

Management of Injuries

Trauma to the Thorax and Abdomen. Edited by J. D. Martin, jun., M.D. (Pp. 566 + xvii; illustrated. \$25.50.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1969.

A large American text-book with over 20 contributors and more than 30 chapters may not be every reviewer's idea of a welcome prospect, but in this case the editors and their team of contributors deserve commendation for having produced a clear, thorough, sensible, and practical guide, which does not apply only to the subject indicated by the title.

A third of the chapters are concerned with the general condition of the patient and offer succinct and pertinent advice about the diagnosis and management of injuries of the head and limbs, which, more often than not, are also present. The writing shows the mark of authority and experience, and the emphasis is on practical matters. I did wonder whether it is necessary to devote separate chapters to the different viscera—indeed to the duodenum, to the jejunum and ileum and to the colon—and to illustrate in full detail the steps of, for example, sewing together intestines, but it does make for completeness in that all the relevant anatomical and surgical information is found together. The fact that diagnosis starts with the difficulties imposed by the presence of the abdominal wall, the presence of other injuries, and the possibility that the patient is unconscious is dealt with in a special

introductory chapter.

This book is most likely to be useful to orthopaedic surgeons who find that they have to tackle the chest and abdomen from time to time, but thoracic or abdominal surgeons may well find some useful points in the surgical as well as the clinical approach to problems that fall within their special fields. Against the generally high standards maintained by the authors and the publishers it is sad to find a number of spelling mistakes and that one x-ray film was printed upside down.

P. S. LONDON

Medical Care in Britain, U.S.A., and the U.S.S.R.

Medicine in Three Societies. By John Fry, M.D., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 249 + ix, 45s.) Aylesbury, Bucks: MTP. 1969.

"Ultimately what the sick person and his family seek is kindly and personal care by physicians and nurses whom he knows and respects." In his book, Dr. Fry examines the extent to which he gets it in three different countries.

In Russia primary medical care is free and based on specialists working in large polyclinics. Prevention is emphasized, not only by immunization and regular screening of vulnerable groups of people, but by health education on which every physician spends part of each day. The system is comprehensive and impressive, especially when it is

remembered that it started from scratch in 1917, and patients have direct access to doctors they know, whose prestige, unlike their salary, is high.

In America, on the other hand, doctors' incomes are high, but there is widespread dissatisfaction about rising costs and poor quality of service. There is no continuity of care and patients "shop around" from doctor to doctor, the field ranging from old-type general practitioners whose disappearance from most places is nostalgically regretted, through "specialoids" (who limit their field of work but mainly treat common diseases), to highly specialized groups of physicians in clinics. Annual medical check-ups, strongly encouraged by doctors and accepted by patients who can afford them, have yet to justify the time spent on them.

The book does not confine itself to doctor/patient relationships, but discusses the complex organization of medical care in the three countries. Hospitals, social services, public health, and education are compared and critically evaluated. It ends with an imaginative blueprint for a hypothetical urban district of 200,000 people which includes the controversial suggestion that one English general practitioner working in a local medical centre serving up to 50,000 patients could by intelligent delegation to para-medical workers provide good medical care to 4,000 patients, and also work part time at his district hospital.

ANDREW SMITH.

Books Received

Books noticed here may be reviewed later

Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis. By Earl J. Brewer, jun., M.D. (Pp. 231 + xiv; illustrated 126s.) London: W. B. Saunders. 1970.

Clinical Trials' Protocol. By Cyril Maxwell, M.B. (Pp. 60 + iii; 17s. 6d.) Sutton: Stuart Phillips Publications. 1970.

Aids to Postgraduate Medicine. By J. L. Burton, M.R.C.P. (Pp. 136 + vii; 20s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

Neurology in Pediatrics. By Patrick F. Bray, M.D. (Pp. 514 + xiv; illustrated. 220s.) Chichester, Sussex: John Wiley. 1970.

Synaptic Transmission. 2nd edition. By Hugh McLennan, Ph.D. (Pp. 178 + vii; illustrated. 149s.) London: W. B. Saunders. 1970.

Electrophysiology of Pacing and Cardioversion. By Agustín Castellanos, jun., M.D. and Louis Lemberg, M.D. (Pp. 250 + xi; illustrated. 100s.) London: Butterworths. 1970.

