

MEMORIES OF A LONG LIFE

Mostly Memories. By William Guy, LL.D.(Penn.), F.R.C.S., F.R.S.Ed. (Pp. 360; illustrated. 15s.) Edinburgh: C. J. Cousland and Sons. 1949.

Dr. Guy will be 90 in December of this year, and like most people who reach an advanced age he lives largely in his memories. These are on the whole happy ones and well worth recording.

He is a "truant" doctor, a Norwich general practitioner's son who had his medical education at Edinburgh. This he followed with seven years of general practice in Cumberland before he took to dentistry—the specialty in which he eventually reached the top of his profession. He took his F.R.C.S.Ed. from the Edinburgh Dental School, where he was later part-time dean for 34 years.

What most impresses one in reading this book is the versatility of the man. Not content with the conduct of a successful practice and his task of reforming the school, he took an active part in the affairs of the British Dental Association. He became an outstanding figure in the association, filling almost every responsible position in it, and thereby helping to make dental history.

Dr. Guy gives a detailed account of the various campaigns in which he was engaged—usually successfully. His influence can be traced in the legislation which prescribed the registration of dentists; in the establishment of the Dental Board; and in the formation of the Army Dental Corps. He served on the General Medical Council as one of the first of the dental representatives. Here he tells us he established a reputation for being "pig-headed," of which he is not ashamed, for he says he never had any liking for the line of least resistance. He was active in the proceedings of the International Dental Federation, and has much to say about his attendance at its annual meetings. This bare recital of a selection from his interests will suffice to show that he was, as he says, "a very busy man," but it by no means covers his extraordinary range of activities. In Edinburgh social life he was for many years a prominent figure, in great request as an after-dinner speaker with a gift for expression in topical verse. Of this he gives us many examples, frequently in parody, often in the vernacular. Those members of our Association who were present at the Edinburgh meeting in 1927 may remember him as the chairman of a smoking concert given to the representatives, at which he enabled us to realize why he was such a popular local celebrity.

This book should be welcome in various quarters. Edinburgh people, resident or exiled, will like his affection for the city of his adoption. Dentists who take pride in the progress of their profession should be glad to read about the man who did so much for it in so many ways. And anybody who likes to read about well-known people will find many stories of eminent actors and artists whom he met or entertained. Dr. Guy is to be congratulated on his long, useful, and happy life, and on his wonderful memory.

ALFRED COX.

It is heartening to see once more upon a title-page the name of Crile, and to know that the son of a distinguished father has already proved his worth. *Practical Aspects of Thyroid Disease*, by George Crile, junior (pp. 355; 101 figures; £1 10s.; Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company; 1949), is a readable and useful book in which the author has for the most part drawn upon his own experience of a thousand cases of diseased thyroid. Though an expert surgeon, he affords due prominence to the recent advances in non-operative treatment and gives the indications for medical and surgical therapy with just discrimination. The most interesting sections for most readers will probably be those on the treatment of hyperthyroidism by propylthiouracil and radioactive iodine. To quote one passage: "At the present time the mortality and morbidity following treatment of hyperthyroidism with propylthiouracil over a period of one year are probably lower than that of thyroidectomy in the hands of skilful surgeons and are much lower than that of thyroidectomy in the hands of the surgeon who occasionally performs a thyroidectomy." This, from a surgeon, should induce both surgeons and physicians to look into this book. It is of handy size, well printed, and freely illustrated. The chapters on technique contain little that is new, but the section on cancer of the thyroid is of special interest.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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

The Theory and Practice of Massage and Medical Gymnastics. By B. M. Goodall-Copestake. 7th ed. (Pp. 424. 21s.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1949.

The Pharmacologic Principles of Medical Practice. By J. C. Krantz, jun., and C. Jelleff Carr. (Pp. 980. 55s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1949.

Biological Treatment of Diseased Organs in Human Beings and Animals. By P. Niehans. (Pp. 11. No price.) Interlaken: Otto Schlaefli. 1948.

A Handbook on Diabetes Mellitus and its Modern Treatment. By J. P. Bose, M.B. 4th ed. (Pp. 227. Rs. 10/8.) Calcutta: Dhur. 1949.

