

J. A. H. Brown (pathologist, United Kingdom) reviews the usually neglected problem of fertility, and H. Jammet (physician, France) the treatment of whole-body radiation injury (wherein the existence of considerable supplies and hospital facilities is assumed).

A somewhat inconclusive panel discussion finally identifies the degrees of uncertainty.

J. F. LOUITT.

Medicine in Pictures

The World of Asclepios. By Erwin H. Ackerknecht, M.D. (Pp. 92; illustrated. Fr. 48.) Berne and Stuttgart: Hans Huber. 1963.

"The written word is not the only way back into the past. There is the picture, there is the object. And though the latter may be poorer in precise meaning and more ambiguous than the written word it compensates by being more direct and of greater emotional impact."

With these words Professor Ackerknecht, who is the director of the Institute of the History of Medicine in the University of Zurich, introduces us to a beautifully produced picture-book of the history of medicine, based on the collection in his own university.

The use of what educationists like to call "visual aids" has grown apace since the war, greatly stimulated by television and colour film. If serious topics are to be brought to the notice of the general public then one has to reckon with the competition of four-colour advertisements and the lavishly illustrated

glossy magazines. There is a limit to what one can do by these methods, however, for the text must never make too great demands on the viewer and must necessarily be superficial. The series of pictures with extended captions of which this book is made up are all attractive to the eye and in most of them the medical interest is immediately apparent. They range from a representation in colour of the "fever-producing demon" of Ceylon to the portrait of Sigmund Freud, the annotations (in German and English) covering several thousand years of medical history. It is a pleasantly instructive book for students or their parents who may be willing to overlook an occasional quaintness in the English and will not miss the precise documentation of the objects illustrated that would be essential for more serious purposes.

F. N. L. POYNTER.

Flynn of the Outback

John Flynn. Apostle to the Inland. By W. Scott McPheat. (Pp. 286+xiii; illustrated. 25s.) London: Hodder and Stoughton. 1963.

Australia is almost as large as the United States but it contains a much greater proportion of desert. Fifty years ago settlers in outlying areas were isolated and cut off from the amenities of civilized life. Communication was difficult and the nearest medical aid might be hundreds of miles away.

From the beginning of his career as a Presbyterian pastor John Flynn displayed the

utmost solicitude for those living in these remote parts. He took every opportunity of visiting them, travelling by cycle, motor-car, or even by camel to reach them, and he resolved to help them.

In 20 to 30 years, by his enthusiastic industry, his organizing ability, his determination, and his genius for friendship, John Flynn transformed the lives of those living in the back of beyond. It was he who, acting on the inspired suggestion of Clifford Peel (a young medical pilot who was killed in the first world war), started the Flying Doctor organization, which made medical aid available to everyone, however remote the place in which they lived. It was he who, with the help of a brilliant wireless mechanic named Traeger, brought short-wave wireless communication to isolated spots, first by Morse code and later by direct speech.

At first the Morse code presented a little difficulty. One woman who was learning it asked, "What shall I send?" and was told, "Anything. Say 'Hello, Harry.'" Rather nervously she tapped out a message that came through at the other end as "Hell, O Hell, O Harry." To-day people hundreds of miles apart can converse with one another and give and take messages by this ingenious system. Is it to be wondered at that "Flynn has more monuments than any other Australian of his time"?

This book will appeal to everyone who values single-hearted endeavour in the cause of humanity. Incidentally it also teaches the geography of Australia "without tears."

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Books Received

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

Drugs, Actions, Uses, and Dosage. A Guide for Medical Students and Practitioners. Compiled by H. S. Grainger and F. Dudley Hart. (Pp. 344+xviii. 30s.) London: Pharmaceutical Press. 1963.

Oeuvres Choisies. By G. Marinesco. (Pp. 589+xxi; illustrated. No price.) Rumania: Editions de l'Académie de la République Populaire. 1963.

The Chemistry of Death. By W. E. D. Evans, M.D., B.S. (Pp. 101+xv. \$4.75.) Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1963.