The Reticulo-Endothelial System. By A. E. Stuart, M.R.C.P. (Pp. 255 + xi; illustrated. 120s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

Cardiovascular Surgery: Current Practice. Edited by Thomas H. Burford, M.D. and Thomas B. Ferguson, M.D. (Pp. 273 + xiii; illustrated. 162s.) St. Louis: C. V. Mosby. London: Henry Kimpton. 1970.

Therapeutic Strategy in Acute Leukaemia. Chemotherapy and Immunotherapy. 5th Guest Lecture. By Professor Georges Mathé, M.D. (Pp. 35; 15s.) London: Queen Anne Press. 1969.

Diseases of Metabolism: 6th edition. Genetics, and Metabolism, Endocrinology and Nutrition. Edited by Philip K. Bondy, M.D. (Pp. 1413; illustrated. Two volumes sets. 331s. 6d. Single volumes. 178s. 6d.) London: W. B. Saunders. 1969.

Illustrated Dictionary of Eponymic Syndromes and Diseases and their Synonyms. By Stanley Jablonski. (Pp. 335 + viii; illustrated. 108s. 6d.) London: W. B. Saunders. 1969.

Tumours of the Urinary Bladder. By K. P. Sarma, F.R.C.S. (Pp. 443 + xii; 100s.) London: Butterworths. 1970.

Operative Surgery. 2nd edition. Vols. 8 and 9. Orthopaedics. Edited by Ronald Furlong, F.R.C.S. (Pp. 587; illustrated. 280s.) London: Butterworths. 1970.

Palaeopathology. Diseases and Injuries of Prehistoric Man. By Paul A. Janssens. (Pp. 170 + xiii; illustrated. 55s.) London: John Baker. 1970.

The Moment of Death. A Symposium. Edited by Arthur Winter, M.D. (Pp. 84 + xiii; \$6.00.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1969.

Brain and Early Behaviour. Development in the Fetus and Infant. Edited by R. J. Robinson, D.C.H. (Pp. 374 + xvi; illustrated. 100s.) London: Academic Press. 1970.

Problems and Progress in Medical Care. Essays on Current Research. 4th Series. Edited by Gordon McLachlan. (Pp. 204 + ix; 35s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1970.

Bovine Tuberculosis Control in Man and Animals. By J. Arthur Myers, M.D., and James H. Steele, D.V.M. (Pp. 403 + xxvii; illustrated. \$19.50.) St. Louis, Missouri: Warren H. Green. 1970.

Tumours of the Thyroid Gland. Vol. 6. Edited by Sir David Smithers, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.F.R. (Pp. 334 + xv; illustrated. 110s.) Edinburgh & London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

The Cancer Problem: A Critical Analysis and Modern Synthesis. By Armin C. Braun. (Pp. 209 + ix; illustrated. 76s.) London & New York: Columbia University Press. 1970.

Proceedings of the Centennial Symposium Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital. Vol. 1. Ophthalmology. Edited by Arnold I. Turtz, M.D. (Pp. 331 + xiii; illustrated. 247s.) Vol. 2. Otolaryngology. Edited by William F. Robbett, M.D. (Pp. 342 + xiii; illustrated. 247s.) St. Louis: C. V. Mosby. London: Henry Kimpton. 1970.

Neuromuscular Diseases of Infancy and Childhood. By Kenneth F. Swaiman, M.D. and Francis S. Wright, M.D. (Pp. 261 + x; illustrated. £14.00.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1970.

Spondylosis Cervicalis: A Pathological and Osteoarchaeological Study. By Philip Sager. (Pp. 238; illustrated. Dan. kr. 70.00) Copenhagen: Munksgaard. 1969.

Medical X-Ray Technique. 3rd edition. By G. J. Van der Plaats. (Pp. 587 + xiv; illustrated. 100s.) Eindhoven: Philips Technical Library. London: Macmillan. 1970.

Parsons' Diseases of the Eye. 15th edition. By Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, G.C.V.O., M.D., F.R.S. (Pp. 597 + viii; illustrated 75s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1970.

The Letters of Sigmund Freud and Arnold Zweig. Edited by Ernst L. Freud. Translated by Professor and Mrs. W. D. Robson-Scott. (Pp. 190 + ix; 45s.) London: Hogarth Press. 1970.

