

they supply blood to the circle of Willis and its branches. In a sense these are hardly anomalies, since they presumably were present previously and merely enlarge when there is a marked pressure difference between external and upper internal carotids, but it is interesting to relate these findings to embryological origins, and it would be churlish not to admire the very fine illustrations showing these small vessels where the use of subtraction prints adds greatly to the quality of the results.

The book, a scholarly and well-produced small volume, would be of interest to neurologist, neuroradiologist, and anyone concerned with the study and interpretation of cerebral arteriograms.

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## Medical Anecdotes

**Medical Tales from "Blackwood."** (Pp. 306+v. 21s.) Edinburgh and London : William Blackwood. 1968.

For over a hundred and fifty years Blackwood has provided short stories for a very special audience in clubs, ships, and messes all over the world consisting of discerning people appreciative of true-to-life accounts of adventure at home and abroad. This new little volume, comprising 15 medical and nursing stories ranging from Waterloo to Vietnam, is full of interest to both the medical and general reader. It is reasonably priced, slips into the side pocket, and forms a most suitable gift.

Two stories alone make it a must for the medical reader : the account of how Baron Larrey, the greatest name in military surgery, after being saluted at Waterloo by Wellington, was slashed and sabred by the Prussian guard, sentenced to death by shooting, and rescued at the last minute by recognition by a German surgeon as his eyes were being bandaged ; and the account by F. Gordon Bell of the true but almost incredible story of Shearer's Delineator. This was the swindle perpetrated in France by an R.A.M.C. sergeant who claimed that by the aid of a couple of small batteries suitably wired to a recording cylinder he could map out the outlines of the principal soft organs of the body. He was granted a commission ; Sir Douglas Haig, the D.G.A.M.S., consulting surgeons to the armies in France, and medical editors were much impressed and the preposterous hoax was not disposed of until the physicists at the Patent Office took a hand.

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of informed comment in the field of psychiatry and obstetrics. This sensible and readable monograph goes far to bridge the gap. The author draws on his vast experience to provide an account of the psychological impact, normal and abnormal, of pregnancy. The strength of this treatise lies in the wisdom of its message that pregnancy is not only a biological phenomenon but is experienced by a particular human being with very personal and individual reactions functioning within a particular family and social context.

This book may incur the mistaken criticism that it is too discursive and superficial to be of academic value. However, this is just the point of the book. While being almost as easily read as a novel, it "painless" imparts a wealth of knowledge in this very important area. It does not pretend to provide an exhaustive account of general psychiatry, but rather an interesting and essentially pragmatic account of psychological disorders in relation to obstetrics.

That Baker's views are balanced and common-sensical will be readily endorsed by those who read this book, even if they differ with him over debatable issues such as therapeutic abortion. Most of the chapters will stand the test of time, except that on therapeutic abortion and sterilization, which is already somewhat out of date and deserves revision in a subsequent edition. The presentation and content should have wide popular appeal to medical practitioners, students, and nurses alike.

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## Pregnancy and Psychiatry

**Psychiatric Disorders in Obstetrics.** By A. A. Baker, M.D., D.P.M. (Pp. 140+viii. 27s. 6d.) Oxford : Blackwell. 1967.

Amid the spate of short textbooks on general psychiatry there has been a dearth

## Books Received

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

**Lecture Notes on Pathology.** 2nd edition. By A. D. Thomson, F.C.Path., and R. E. Cotton, M.C.Path. (Pp. 1138+xvi ; illustrated. 63s.) Oxford : Blackwell. 1968.

**The Traumatic Neurosis.** By Lester Keiser, M.D. (Pp. 234+x. £5.) London : Pitman. Philadelphia and Toronto : F. B. Lippincott. 1968.

**Urinary Tract Infection.** Proceedings of the First National Symposium held in London, April 1968. Edited by Francis O'Grady, M.C.Path., and William Brumfitt, M.C.Path. (Pp. 244+xi ; illustrated. 50s.) London : Oxford University Press. 1968.

**Presymptomatic Detection and Early Diagnosis. A Critical Appraisal.** Edited by the late C. L. E. H. Sharp, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., and Harry Keen, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 384+xvi ; illustrated. 126s.) London : Pitman. 1968.

**Textbook of the Rheumatic Diseases.** Edited by W. S. C. Copeman, F.R.C.P. 4th edition. (Pp. 959+xii ; illustrated. 120s.) Edinburgh and London : E. & S. Livingstone. 1969.

