

for a book on the subject. He had already prepared much of the material before his death; Isabelle Elliott has now, with some additions, compiled this short history from her husband's work.

There is of course a good deal to be learned about surgical dressings in the writings of the past from the Susruta and the Ebers Papyrus to recent times, but these sources are widely dispersed and not easily available to the ordinary reader. The attraction of the present work is that this mass of knowledge, including a number of illustrations, has been condensed into the compass of 118 pages.

In the first two chapters on "Wound Treatment" we find, among many others, with their recommendations for dressings, the names of such notables in surgical history as Hippocrates, Erasistratus, Celsus, Galen, Henri de Mondeville, Lanfranc, Guy de Chauliac, Paracelsus, Paré, Woodall, and coming to the last century, Hunter, Liston, Lister, von Bergmann, Gamgee, and Lawson Tait. The further chapters deal with the individual materials, bandages, cotton-wool, lint—an especially interesting one—plasters, sponges, and so on, while the final chapter is on "First Field Dressings" from the Crimean war onwards.

Altogether I found this a most pleasing little volume, very suitable for bedside reading. It is sponsored and published by the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain.

NORMAN C. LAKE.

## Historical Essays

**Janus in the Doorway.** By Douglas Guthrie. (Pp. 316 + xi; illustrated. £2 10s.) London: Pitman. 1963.

Dr. Guthrie has given this volume of essays, which deal mainly though not exclusively with medical history, the title of the ancient king of Janiculum on the Tiber, deified after his death, because like Janus he looks backward into the past and forward into the future. Most of the papers have already appeared in various journals, and have been widely appreciated. All readers will be glad to have them in this collected form.

The author spreads his net widely, discoursing on the philosophy of medicine, the writing of a history of medicine, the genesis of medical thought, including the evolution of obstetrics, the geographical outlook, researches and discoveries, by-ways in biography, and devoting one section to a Scottish symposium. All are good, but perhaps he is most delightful in this last-named section when his foot is on his native heath. Here he records the rise of medical education in Scotland, the medical and scientific hobbies of King James IV, surgeon apothecaries and physic gardens, and ably sketches afresh Dr. Francis Adams, the scholar-physician of Banchoory. In a comparable sketch of Dr. John Brown he throws much new light upon that exceptionally youthful genius, Marjory Fleming, "the youngest immortal in the world of letters,"

who died at the age of 9 and has her place in the D.N.B. Dr. Brown's imaginative essay in the Third Series of *Horae Subsecivae* made Marjory famous. It is, as Dr. Guthrie states, "a gem of literature," but he also exposes its errors and inaccuracies. For example, there is no evidence for the alleged friendship between Sir Walter Scott and little Marjory.

ARTHUR S. MacNALLY.

Gardeners are among the most tenacious of people and are not easily defeated. They have, after all, been trained in the English climate. *Your Garden and Your Rheumatism*, a booklet written by a young octogenarian physician, Dr. C. B. Heald, will appeal to them because it takes for granted that rheumatism is one of those handicaps that—like the climate—has to be got round rather than given in to. It tells the rheumatic gardener what to do if he has difficulty in stooping, has a weak grip, gets tired easily, or wants suggestions for comfortable clothing and gardens that are easy to look after. Particularly useful are the descriptions of garden tools that are suited to those with physical disabilities, with the addresses of the firms that make them. The booklet may be obtained from the Publishers, the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council (formerly the Empire Rheumatism Council), Faraday House, 8 Charing Cross Road, London W.C.2. It costs 1s. 6d.

## Books Received

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

**Medikamentöse Pathogenese fetaler Missbildungen.** Symposium in Liestal, March 1963. Edited by Th. Koller and H. Erb. (Pp. 156; illustrated. DM. 25.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1964.

**Bones, Bodies and Disease.** Ancient Peoples and Places. Evidence of Disease and Abnormality in Early Man. By Calvin Wells. (Pp. 288; illustrated. 30s.) London: Thames and Hudson. 1964.

**Progress in Clinical Obstetrics and Gynaecology.** By T. L. T. Lewis, M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. 2nd edition. (Pp. 753 + vi; illustrated. 80s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1964.

**Endokardfibrosen.** Klinik. Therapie. Pathologie. By Priv.-Doz. Dr. Rudolf Wenger. (Pp. 208 + viii; illustrated. DM. 30.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1964.