The Vascular Patterns of the Uterine Cervix. By Oddmund Koller, M.D. (Pp. 158; illustrated. 45s.) Oslo: Oslo University Press. London: Dawson of Pall Mall. 1963.

Pediatric Psychiatry. By Hale F. Shirley, M.D. (Pp. 796+xx. £4.) Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1963.

Lehrbuch der Neurologie. By Werner Scheid. Edited by H. H. Wieck, A. Stammel, K.-A. Jochheim, I. Seidenfaden, and E. Gibbels. (Pp. 735+xv; illustrated. DM. 79.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1963.

Aldosteron. By Professor Dr. H. Nowakowski. (Pp. 207+vi; illustrated. DM. 49.) Berlin, Göttingen, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag. 1963.

Le Traitement Chirurgical des Surdités. By H. Guillon and R. Batisse. (Pp. 308; illustrated. 32 F.) Paris: Librairie Arnette. 1963.

Foetal and Neonatal Pathology. By J. Edgar Morison, M.D., D.Sc. Second edition. (Pp. 538+xiv; illustrated. £5.) London: Butterworth and Company. 1963.

Changes in Family Medical Care Expenditure and Voluntary Health Insurance. A Five-year Resurvey. By Odin R. Anderson, Patricia Collette, and Jacob J. Feldman. (Pp. 217+xvi. 48s.) Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1963.

Les Consultations Journalières dans les Maladies du Système Nerveux. By Georges Boudin and others. (Pp. 210. 28 F.) Paris: Masson et Cie. 1963.

Two Pioneers of Tropical Medicine: Garcia d'Orta and Nicolas Monardes. By C. R. Boxer, F.B.A. (Pp. 36; illustrated. 3s. 6d.) London: Wellcome Historical Medical Library. 1963.

Traiter les Rheumatismes. Comment Choisir. Comment Prescrire. Sous la direction de S. de Sèze et M. Lequesne. (Pp. 268+lxvii; illustrated. 50 F.) Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. 1963.

Les Traumatismes des Cavités Annexes des Fosses Nasales et leurs Séquelles. By M. Aubry, J. Calvet, J. Piquet, and J. Terracol. (Pp. 272; illustrated. 60 F.) Paris: Librairie Arnette. 1963.

Syndromes Vestibulaires et Nystagmographie. By P. Aboulker, P. Pialoux, N. Neveu, P. Butruille, and J. Bouchet. (Pp. 327; illustrated. 60 F.) Paris: Librairie Arnette. 1963.

System of Ophthalmology. Edited by Sir Stewart Duke-Elder. Volume III, Part 2. *Congenital Deformities.* (Pp. 1,190+xix; illustrated. 150s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1963.

Group Psychotherapy and Group Function. Selected Readings. Edited by Max Rosenbaum, Ph.D., and Milton Berger, M.D. (Pp. 690+xii. 70s.) London: Basic Books. 1963.

Mechanisms of Immunological Tolerance. Proceedings of a Symposium held at Liblice, near Prague, November 8-10, 1961. Edited by M. Hašek, A. Lengerová, and M. Vojtíšková. (Pp. 544; illustrated. \$18.) New York: Academic Press Incorporated. 1963.

Vibration Research. A Collection of Articles Sponsored by the Human Factors Society of America. Edited by S. Lippert. (Pp. 111+xviii; illustrated. 35s.) Oxford, London, New York, Paris: Symposium Publications Division, Pergamon Press. 1963.

Perfusionstheorie der Arteriosklerose. By Professor Dr. Wilhelm Doerr. (Pp. 104; illustrated. No price.) Germany: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1963.

Synopsis of Ophthalmology. By William H. Havener, B.A., M.D., M.S. Second edition. (Pp. 397; illustrated. 59s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1963.

The Care of the Rheumatoid Hand. By Adrian E. Flatt, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 222; illustrated. 86s.) London: Henry Kimpton Limited. 1963.

Correction.—The booklet *Mountain Rescue—Cave Rescue* is not free but costs 1s. 6d. from Mountain Rescue Committee, Hill House, Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, Cheshire.