

photographs of the anomaly, together with its related defects. A hypothesis as to the embryology is proposed, but the reasoning and illustration of this supposed mechanism are not clearly set out and are hard to follow. There is then a review of operative procedures, and there are of course a few anomalies which have so extensively exercised the ingenuity of surgeons. But a catalogue of methods, described only in outline, unfortunately makes tedious reading. Finally, and most valuably, there is an account of the author's own procedure, a modification of Duplay's and Raadsvelde's operation. A full description of the operation and follow-up on eight cases requiring correction of chordee and fifty requiring reconstruction of the urethra is provided. The complications are given in detail and several useful points in the management of these problems emerge. It is clear that the author advises operation in the minor degrees of the deformity, which most surgeons in Britain prefer to leave untreated, perhaps because he has in fact achieved a better cosmetic result than is often the case over here. He has less to offer for the treatment of severe cases, but describes a useful procedure for chordee due to short urethra without hypospadias.

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Depression

Aspects of Depressive Illness. Symposium, Sydney, 1963. Edited by David Maddison, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.P., and Glen M. Duncan, B.Sc., M.B., B.S. (Pp. 184+xii. 17s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1965.

This well-produced account of an Australian symposium will be read with interest by many psychiatrists. However, a good symposium does not necessarily make a good book, and such of the material as merited publication might have more appropriately appeared in professional journals. A symposium involves communication at a personal level in which dogmatism, anecdotal experience, and local colour have a place. The cues available to a participant in assessing the significance of a

contribution are absent from the printed words, and the tongue-in-the-cheek riposte becomes enshrined as an authoritative statement.

The organizers of the symposium are to be congratulated on the range of their contributors. Professors Kiloh and Kolb are articulate representatives of two widely divergent schools of psychiatry, and whilst few of us are as confident as they in our theoretical framework I suspect that most British psychiatrists will find more common ground with Kiloh than with Kolb. The psychodynamic formulations of the latter are of great interest but do not shed much light on the management of acute mania.

Ironside and Kehoe give a detailed account of their experimental studies on the evocation of depressive responses, using hypnosis. Their detailed account of methodology is quite proper in a scientific publication, but most psychiatrists would be content to read the summary. Other contributions include a competent review of depressive and deprivation reactions in childhood by Jennings, observations on the psychiatric service of an Australian general hospital by Sinclair, and a review of the clinical problems of depression in middle life by Ellard.

This is not a book which can be recommended for the general reader. Nor indeed will many psychiatrists feel that it would make a useful permanent addition to their libraries.

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Kerr's Obstetrics

Munro Kerr's Operative Obstetrics. 7th edition. By J. Chassar Moir, C.B.E., Hon. LL.D., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S.(Ed.), F.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 1003+x; illustrated. £6 6s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1964.

It is eight years since the appearance of the last edition of this book. In the interval Professor Munro Kerr has died, but his spirit still lingers among the pages of what was one of his greatest works. Although Professor Chassar Moir has long since taken

over the authorship of *Operative Obstetrics*, some of the anecdotes of the Master are retained alongside more recent ones signed J. C. M.—initials which, to younger obstetricians, carry the authority and magic which M. K. had for an older generation.

Without destroying its original flavour Professor Chassar Moir has subjected the book to a good deal of rewriting and has added certain new sections, notably those on the vacuum extractor and the incompetent cervix. There are fresh illustrations, including colour plates, without any increase in the number of pages. The book deals with more than is suggested by its title. It has to, because the number and place of operations in obstetric practice are now limited. It covers all the abnormalities of labour, and includes abortion, hydatidiform mole, and ectopic pregnancy, but not the medical disorders of pregnancy. All these matters are well described, some are introduced with interesting snippets of history, and all are supplemented with references to the literature, conveniently placed at the foot of each page.

In his introductory chapter the author says, "The problem to-day is to maintain a balanced perspective towards the vaginal and abdominal routes of delivery in complicated cases." And he emphasizes that the balance may tip to one side or the other according to the conditions under which an obstetrician is working. So procedures such as embryotomy, which are now rarely practised and indicated in this country, still require description for those readers who must of necessity employ them in countries where the circumstances of midwifery are different. Professor Chassar Moir is writing for the whole of the English-speaking obstetric world, and therefore not only describes all possible operations in obstetrics but in general presents a conservative and standard viewpoint which is everywhere capable of safe application.

This new edition should ensure that what has long been a classic, written for post-graduate students and specialists, retains a prominent place on the shelves of all medical libraries.

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Books Received

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

Praktische Einführung zur Rektoskopie. By Dr. Hans-Georg Knoch and Dr. Gerhard Lauschke. (Pp. 77; illustrated. DM. 17.40.) Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1965.

Report on Symposium on Pharmaceutical Services in the Modern Hospital. Belfast, 1964. Under chairmanship of Professor O. L. Wade. (Pp. 32. No price given.) Belfast: Northern Ireland Hospitals Authority. 1965.

Funktieonderzoek van Rechter Hart Door Polsen Ictuskurven. English and French summary. By Dr. H. Kesteloot. (Pp. 204; illustrated. No price given.) Brussels: Arsacia Uitgaven. Presses Académiques Européennes. 1963.

Exploration Medicine. Being a Practical Guide for Those Going on Expeditions. Edited by O. G. Edholm, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., and A. L. Bacharach, M.A., F.R.I.C. (Pp. 410+xvi; illustrated 47s. 6d.) Bristol: John Wright. 1965.

Le Doping de l'Homme et du Cheval. By René Guillet. With collaboration of Jean Genety, Pierre Floquet, and Janick Peysson. (Pp. 171. 24 F.) Paris: Masson. 1965.

The Protection of the Child Within the Family. By Dr. Juan Bosch-Marin. (Pp. 26. No price given.) Madrid: Dr. Juan Bosch-Marin. 1965.

History of the Rockefeller Institute. 1901-1953. Origins and Growth. By George W. Corner. (Pp. 635; illustrated. \$12.50.) New York: Rockefeller Institute Press. 1964.

Methods in Hormone Research. Vol. 4. Steroidal Activity in Experimental Animals and Man. Part B. Edited by Ralph I. Dorfman. (Pp. 362+xii. 93s.) New York and London: Academic Press. 1965.

Ein Bericht vom Pestjahr. By Daniel Defoe. (Pp. 359. No price given.) Bremen: Carl Schünemann. 1965.

Year Book of Drug Therapy. 1964-65 Series. Edited by Harry Beckman, M.D. (Pp. 604. 64s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. 1965.

Radiology for Medical Students. 4th edition. By Fred Jenner Hodges, M.D., Isadore Lampe, M.D., and John Floyd Holt, M.D. (Pp. 453; illustrated. 75s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. 1965.

Office Gynecology. 8th edition. By J. P. Greenhill, B.S., M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S.(Hon.), F.A.C.O.G. (Pp. 512; illustrated. 83s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. 1965.

Systematic Surgery. By J. I. Burn, F.R.C.S. (Pp. 573; illustrated. 75s.) London: Staples. 1965.

Lung Cancer. Surgery and Survival. By John Borrie. (Pp. 202+ix; illustrated. \$9.95.) New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 1965.

Physiology of Respiration. An Introductory Text. By Julius H. Comroe, jun., M.D. (Pp. 245; illustrated. 64s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. 1965.

A View of General Practice. By Peter J. Bell, M.B., B.S., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 232+vii. 20s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. 1965.