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, 9 March

INSTITUTE OF CANCER RESEARCH.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. Hamilton Fairley: Immunity in Malignant Disease.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Combined staff consultation clinical meeting.
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.—3 p.m., Professor R. Granit (Stockholm): Regulation of Motorneurone Excitability.
LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8 p.m., surgery meeting, short papers by registrars.
ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE.—5.30 p.m., Clinical conference.
ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BELFAST.—At Outpatients' Centre, Falls Road, 8.30 p.m., Sir Thomas and Lady Edith Dixon lecture by Mr. J. Herbert Johnston: Problems in Paediatric Urology.

Tuesday, 10 March

B.B.C. 1 TELEVISION.—11.20 p.m. (approx.), Medicine Today: Gout (repeat).
EDINBURGH AND EAST OF SCOTLAND SOCIETY OF ANAESTHETISTS.—At Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 8 p.m. F. Cockburn. Dr. G. W. Stephen: Respiratory Distress Syndrome.
KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At lecture theatre, 4.30 p.m., Wiltshire memorial lecture by Professor J. P. Shillingford: Myocardial Infarction.
LONDON MEDICAL GROUP.—At Middlesex Hospital Medical School, 5.45 p.m., Dr. C. R. B. Joyce: Ambiguities about Drugs.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor M. Balasegaram: Hepatic Surgery—present and future.
TUNBRIDGE WELLS POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Elizabethan Barn, 7.30 p.m., Professor R. D. Emslie: Fluoridation.●

Wednesday, 11 March

GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 2.15 p.m., gynaecology and obstetrics meeting, 2.15 p.m. medical meeting.
INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Barbara M. Ansell: Growth Problems in Still's Disease.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Diffuse Pulmonary Fibrosis—5 by Professor J. Pepys: Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis.
INSTITUTE OF ORTHOPAEDICS.—At Great Portland Street, London W.1, 9.30 a.m.-12 noon, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., and 8.15 p.m., instructional course: Growth and Metabolic Disorders.
OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Dr. G. C. Liggins: Initiation of Labour.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: WEST LONDON FACULTY.—At 14 Princes Gate, London S.W.7, 8.30 p.m., Professor P. J. Huntingford: Foetal Medicine.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m. Urology lecture by Mr. J. P. Mitchell: Transurethral Resection.
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. C. Fletcher: Diagnosis and Treatment of Chronic Bronchitis.
ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE: EDINBURGH BRANCH.—At Pfizer Foundation, Hill Square, 7.45 p.m., Dr. J. B. Brooksby: Foot and Mouth Disease (with slides).

Thursday, 12 March

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—At University Medical Buildings, Foresterhill, 5 p.m., Professor J. F. Nunn: Effects of General Anaesthetics on Cellular Structure and Function.
CHILTERN MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe, 8.30 p.m., obstetric meeting: Abortions and the Law.
CROYDON MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Mayday Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Mr. J. R. Crumie: Surgical Reminiscences.
LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.—8.15 p.m., Pathology meeting.
LONDON MEDICAL GROUP.—At University College Hospital Medical School Union, 5.45 p.m. symposium: Social Consequences of Surgical Correction of Congenital Anomalies.
NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—12 noon, Dr. J. Margerison: E.E.G. following Cardiorespiratory Arrest.
ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian lecture by Professor A. R. Anscombe: Surgery in Haemophilia and Allied Disorders.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Wright Fleming Institute Theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. M. Elstein: Cervical Mucus.
SOUTHAMPTON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At Southampton General Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Professor D. C. Millar: Effect of Obstetric Events upon the Child.
STOKE MANDEVILLE HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—8.30 p.m., Professor J. Goodwin: Infective Endocarditis.●
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—4.30 p.m., Sydney Ringer memorial lecture by Professor H. Harris, F.R.S.: Genes, Enzymes and Human Diversity.

Friday, 13 March

CROYDON MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Mayday Hospital, 1 p.m., film, "Sputum," followed by discussion by Dr. R. H. J. Fanthorpe: Chronic Bronchitis.
INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Professor J. Pepys: Bird Fancier's Lung and Related Diseases.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. A. Radcliffe: Management of Chronic Maxillary Sinusitis.
INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 11.15 a.m., Mr. R. Cox: The Gynaecologist and the Colon. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.)●
NORTHAMPTON MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., lecture by Sir Ashley Miles, F.R.S.
NUFFIELD DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY.—At Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Headington, Oxford, 6.30 p.m., Mr. A. L. Eyre-Brook: Management of Bone Tumours.
WEST KENT MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.—At Lewisham Hospital Postgraduate Medical Centre, 8.30 p.m. Hudson Evans Lecture by Dr. R. L. Meyrick: Little Fishes of the Sea (Television and the Doctor).