Medical Etymology. By O. H. Perry Pepper, M.D. (Pp. 263. 27s. 6d.) Philadelphia and London: Saunders. 1949.

A Textbook of Medicine for Nurses. By E. Noble Chamberlain, F.R.C.P. Foreword by Dame E. Musson, D.B.E. 5th ed. (Pp. 491. 21s.) London, New York, and Toronto: Cumberlege, Oxford University Press. 1949.

Diseases of Women. By Ten Teachers under the direction of C. White, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. Edited by C. White, F. Cook, and Sir William Gilliatt. 8th ed. (Pp. 461. 25s.) London: Arnold. 1949.

Fundamentals of Inorganic, Organic, and Biological Chemistry. By J. I. Routh, Ph.D. 2nd ed. (Pp. 346. 16s. 6d.) Philadelphia and London: Saunders. 1949.

Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases, Bath: Reports 1947-1948. Vol. 2. (Pp. 256. No price.) Bath: Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases. 1949.

A Textbook of Neuropathology. By B. W. Lichtenstein, B.S., M.S., M.D. (Pp. 464. 47s. 6d.) Philadelphia and London: Saunders. 1949.

Massage and Remedial Exercises. By N. M. Tidy, T.M.M.G. 8th ed. (Pp. 487. 25s.) Bristol: John Wright. 1949.

Everyday Psychiatry. By J. D. Campbell, M.D. 2nd ed. (Pp. 394. 36s.) London: J. B. Lippincott. 1949.

Everyday Sex Problems. By N. Haire, Ch.M., M.B. (Pp. 268. 10s. 6d.) London: Frederick Muller. 1948.

Advances in Internal Medicine. Edited by W. Dock, M.D., and I. Snapper, M.D. Vol. 3. (Pp. 478. 51s.) London: Interscience Publishers. 1949.

El Ingles para Medicos y Estudiantes de Medicina. By R. Mackin and A. Weinberger. (Pp. 152. 7s. 6d.) London: Longmans, Green. 1949.

Die Geschwürskrankheit des Magens und ihre Chirurgischen Probleme. By O. Bsteh. (Pp. 175. 22s. 6d.) Vienna: Wilhelm Maudrich. 1949.

Tuberkuloselexikon für Ärzte und Behörden. By W. Roloff. (Pp. 372. M. 14.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1949.

Psychotherapeutische Studien. By E. Kretschmer. (Pp. 215. M. 13.5.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1949.

Rh-Syllabus. By A. S. Wiener. (Pp. 28. M. 2.40.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1949.

Die Naturgemässe Heilweise. By A. Hoff. (Pp. 296. M. 18.50.) Stuttgart: Marquardt. 1949.

Nierenfunktionsproben und ihre Praktische Bedeutung bei Hämato-genen Nierenkrankheiten. By V. Lachnit. (Pp. 208. Sch. 54.) Vienna: W. Maudrich. 1949.

Hypertrophie des glandes paraprostatiques et cancer de la prostate. By P. Niehans. (Pp. 20. No price.) Berne: Hans Huber. 1948.

gentleness were graces which his friends will never forget. His interests outside medicine were in music and painting, and nothing gave him more delight than the work of Cesca, his wife, an artist of distinction. He was devoted to his family. To his wife and four children, the eldest of whom is 12, the sympathy of all who knew him will be extended.—G.W.B.

JOHN GERRIE, F.R.C.S.Ed.

Mr. John Gerrie died suddenly on July 4, in Harrogate, while attending the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association. The announcement of his unexpected death at the early age of 41 seemed almost incredible, for with his burly and robust figure he seemed the embodiment of health and fitness. An Aberdonian by birth, he was educated at Robert Gordon's College and graduated M.B., Ch.B. with honours at the University of Aberdeen in 1930. His undergraduate career was a distinguished one, and he was awarded many medals and prizes, particularly in the field of surgery. Immediately after graduation he was for a time assistant in the department of anatomy under Professor Alexander Low, thus laying a secure foundation for the specialty to which he was later to devote himself, and acquiring a training in morphology and embryology which was reflected in his later published work. There followed a series of resident hospital appointments at Queen Mary's Hospital, Stratford, at the Central London Throat Hospital, and at the Manchester Ear Hospital. Although his bent was already towards otolaryngology, he wisely decided to spend some time in general practice, and for some three or four years he practised in partnership in Greenwich. In 1934 Gerrie obtained the F.R.C.S.Ed., and shortly afterwards he was appointed assistant surgeon in the ear, nose, and throat department of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. In addition he held appointments at the Royal Aberdeen Hospital for Sick Children and at the municipal hospitals. He rapidly built up an extensive practice, and some three years ago he became full surgeon in charge of his department and was appointed lecturer in diseases of the ear, nose, and throat in the university. During the war years his work was extremely onerous and taxed his strength severely, and not until the end of the war was he able to resume his research work.