**Immunologically Competent Cell.** Its nature and origin. In honour of Sir Macfarlane Burnet, O.M. Edited by G. E. W. Wolstenholme, O.B.E., M.A., M.B., M.R.C.P., and Julie Knight, B.A. Ciba Foundation Study Group No. 16. (Pp. 110; illustrated. 15s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1963.

**Pathology.** Concise Medical Textbook. By J. L. Pinniger. (Pp. 262 + viii. 15s.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cox. 1964.

**Clinical Urography.** An Atlas and Textbook of Roentgenological Diagnosis. By John L. Emmett, A.B., M.D., M.S. in Urology. 2nd edition. (Vol. 1: pp. 1-646 + xiii. Vol. 2: pp. 647-1,294 + ix; illustrated. £17 10s. per set.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders. 1964.

**Readings in Psychology.** Edited by John Cohen. (Pp. 414. 52s. 6d.) London: Allen & Unwin. 1964.

**Time for Yourself.** A New Look for the Middle-aged Family Woman. By Annis Gillie, O.B.E., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 4. 1s. 3d. post free.) London: National Association for Mental Health. 1964.

**Guide to Learning Fluid Therapy.** By Daniel C. Darrow, M.D. (Pp. 280 + xiv. \$9.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1964.

**An Approach to Occupational Therapy.** By Mary S. Jones, M.C.S.P., M.A.O.T. 2nd edition. (Pp. 319 + xv; illustrated. 42s.) London: Butterworth. 1964.

**Melanotic Tumors.** Biology, Pathology and Clinical Features. By Joseph N. Attie, M.D., F.A.C.S., and René A. Khaffi, M.D. (Pp. 346 + xi; illustrated. \$12.50.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1964.

**Human Nature.** In the Light of Psychopathology. By Kurt Goldstein. (Pp. 258 + xiii. 17s.) New York: Schocken. 1963.

**Electroencephalography in Hospital and General Consulting Practice.** An Introduction. By Johann Kugler. (Pp. 189 + xii; illustrated. 95s.) Amsterdam, London, and New York: Elsevier. 1964.

**Recent Advances in Medicine.** (Beaumont and Dods.) Edited by D. N. Baron, Nigel Compston, and A. M. Dawson. 14th edition. (Pp. 440 + viii; illustrated. Paperback, 30s.; case-bound, 50s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1964.

**Normal Child.** Some Problems of the First Five Years and their Treatment. By Ronald S. Illingworth, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H. 3rd edition. (Pp. 331 + x; illustrated. 40s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1964.

**Conduction of the Nervous Impulse.** Sherrington Lectures VII. By A. L. Hodgkin, Sc.D., F.R.S. (Pp. 108 illustrated. 25s.) Liverpool: Liverpool University Press. 1964.

**Animal Machines.** The New Factory Farming Industry. By Ruth Harrison. (Pp. 186 + xiii; illustrated. 21s.) London: Vincent Stuart. 1964.

**Gillies.** Surgeon Extraordinary. A Biography by Reginald Pound. (Pp. 264; illustrated. 30s.) London: Michael Joseph. 1964.

**The Eye.** In General Practice. By C. R. S. Jackson, M.A., B.M., B.Ch.(Oxon), D.O.M.S., F.R.C.S.Ed. Third edition. (Pp. 164 + viii; illustrated. 25s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1964.

**Textbook of Obstetric Nursing.** By C. W. F. Burnett, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. Illustrations by Susan Robinson, M.M.A.A. (Pp. 257; illustrated. 30s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1964.

**Newly Born Infant.** By Andrew Bogdan, M.D., M.R.C.P.Ed., D.C.H. (Pp. 42. 5s.) Publisher's agent: Austick's Medical Bookshop, Leeds 1. 1963.

**Ageing.** Biology of Senescence. By Alex Comfort. (Pp. 365 + xvi; illustrated. 42s.) London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. 1964.

**History of the Baltimore General Dispensary.** Founded 1801. Edited by C. Herbert Baxley. (Pp. 145 + xvii; illustrated. Limited edition.) Baltimore, Maryland, U.S.A.: Baltimore General Dispensary Foundation. 1963.

**Radiation Medicine.** Edited by A. I. Burnazyan and A. V. Lebedinskii. Translated by Harry Asher, B.A. Translation edited by Dame Janet Vaughan. (Pp. 363 + xii; illustrated. 84s.) Oxford, London, New York, and Paris: Pergamon. 1964.