

Here the book is marred by two faults. First, although it is intended to serve as a practical reference for the doctor in general practice, it includes much material on the elicitation of common physical signs of which no medical man should be ignorant. To give one example of many, there are two pages on methods of eliciting tendon reflexes, including diagrams on how to obtain knee-jerks, ankle clonus, and plantar reflexes. Secondly, the authors have been unable to resist mentioning the rare diseases which may be responsible for the symptoms under discussion. As a result, the lists of diseases under many symptoms are of formidable length, and by comparison the accompanying discussions are jejune. It seems a pity that an objective so admirable as the early diagnosis of the major diseases should be obscured by the inclusion of redundant and irrelevant matter.

In spite of these drawbacks this is a brave attempt to raise the level of medical practice and fully deserves study, particularly by those doctors responsible for routine examinations. The book is beautifully produced, and the numerous diagrams, tables, and photographs are models of clarity.

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## TEACHING HEALTH

*Education and Health.* By R. Gamlin, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.Hyg., and D.P.H. (Pp. 372 ; 69 figs. 12s. 6d.) London: James Nisbet and Co. 1947.

This book consists of a series of essays written for parents and teachers. The first seven chapters are on the mind, its development from our earliest ancestors to the intelligent thinking of modern man. In the first two chapters the author explains clearly the persistence of superstition and many of the defects of thinking still with us, the use of deduction and analogy rather than induction and intuition, the failure to control feeling and striving, wishful thinking, false cause, *non sequitur*, special pleading, and begging the question. The remedy for all this is wide and critical reading, the development of powers of observation, and the mastery of words spoken and written. Should we not all study Sir Ernest Gowers's *Plain Words*? The third chapter is on the subconscious mind, which can be filled with complexes, stirred by conflicts, and disturbed by repressions; the author seeks to show how teachers and parents can help the child to maintain a healthy balance between the conscious and unconscious mind. In these three chapters he develops facts and hypotheses upon which the teacher should base his teaching to train minds free from superstition, fearless in facing facts, observant and critical, possessed of a mastery of words, and purged of conflicts, complexes, and repressions: in a word, masters of their destiny and their thoughts.

In the fourth chapter he considers the workings of the human mind and its components; the instinctive or conscious urge; the feeling developing to sentiments and senses; the intellect controlling and directing. Combine these three and you have character. The teacher must seek to instil the will to direct urge and feeling towards a social conscience, so that conduct shall be guided by ethical right rather than for praise, reward, or pleasure. So we learn in the fifth and sixth chapters of maladjustment and delinquency and the opportunities for child-guidance both in the home and at school. In Chapter 7 the author gives a useful account of backwardness.

The remaining chapters suffer somewhat from lack of sequence of thought. Chapter 8 is a valuable account of the wave theory of sound; in Chapter 9 the author shows how this knowledge can be applied by the pure-tone audiometer and the gramophone audiometer to the problems of schools, and Chapter 10 is an account of colour blindness. But the remaining chapters on "British Fare throughout History," "Dietetics," "The Quest for Pure Milk," "The Care of the Teeth," "Rheumatism in Children," "Parasites of the Skin," "Pioneers in Immunity," and "Immunization against Diphtheria" suffer from being over-simplified accounts of complex subjects. Yet the book must be regarded as a courageous effort to present scientific matter in readable form for people who have responsibilities for the upbringing of children, and its wide reading should bring many benefits.

FRASER BROCKINGTON.

## BOOKS RECEIVED

[Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received]

*Clinical Electrocardiography.* By D. Scherf, M.D., F.A.C.P., and L. J. Boyd, M.D., F.A.C.P. 3rd ed. (Pp. 435. 35s.) London: Heinemann. 1948.

Illustrated with many electrocardiographs.

*A Short Practice of Midwifery for Nurses.* By H. Jellett, B.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.I., and J. B. Dawson, K.B.E., M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., F.R.A.C.S. 14th ed. (Pp. 459. 12s. 6d.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1948.

A practical illustrated manual for nurses and midwives.

