

Physicians' Portraits

Portraits. Royal College of Physicians of London. Edited by Gordon Wolstenholme, M.R.C.P. Portraits described by David Piper. (Pp. 468; illustrated. 75s.) London: J. & A. Churchill, 1964.

A most commendable contribution to knowledge of recent years has been the wider study of Great Britain's iconographical treasures in private and semi-private collections. Of the value of the study this book is a striking instance.

The first reference to the collection of portraits in the College of Physicians dates from 5 April 1596, when a College statute of that date virtually invited Fellows (and even outsiders) to give their own portraits or coats-of-arms on payment of a fee of £10. If any Fellows responded to this offer their portraits would have been destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666, when the only two portraits rescued from the College premises in Amen Corner were those of William Harvey and Dr. Simeon Fox. (The latter has since vanished.) The collection now amounts to more than 150 portraits, mainly paintings and busts.

The previous catalogue was made in 1926 and was imperfect. The present one, handsomely produced and illustrated, has been

prepared by the Ciba Foundation and presented to the College to commemorate its move from Pall Mall to Regent's Park. Dr. Wolstenholme has edited the work, and he and Dr. J. B. Harman have prepared biographical notes on the portraits with the assistance of Mr. L. M. Payne, librarian to the College, and others. The portraits themselves are described in detailed and scholarly terms by Mr. David Piper, Assistant Keeper, National Portrait Gallery.

Two portraits of Henry VIII, founder of the College at the instance of Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas Linacre (also portrayed), have rightful pre-eminence. The other portraits are in alphabetical order. Here are many great physicians of five centuries. Tudor physicians such as Sir William Butts, John Chambre, and John Caius. Stuart physicians like William Harvey, Sir Theodore de Mayerne, Edward Lister, Sir Charles Scarborough, Sir Thomas Browne, Thomas Sydenham, Thomas Wharton, and Daniel Whistler. The collection is rich in portraits and busts of the 18th century—for instance, Sir Hans Sloane, John Arbuthnot, Richard Mead, John Radcliffe, William Pittcairn, William Hunter, Antony Addington, and Mark Akenside. There are many good portraits of 19th-century Fellows, including Matthew Baillie, Sir Thomas Watson, Sir Samuel Wilks, Sir Richard Quain, Sir

Andrew Clark, and Sir Hermann Weber. Examples of 20th-century portraits are those of King Edward VII (honorary Fellow), Sir William Osler, Sir Norman Moore, Lord Dawson, and the bronze busts of Lord Horder and Lord Brain. It is less representative than the other centuries. Many distinguished Fellows of this period have had their portraits painted, and it is to be hoped that some of these in the future may find an abiding home in the new College.

Certain great artists have painted portraits or sculptured busts of Fellows. Among the painters are Holbein (copies), Sir Peter Lely, Sir Godfrey Kneller, Allan Ramsay (copy), Sir Joshua Reynolds, Zoffany, Gainsborough (copy), Hoppner, Sir Thomas Lawrence (whose portrait of Sir Henry Hallford admirably depicts this eminent physician), George Richmond, Sir John Millais, Sir Hubert von Herkomer, G. F. Watts, Sir Luke Fildes, W. W. Ouless, Sargent, John Collier, and de Laszlo. G. Spencer Watson has made an admirable likeness of Sir Richard Douglas Powell. Of sculptors of portrait busts may be mentioned Roubiliac, Nolkenens, Sir Francis Chantrey, and Sir Jacob Epstein.

This book will delight all Fellows of the College. It will also be appreciated by lovers of art and medical historians.

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Books Received

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

The Treatment of Disease by Acupuncture. Part I: Function of Acupuncture Points. Part II: Treatment of Diseases. By Felix Mann, M.B., B.Chir.(Camb.), L.M.C.C.(McGill). (Pp. 192+xx. 42s.) London: William Heinemann, 1963.

A Very Scientific Gentleman. The Major Achievements of Henry Clifton Sorby. By Norman Higham. (Pp. 160+xiv; illustrated. £1 1s.) Oxford, London, Paris, and Frankfurt: Pergamon Press. New York: Macmillan, 1963.

Year Book of Pediatrics. (1963-1964 Year Book Series.) Edited by Sydney S. Gellis, M.D. (Pp. 504; illustrated. 64s.) Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. London: Lloyd-Luke, 1964.

Curiosities of Medicine. An Assembly of Medical Diversions 1552-1962. Edited with an introduction and notes by Berton Roueché. (Pp. 338+x. 21s.) London: Victor Gollancz, 1963.

Year Book of General Surgery. (1963-1964 Year Book Series.) Edited by Michael E. de Bakey, B.S., M.D., M.S. (Pp. 992; illustrated. 64s.) Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. London: Lloyd-Luke, 1964.