By his medical colleagues, by his students, and by his patients John Gerrie will be remembered not merely for his skill in his specialty but perhaps still more for his sterling qualities as a man—for his friendliness, his sense of humour, and above all for his kindness. From his experience in general practice he had learned much, and in his work he spared himself neither time nor trouble to ensure the comfort, both mental and physical, of his patients, and especially of young children. This quality was very clearly seen in one of the earliest papers which he published on basal narcosis for tonsillectomy in children. To this problem he gave much time and thought in an endeavour, happily successful, to make the operation of tonsillectomy in children less of an ordeal to the small patient. Perhaps his most important paper was that on the phylogeny of the mammalian tympanic cavity and auditory ossicles, published in 1948, in which the influence of his earlier anatomical training comes out clearly, and which forms a valuable contribution to our understanding of the tympanic cavity and its development. In his scanty leisure his main interests and hobbies were in art and music, in the former of which he had considerable talent, as shown by the fact that the illustrations in the paper referred to above were from his own drawings.

His students, with whom he was on the friendliest terms, have placed on record a few sentences from one of his own lectures which exemplify his attitude to his life and to his work: "To win a child's confidence is half the battle. One must come down to its level—no difficult thing for me." Therein lay his success, for to the end of his tragically short life he retained a certain quality of boyishness which was one of his most engaging qualities and to which children instinctively responded. He could become one of them without side, self-consciousness, or condescension. In his relations with his hospital colleagues Gerrie was equally happy. In many ways he was typical of the land in which he was bred and of the university in which he was trained, for with few initial advantages he had made his way in his profession by dint of his conscientiousness, his natural ability, and his capacity for sustained work.

His life was summed up in his home and in his work, in both of which he was supremely happy. Only two years ago one remembered the joy and happiness of his wife and himself in the birth of their twin children—a son and a daughter. To his widow and his young family the sincere sympathy of his many friends and colleagues is extended in full measure.—A.G.A.

Dr. ANNIE DOROTHEA SYMONS died suddenly on August 18 at her home in Bournemouth at the age of 59. She intended to be a medical missionary, and her fees at the Royal Free Hospital, where she qualified in 1924, were paid by a missionary society. However, after qualifying she was never fit enough to pass the necessary medical examination. She went to Bridgewater General Hospital as a house-surgeon, and later she took over a practice which became vacant in Bournemouth. Working from a small, noisy house on the main road in Boscombe, she built up a very large practice. Dr. Symons had great personal charm, keen intuition, and clinical insight, and she won the affection and confidence of all. Her acts of kindness to her patients extended far beyond her medical obligations. In March, 1948, Dr. Symons had a serious operation and knew that there was no hope of recovery. She was never able to return to full work, but did all that her strength would allow right up to the end. Her calm acceptance of the position and her courage, humour, confidence, and happiness in the last days of acute physical distress were an inspiration to her colleagues and friends.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

The opening ceremony of the new session of the Faculty of Medicine will take place in the Nurses' Recreation Hall, Nuffield House, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, on Tuesday, October 4, at 3 p.m., when the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury, P.C., D.D., D.L., will distribute the prizes awarded for the session 1948-9 and deliver an address to students. Past and present members of the Medical School are invited to attend, and tickets may be obtained from the Sub-Dean, the Medical School, Birmingham, 15.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