*A Short Practice of Surgery.* By H. Bailey, F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S. F.I.C.S., F.R.S.Ed., and R. J. McNeill Love, M.S., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S. 8th ed. Part 1. (Pp. 224. 52s. 6d. the set of 5 parts.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1948.

The parts of this edition are not sold separately.

*A Pocket Medicine.* By G. E. Beaumont, M.A., D.M., F.R.C.P., D.P.H. 2nd ed. (Pp. 208. 9s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1948.

An introduction for medical students.

*A Textbook of Gymnastics.* By K. A. Knudsen. Vol. II. (Pp. 204. 12s. 6d.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1948.

Exercises mainly for the limbs are described.

*Recent Advances in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.* By A. W. Bourne, M.B., B.Ch., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., and L. H. Williams, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. 7th ed. (Pp. 326. 21s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1948.

The text has been extensively revised to bring it up to date.

*Hygiene.* By J. R. Currie, M.A., M.D., LL.D., D.P.H., F.R.C.P.Ed., and A. G. Mearns, M.D., B.Sc., D.P.H., F.R.S.Ed. 3rd ed. (Pp. 724. 35s.) Edinburgh: E. and S. Livingstone. 1948.

Includes new material on statistics, milk legislation, "prefab" design, and aircraft regulations.

*Human Histology.* By E. R. A. Cooper, M.D. 2nd ed. (Pp. 431. 27s. 6d.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1948.

An illustrated manual for medical students.

*Recent Advances in Anaesthesia and Analgesia.* By C. Langton Hewer, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.A. 6th ed. (Pp. 380. 21s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1948.

Contains much new material, including a chapter on muscle relaxants.

*Dermatology and Venereology for Nurses.* By J. H. Stokes, M.D., and J. B. Taylor, B.S., R.N. 4th ed. (Pp. 416. 17s. 6d.) London: W. B. Saunders. 1948.

A textbook for training and qualified nurses.

*Human Ecology.* By T. Robertson. (Pp. 534. 21s.) Glasgow: MacLellan. 1948.

The author brings his training in biology and medicine to bear on the problems of sociology.

*The Truth about the Stork.* By E. F. Griffith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Pp. 136. 6s.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1948.

An account of sex and reproduction for children.

*Chemistry in Nursing.* By R. E. Neal. (Pp. 564. 24s.) London: McGraw-Hill. 1948.

A textbook of inorganic and organic chemistry for student nurses.

*Manual of Determinative Bacteriology.* By R. S. Breed *et al.* 6th ed. (Pp. 1,529. 82s. 6d.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1948.

Details of the morphology, habitat, and culture of micro-organisms.

*A History of the Heart and the Circulation.* By F. A. Willis, M.D., M.S., and T. J. Dry, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., M.S. (Pp. 456. 40s.) London: W. B. Saunders. 1948.

A historical study, with biographies of leading cardiologists.

**Royal Sanitary Institute**

Sir Weldon Dalrymple-Champneys, Bt., will take office as Chairman of the Council of the Royal Sanitary Institute on Oct. 1.

**American College of Radiology**

Dr. Russell Reynolds has been elected an honorary fellow of the American College of Radiology.

**COMING EVENTS****British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

The twelfth British Congress of Obstetrics and Gynaecology will be held at Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W., on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 6, 7, and 8, 1949, under the presidency of Sir Eardley Holland. The Minister of Health will declare the Congress open at 10 a.m. on July 6, and a discussion, to be introduced by Mr. C. McIntosh Marshall (Liverpool), on "Modern Caesarean Section" will follow. At 2 p.m. a paper will be read by Dr. Joe Meigs (Massachusetts), followed by a discussion on "Pregnatediol," to be introduced by Professor G. F. Marrian, D.Sc., F.R.S. (Edinburgh), and Dr. G. I. M. Swyer (London). On July 7, at 10 a.m., Professor G. W. Pickering and Professor F. J. Browne (London) will introduce a discussion on "Essential Hypertension in Pregnancy." At 2 p.m. discussions on "Hernia of Pouch of Douglas" and "The Management of Pregnancy in Diabetics" will be introduced by Mr. C. D. Read (London), and by Mr. J. H. Peel (London) and Professor D. M. Dunlop (Edinburgh) respectively. On July 8, at 10 a.m., Dr. J. E. Ayre (Montreal) and Dr. F. G. Spear (Cambridge) will introduce a discussion on "Diagnosis and Prognosis of Carcinoma of the Uterus." At 2 p.m. there will be a discussion on "Maternal Mortality." The honorary secretaries of the Congress are Mr. A. Joseph Wrigley, M.D., F.R.C.S., and Mr. Ian M. Jackson, F.R.C.S., and the names of those who hope to attend the Congress should reach them by March 31, 1949, at the latest, at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, 58, Queen Anne Street, London, W.1.