Saturday, 14 March

NUFFIELD DEPARTMENT OF ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY.—At Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Headington, Oxford, 8.30 a.m., Mr. A. L. Eyre-Brook: Giant Cell Tumours; 9.45 a.m. Dr. C. G. Woods: Bone Tumour/Host Relationships.
ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE.—(1) 10.30 a.m., Therapeutics, Dr. A. Walker on Poisoning. (2) 2 p.m., Work in Progress: The North London Group Hospitals.

Sunday, 15 March

EDGWARE POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Edgware General Hospital, 10.15 a.m., film: Osteomalacia; 11 a.m., Mr. E. L. Trickey: Degenerative Arthritis.
INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—10.15 a.m., Seminar for general practitioners by Mr. S. E. Birdsall.
MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—At clinical lecture theatre, 10 a.m., gastroenterology meeting, Dr. J. D. Allan: Aspects of Pancreatic Disease in Childhood; 11.15 a.m., case presentations.
ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE.—10.30 a.m., visiting the special departments: The Venereal Diseases Department.

Universities and Colleges

BRISTOL

Appointments.—Dr. W. H. Burnham, Dr. P. R. F. Dear, Dr. M. J. E. Gann, Dr. J. C. Tudor (demonstrators in anatomy).

SOUTHAMPTON

At a graduation ceremony to be held on 10 July the honorary degree of LL.D. will be conferred on Dr. J. Revans, senior administrative medical officer, Wessex Regional Hospital Board.

SHEFFIELD

The following honorary part-time appointments have been announced:

Dr. P. Banerjee (clinical tutor, infectious diseases); Dr. A. J. M. F. Eisinger (clinical tutor, renal diseases); Dr. Anne S. Hill (clinical lecturer, pathology); Dr. P. Huck (clinical lecturer, radiotherapy); Dr. S. Varadi (clinical lecturer, haematology).

LONDON

M.S.—H. B. S. Kemp.

LIVERPOOL

Appointment.—Mr. A. Cushieri (lecturer in surgery).

MANCHESTER

Appointment.—Dr. M. I. D. Cawley (lecturer in rheumatology).

CAMBRIDGE

M.CHIR.—C. B. T. Adams, B. S. Ashby, A. P. R. Aluwihare, R. J. Earlam.
M.B.—N. McC. Schofield, J. B. Bingham, D. C. C. Hughes, M. J. Weston, P. Sweny.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF
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F.R.C.S.I.—M. R. Butler, F. G. D'Arcy, C. M. Reddy, R. W. White.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

L.M.S.S.A.—A. H. Abdou, G. K. Buchanan, M. C. Chan, G. Constantinides, G. E. I. F. Fahmy, E. S. M. A. W. Heba, Y. S. Hwang, K. F. Kandalla, B. A. Qureshi, W. K. Tam, L. T. Wall, J. R. Williams.

D.M.J. (CLIN.).—S. H. Burges, D. Connan, I. D. Craig, M. Hyman, H. C. M. Jarvis, M. Kirwan, R. A. A. R. Lawrence, E. J. Mann.
D.M.J. (PATH.).—A. S. Desirello, J. F. A. Harbison, J. J. Layton, M. S. L. Salgado, W. Q. Sturmer.
D.I.H.—R. G. L. Smith.

Deaths

Martindale.—On 23 February 1970, Eric Martindale, M.B., Ch.B., of "Sandfield," Hall Lane, Hindley, near Wigan, aged 44.

Births

Wetherill.—On 17 February, 1970, to Drs. Diana Mary (formerly Brocklehurst) and John Homer Wetherill, of Leeds, a second son.—Philip Graham Homer.

Corrections

M.R.C.P. (U.K.)

We regret that in the list of newly elected Members of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom (21 February, p. 512) the name of Dr. BELLE MONAPPA HEGDE was mis-spelt.

Perinatal Asphyxia

In the Preliminary Communication on "Respiratory Stimulants in the Treatment of Perinatal Asphyxia" by S. Godfrey, D. P. G. Bolton, and K. W. Cross, 21 February p. 475, the trade name of Numotac, was erroneously attributed to taloximine.

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