general "know-how" that needs to be made available. This volume, financed by the National Fund for Research into Poliomyelitis and Other Crippling Diseases, and published under the auspices of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is a thoroughly efficient and professional attempt to make technical information more widely known.

It will be warmly welcomed by all concerned with the disabled, including geriatricians, rheumatologists, neurologists, almoners, occupational therapists, local authority housing committees, and architects. The subject is an important one and this volume will make a substantial contribution to its advancement. A long list of well-chosen references is a particularly valuable feature.

W. RITCHIE RUSSELL.

## Neo-Freudian Essays

**The Dogma of Christ—and Other Essays on Religion, Psychology, and Culture.** By Erich Fromm. (Pp. 151+vi. 18s.) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. 1963.

A new work by Erich Fromm can always be sure of an audience, for he has earned a reputation as a neo-Freudian psychologist and social theorist who expresses original ideas in lucid and forceful prose. This, however, is not exactly a new work. Nearly half of the short volume consists of a long essay first published in German in 1930. At that time Fromm was himself a somewhat dogmatic Freudian and only at the beginning of his studies of the interaction of individual psychology and social history. He informs us in his preface that he was frequently tempted to alter the content and the emphasis of his essay, but refrained on the grounds that a partial revision would not have been fair to the reader. This is surely to treat his tendentious early essay in the psycho-analytical interpretation of history with excessive delicacy: I, for one, would have felt more fairly treated had Fromm carried out the major revision which he now clearly realizes that the work requires.

The remainder of his book consists of seven short essays, all much more recent and more readable than the title-piece. It is particularly interesting to observe in the chapter "Psycho-analysis—Science or Party Line" the antithesis between the author's regard for Freud and his hostility towards "the bureaucracy which inherited Freud's mantle." In spite of its polemical tone, this chapter contains a number of just observations on the accomplishments and limitations of psycho-analytical theory. It is, however, in the chapter on "Medicine and the Ethical Problem of Modern Man" that one can most clearly recognize the personal convictions of the author as he reiterates his basic maxim—that "every man is an end in himself and must not be a means for the end of anyone else."

G. M. CARSTAIRS.

## Books Received

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

**The A.T.A. Manual of Laboratory Animal Practice and Techniques.** Edited by Douglas J. Short, M.B.E., and Dorothy P. Woodnott. Foreword by Sir Charles Harington, K.B.E., F.R.S. (Pp. 350+ix; illustrated. 45s.) London: Crosby Lockwood and Son, Ltd. 1963.

**Physical Diagnosis.** A Physiologic Approach. By Richard D. Judge, M.D., and George D. Zuidema, M.D., with eleven authors. (Pp. 387+x; illustrated. 42s. 6d.) London: J. & A. Churchill Limited. 1963.

**Practical Haematology.** By J. V. Dacie, M.D., F.R.C.P., and S. M. Lewis, B.Sc., M.D., D.C.P. Third edition. (Pp. 435+vii; illustrated. 40s.) London: J. & A. Churchill Limited. 1963.

**The Biochemical Diagnosis of Heart Disease.** By Clarence M. Agress, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.A.C.P., and Harley M. Estrin, M.D. (Pp. 173+xx; illustrated. \$7.75.) Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1963.

**Salicylates.** Edited by A. St. J. Dixon, B. K. Martin, M. J. H. Smith, P. H. N. Wood. An International Symposium sponsored by the Empire Rheumatism Council with the support of the Nicholas Research Institute Ltd. (Pp. 310+xv; illustrated; 45s.) London: J. & A. Churchill Limited. 1963.

**Preparation of the Physician for General Practice.** Papers prepared for a European Conference on the Training of the Doctor for his Work in the Community, Edinburgh, 1961. (Pp. 114. 6s. 8d.) Geneva: World Health Organization. London: H.M. Stationery Office. 1963.

**Forensic Medicine.** By Keith Macrae Bowden, M.S.(Melb.). (Pp. 468+xii; illustrated. 97s. 6d.) Brisbane: Jacaranda Press. 1962.

**The Osseous System.** A Handbook of Roentgen Diagnosis. By Vincent P. Archer, M.D. Revised reprint. (Pp. 331; illustrated. 75s.) Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. London: Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Limited. 1963.

**Elementary Medical Statistics.** By Donald Mainland, M.B., Ch.B., D.Sc., F.R.S.E., F.R.S.C., F.A.S.A. Second edition. (Pp. 381+xiii. 64s. 6d.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1963.

**Glandula Thyroidea Funktion i den Post-operative Periode.** By Hans Jørgen Clementsen. (Pp. 148; illustrated. D.kr. 24.) Copenhagen: Munksgaard. 1963.

**Year Book of Medicine. 1963-1964.** By Paul B. Beeson, M.D., Carl Muschenheim, M.D., William B. Castle, M.D., Tinsley R. Harrison, M.D., Franz J. Ingelfinger, M.D., Philip K. Bondy, M.D. (Pp. 807; illustrated. 64s.) Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. London: Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Limited. 1963.

**Understanding Bronchitis and Asthma.** By Robert Kemp. (Pp. 109+vii. 17s. 6d.) London: Tavistock Publications Limited. 1963.

**Gastric Surgery. Errors, Safeguards, and Management of Malfunction Syndromes.** By Moses E. Steinberg, M.S., M.D. (Pp. 342+x. \$12.95.) New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 1963.

**The So-called Extrapyramidal System.** Symposium from the Sixteenth Congress of Scandinavian Neurologists. Edited by Sigvald Refsum, Hans M. Lossius, and Per Dietrichson. (Pp. 360; illustrated. 50s.) Oslo: Oslo University Press. London: Dawson's of Pall Mall. 1963.