**Outline of Endocrine Gland Syndromes. Second Edition.** By T. S. Danowski, B.A., M.D. (Pp. 437+ix. 65s.) Baltimore : Williams & Wilkins. 1968.

**Planning of Surgical Centers. Basic Studies.** By Ervin Pütsep. (Pp. 124 ; illustrated.) Stockholm : Natur och Kultur. 1969. London : Lloyd-Luke.

**Teaching Psychosocial Aspects of Patient Care.** Edited by Bernard Schoenberg, Helen F. Pettit, and Arthur C. Carr. (Pp. 420+xii. 76s.) London and New York : Columbia University Press. 1969.

**Annual Review of Genetics.** Edited by Herschel L. Roman, Laurence M. Sandler, and Gunther S. Stent. 2nd edition. (Pp. 456+vii ; illustrated.) Palo Alto : Annual Reviews. 1968.

**A Course in Renal Diseases. Second Edition.** By Geoffrey M. Berlyne, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 418+xiii ; illustrated. 40s.) Oxford : Blackwell. 1968.

**The "Sphincters" of the Digestive System. Anatomical, Functional, and Surgical Considerations.** By Liberato J. A. Didio, M.D., M.S., Ph.D., and Marion C. Anderson, M.D. (Pp. 255+xiii ; illustrated. £7.) Baltimore : Williams & Wilkins. 1968.

**Anopheline Mosquitoes of Malaya and Borneo.** By J. A. Reid. (Pp. 520+xiii ; illustrated. Hard cover, £6.) Government of Malaysia. 1968.

**Epilepsy. (Contemporary Neurology Series No. 2.)** By Richard Penrose Schmidt, M.D., and B. Joe Wilder, M.D. (Pp. 220+viii ; illustrated. 47s.) Oxford : Blackwell. 1968.

**Instructions for Patients.** By Winter Griffith, M.D. (Pp. 670+xv ; illustrated. 212s. 6d.) London : W. B. Saunders. 1968.

**Principles and Practice of Modern Surgery.** 2nd edition. By Asita Lal Som, M.B., M.S.(Cal.), F.R.C.S.(Ed.). (Pp. 942+x ; illustrated. No price given.) Calcutta, India : Published by the author. 1968.

**Biological Aspects of Cancer and Aging.** By Leonell C. Strong. (Pp. 221+xv ; illustrated. 75s.) Oxford : Pergamon Press. 1968.

**Operative Neurosurgery. Vol. I.** By Ludwig G. Kempe, Col., M.C., U.S.A. (Pp. 269+xii ; illustrated. 360s.) London : William Heinemann. 1968.

**Amputation and Prostheses.** By G. E. Fulford, M.B., F.R.C.S. and M. J. Hall, Ph.D. (Pp. 107+viii ; illustrated. 42s.) Bristol : John Wright. 1968.

**The Practical Police Surgeon.** By the Association of Police Surgeons of Great Britain. (Pp. 252+xi. 58s.) London : Sweet and Maxwell. 1969.

**Disordered Behaviour. Basic Concepts in Clinical Psychiatry.** By Eric Pfeiffer, M.D. (Pp. 214+ix. 51s.) London : Oxford University Press. 1968.

**Man and Aggression.** Edited by M. F. Ashley Montagu. (Pp. 178+xiv. 42s. 6d.) London : Oxford University Press. 1968.

**The Tasks of Childhood.** By Philippe Muller. (Pp. 256 ; illustrated. 16s.) London : Weidenfeld and Nicolson. 1969.

**Caring For Your Health.** By Eira Grewer, B.A. (Pp. 172+ix ; illustrated. 15s.) Oxford : Pergamon Press. 1968.

**Biokybernetik.** Vols. I and II. (Pp. 1-300 and 1-277+xii and +x ; illustrated. £4 10s.) Leipzig : Karl-Marx-Universität. 1968.

**Unwillingly to School.** 2nd edition. By Jack H. Kahn, M.D., D.P.M. and Jean P. Nursten, M.S.W., A.A.P.S.W. (Pp. 279+xix. 35s.) Oxford : Pergamon Press. 1968.

**Technologist Guide to Mammography.** By Robert L. Egan, M.D. (Pp. 123+ix ; illustrated. 80s.) Baltimore : Williams & Wilkins.