La Contraception. Risques, Inconvénients et Facteurs d'Échec des Diverses Méthodes. Symposium edited by Raoul Palmer. (Pp. 241; illustrated. 30 F.) Paris: Masson, 1963.

Selected Papers of Charles H. Best, C.B.E., M.A., M.D.(Tor.), D.Sc.(Lond.), F.R.S.C., F.R.C.P.(C.), F.R.C.P., F.R.S. (Pp. 723+ix; illustrated. £8 8s.) London: Cassell, 1964.

Diététique. Du Médecin Praticien. By J. Lederer. Second edition. (Pp. 591. 56 F.) Paris: Masson, 1963.

Meningiomas Involving the Temporal Bone. Clinical and Pathological Aspects. By George T. Nager, M.D. Foreword by A. Earl Walker, M.D. (Pp. 170+xv; illustrated. \$11.50.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, 1963.

Personality Assessment. A Critical Survey. By Philip E. Vernon. (Pp. 333+ix. 42s.) London: Methuen, 1964.

Adolescent Maladjustment. By Nigel Walker, Ph.D. Eleventh Charles Russell Memorial Lecture. (Pp. 15. 1s. 6d.) London: Charles Russell Memorial Lecture Trustees, 17 Bedford Square, London W.C.1. 1963.

Recent Advances in Surgery. Edited by Selwyn Taylor, D.M., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Foreword by Sir Arthur Porritt, K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., M.Ch., F.R.C.S. Sixth edition. (Pp. 438+x; illustrated. 65s.) London: J. & A. Churchill, 1964.

Hypoxia. By Edward J. Van Liere, M.D., and J. Clifford Stickney. (Pp. 381+10. 65s.) London: University of Chicago Press, 1964.

Recent Advances in Paediatric Surgery. Edited by A. W. Wilkinson, Ch.M.(Ed.), F.R.C.S.(Ed.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.). (Pp. 306+iv; illustrated. 50s.) London: J. & A. Churchill, 1963.

Affect Imagery Consciousness. By Silvan S. Tomkins. Volume 1. Positive Affects. (Pp. 522+xi; illustrated. 65s.) Volume 2. Negative Affects. (Pp. 580; illustrated. 65s.) New York: Springer. London: Tavistock Publications, 1963.

Medical Clinics of North America. Diseases of the Digestive Tract. Guest editors: Franklin A. Kyser, M.D., and Ernest G. McEwen, M.D. Volume 48, Number 1. (Pp. 251+viii; illustrated. £6 6s. yearly.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders, 1964.

Computer Applications in Medicine. By Edward E. Mason, M.D., Ph.D., and William G. Bulgren, M.S. (Pp. 171+xiv; illustrated. \$6.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, 1963.

Atlas of Bone Tumors. Including Tumorlike Lesions. By W. S. Gilmer, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.P., G. B. Higley, Jr., M.D., and W. E. Kilgore, M.D. (Pp. 165; illustrated. £10 6s.) St. Louis: C. V. Mosby. London: Henry Kimpton, 1963.

Explorations Fonctionnelles Gynécologiques. Dans la Stérilité l'Avortement Récidivant et les Troubles Menstruels. By Raoul Palmer. (Pp. 537+vii; illustrated. 78 F.) Paris: Masson, 1963.

Elastolysis and Ageing. By David A. Hall. (Pp. 160+xiii; illustrated. \$6.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, 1963.

Manuel de Pharmacologie. By R. Hazard, J. Cheymol, J. Lévy, J.-R. Boissier, P. Lechat. (Pp. 714+vi; illustrated. 78 F.) Paris: Masson, 1963.

Mental Mechanisms. Repression, Sublimation, Identification, Inversion, Compensation, Restitution. By Henry P. Laughlin. (Pp. 262+vii. 55s.) Washington: Butterworth, 1963.

Current Pediatric Therapy. By Sydney S. Gellis, M.D., and Benjamin M. Kagan, M.D. (Pp. 747+xxxv. £5 12s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders, 1964.

Dyspnea. Diagnosis and Treatment. Edited by Andrew L. Banyai, M.D., F.C.C.P., and Edwin Rayner Levine, M.D., F.C.C.P. (Pp. 374; illustrated. £5 16s.) Oxford: Blackwell, 1963.

Operations in the Practitioner's Surgery. By Richard Goldbahn, M.D. Translation of the seventh German edition revised by Professor Gerhard Jorns, M.D. (Pp. 178; illustrated. 26s.) Berlin: Volk und Gesundheit, 1963.

Clinical Aspects of Iodine Metabolism. By E. J. Wayne, Demetrios A. Koutras, and W. D. Alexander. (Pp. 303+x; illustrated. 45s.) Oxford: Blackwell, 1964.

Synopsis of Cardiology. By D. Weitzman, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 200; illustrated. 30s.) Bristol: John Wright, 1964.