**Chadwick Public Lectures**

The Chadwick Trust (204, Abbey House, Westminster, London, S.W.1) announces the following public lectures: Thursday, Oct. 7, 8.30 p.m., at the Reception Room of the University of Bristol, Mr. A. Briggs, "The Public Health Act of 1848: a Forgotten Centenary"; Thursday, Oct. 28, 4 p.m., at University College, University Park, Nottingham, Sir Arthur McNalty, "Advances in Preventive Medicine During the War of 1939-45"; Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2.30 p.m., at Sir Edward Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, Westminster Hospital Medical School, 17, Horseferry Road, Westminster, London, S.W.1, Dr. Wyndham E. B. Lloyd, "The Prevention of Tuberculosis, with Special Reference to Environment"; Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2.30 p.m., at Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.1, Bossom Gift Lecture by Mr. Alister MacDonald, "The Influence of Hygiene on the Shape of Buildings"; Thursday, Dec. 2, 4.30 p.m., at St. Mary's Hospital Medical School, Norfolk Place, Praed Street, Paddington, W.2, Malcolm Morris Memorial Lecture by Dr. C. Seeley, "Preventive Medicine and Clinical Medicine in Relation to the Public Health"; Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2.30 p.m., at Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, 26, Portland Place, London, W.1, Mr. S. E. Finer, "The Rise and Fall of the First General Board of Health." Admission to the lectures is free, without ticket.

**International Scientific Film Congress**

In connexion with the International Scientific Film Congress to be held in London from Oct. 8 to 12, the Scientific Film Association has arranged three morning meetings for viewing and discussing medical films, on Friday, Oct. 8, at the Royal Society of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street, W.) with Sir Kenneth Goadby in the chair; on Saturday, Oct. 9, at Simpli, Ltd., 1-4, Lambeth High Street, London, S.E., with Dr. Ronald MacKeith in the chair; and on Monday, Oct. 11, at Royal Society of Medicine, with Dr. E. Goodwin Rawlinson in the chair. Medical practitioners and others in possession of medical and biological films which they are willing to send or bring to these meetings are asked to send details to the organizer of the Specialist Medical Sessions of the Congress at 34, Soho Square, London, W.1. Applications for admission to the meetings, which is free, should be made to the same address.

**National Hospital**

The inaugural address will be given by Dr. Gordon Holmes, F.R.S., to open the academic year 1948-9, at the National Hospital, Queen Square, Institute of Neurology, London, W.C., on Oct. 4, at 5 p.m. His subject is "Incoordination of Movement."

**Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain**

The opening of the 107th session of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain and the presentation of prizes will take place at 17, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C., on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m., when Mr. Thomas Tickle will deliver the inaugural address.

**Annual Dinner of Officers of R.A.F. Medical Branch**

The annual dinner of officers of the Royal Air Force Medical Branch will be held at the Dorchester Hotel, London, W., on Friday, Oct. 8. The price of tickets (the number is limited) is £2 10s. inclusive. Former officers who wish to attend the dinner should make early application to Squadron-Leader J. W. Garraway, Air Ministry M.A.1, Awdry House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

**London County Medical Society**

The London County Medical Society will hold a meeting at Friends House, Euston Road, London, N.W.1, on Oct. 7, at 3.45 p.m. A discussion on "Nutrition in Hospitals" will be opened by Dr. Magnus Pyke, D.Sc., to be followed by Miss Simmons, dietitian of Hammersmith Hospital.

**Royal Dental Hospital of London**

The prize distribution and Conversazione of the Royal Dental Hospital of London School of Dental Surgery (University of London) will be held at the Royal Dental Hospital, 32, Leicester Square, W.C., on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m.

**Royal Photographic Society**

The second part of the 93rd annual exhibition of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain will be held at 16, Princes Gate, London, S.W., from Oct. 9 to 30 inclusive, and will include a number of exhibits of special interest to the medical profession.

**SOCIETIES AND LECTURES****Tuesday**

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—Oct. 5, 5 p.m. "*The Dermatoses of Childhood*," by Dr. R. T. Brain.

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY: FINE CHEMICALS GROUP.—At Royal Institution, Albemarle Street, London, W., Oct. 5, 7 p.m. "*Fine Chemicals for Medical Use*," by Professor J. H. Burn.

**Wednesday**

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY: DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.—Oct. 6, 8 p.m. "*Physiotherapy of the Eye*," by Mr. F. W. Law.

**Thursday**

CHADWICK TRUST.—At Reception Room, Bristol University, Oct. 7, 8.30 p.m. "*The Public Health Act of 1848: a Forgotten Centenary*," by Mr. A. Briggs.

FACULTY OF HOMOEOPATHY.—At London Homoeopathic Hospital, Oct. 7, 5 p.m. "*The Three Constitutions*," by Dr. Leon Vannier (Paris).

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, Leicester Square, London, W.C.—Oct. 7, 5 p.m. "*Modern Trends in Dermatology*," by Dr. R. M. B. MacKenna.

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.—At Ambulance Hall, St. James', Pontypool, Mon., Oct. 7, 10 a.m. "*Health and its New Aspects*," by Dr. A. S. Jarman; "*Food Hygiene*," by Mr. F. G. Meek.

SOCIETY AND CLINIC FOR CONSTRUCTIVE BIRTH CONTROL AND RACIAL PROGRESS.—At Mothers' Clinic, 108, Whitfield Street, London, W., Oct. 7, 2.30 p.m. *A doctors' demonstration of contraceptive technique*, by Drs. Marie C. Stopes and Beddow Bayly.

**Saturday**

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL OF LONDON SCHOOL OF DENTAL SURGERY (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON).—Oct. 9, 3 p.m. Prize distribution and Conversazione at the hospital. Sir Walter Monckton will present the prizes.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS****BIRTHS**

**Bird**.—On Aug. 31, 1948, at Trafalgar House, Burnley, to Renee, wife of Dr. George Bird, a son—Richard Edward.

**MacLeod**.—On Sept. 21, 1948, at Clevedon, Somerset, to Noreen, wife of Dr. Alastair MacLeod, a daughter.

**Martin-Scott**.—On Sept. 18, 1948, at The Old Farm Maternity Home, Temple Sheen, S.W., to Nancy (née Pepper), wife of Dr. Ian Martin-Scott, a son.

**Oliver**.—On Sept. 20, 1948, at Annandale Nursing Home, to Helen Taylor, wife of Dr. R. M. Oliver, a daughter.

**Pearce**.—On Sept. 15, 1948, at Nuffield House, London, S.E., to Margaret (née Gibson), wife of Dr. Richard Pearce, a daughter.

**Salmond**.—On Sept. 12, 1948, to Elsa, wife of Dr. J. Readdie Salmond, Lindores, Appleby Magna, Leicestershire, a daughter—Madeline Rosamund.

**DEATHS**

**Boulton**.—On Sept. 19, 1948, Norman John Boulton, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Kintbury, Berkshire, aged 45.

**Cantillon**.—On Sept. 6, 1948, Edwin Vincent Cantillon, of Rose Lodge, Blackrock, Cork.

**Gibson**.—On Sept. 16, 1948, Harold Edward Gibson, M.D., of Upcott, Old Beer Road, Seaton, Devon, late of South Godstone, Surrey.

**Henry**.—On Sept. 17, 1948, John Rea Henry, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., of The Limes, Blaby, Leicestershire, aged 64.

**Walker-Lindsay**.—On Sept. 19, 1948, Edythe Marjorie Stewart Walker-Lindsay, M.B., Ch.B.Glas., of Pitchfield Cottage, Thursley, Surrey, formerly of Aldershot.