At a meeting of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow held on September 5, with Dr. W. R. Snodgrass, president, in the chair, the following candidates were admitted Fellows of Faculty *qua* Physician: J. B. Barr, A. J. MacK. Campbell, R. Fife, W. M. Fyfe, S. C. Ghosh, J. T. Hutchison, A. C. Kennedy, A. W. Lees, R. F. Maggs, A. G. Melrose, G. A. V. Ribeiro, Irene P. Rowlands, R. S. Singh, T. J. Thomson, G. F. Walker. The following were admitted Fellows of Faculty *qua* Surgeon: A. El H. Bayoumi, A. K. Brown, H. McC. Carson, G. A. Clark, H. B. Crum, F. G. Day, J. S. F. Hutchison, J. Lockie, I. R. McCaul, J. R. Macintyre, A. Mellick, P. S. Olivier, F. Riggall, P. L. Rishi, D. J. Toomey, W. F. Toomey, H. B. Watson.

Conference on Juvenile Delinquency

A Conference on the Scientific Study of Juvenile Delinquency will be held at the Royal Institution, 21, Albemarle Street, W., on Saturday, October 1. The conference was convened by the British Psychological Society, the Howard League for Penal Reform, the Institute for the Scientific Treatment of Delinquency, the Institute of Sociology, the National Association for Mental Health, and the Royal Medico-Psychological Association. The Earl of Feversham will open the meeting, which will be divided into morning and afternoon sessions. In the morning a discussion will be held on the limits of present knowledge, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. C. Maude, Recorder of Plymouth. The speakers will include Dr. J. D. W. Pearce and Dr. Hermann Mannheim. In the afternoon Miss Margery Fry will take the chair in a discussion on future research. Dr. John Bowlby and Dr. Dennis Carroll will be among the speakers.

Exhibition of Medical Photography

The Exhibition of Medical Photography organized by the Medical Group of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain is to be shown in the Museum, Manchester Royal Infirmary, from Monday, October 3, to Saturday, October 8. The exhibition will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, and on Saturday until 1 p.m.

Postgraduate Lectures in Ophthalmology

A series of postgraduate lectures in ophthalmology will be given in the Department of Ophthalmology of the University of Glasgow on Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19, and 26, at 8 p.m. A discussion will follow each paper. The meetings are open to all medical practitioners and senior students interested in the subject. Details will be published in the *Journal* under "Societies and Lectures" week by week.

Welsh National School of Medicine

Dr. W. N. Pickles is delivering the annual inaugural address to the Welsh National School of Medicine on October 6. His subject is "Epidemiology in Country Practice."

Charing Cross Hospital Medical School

The inaugural address will be given by the Rt. Hon. Sir Norman Birkett, M.A., LL.B., in the council room of the hospital on Thursday, October 6, at 4 p.m. The prizes will be presented by Lady Birkett. The medical school will be open for inspection from 2 to 3.30 p.m.

Kettle Memorial Trust Lecture

The Fifth Kettle Memorial Trust Lecture will be delivered by Dr. Beatrice Pullinger at the Royal College of Surgeons of England (Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.), on Friday, October 7, at 5 p.m. Her subject is "The Significance of Functional Differentiation in Mammary Tumours."

Prevention of Accidents

A conference organized on behalf of the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents will be held at the Royal Hotel, Scarborough, on October 7-9. Among subjects to be discussed are the safe use of solvents, the installation and maintenance of breathing apparatus, and the use of electric apparatus in hazardous atmospheres. The fee for the conference, including accommodation, is £5. Particulars can be obtained from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Industrial Safety Division, 131, Sloane Street, London, S.W.1.

Medical Golf

The Furness Division of the British Medical Association has arranged another golf tournament to be held at Grange Golf Club on Sunday, October 9, at 2.15 p.m. It is hoped that all members who participated in the previous one at Ulverston will again enter for this competition, and that any other member of the Division who plays golf will also enter. Names should be forwarded to the honorary secretary of the Furness Division, Dr. J. Mitchell Stuart, c/o the Clinic, Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., Naval Construction Works, Barrow-in-Furness, by September 26, so that arrangements may be completed.

Industrial Nursing

The Royal College of Nursing will hold a conference on "The Industrial Nursing Service" on October 7-8 at the Royal College, Henrietta Place, Cavendish Square, London, W.1. Those requiring tickets should apply as soon as possible to the Conference Secretary at the address above.

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES**Tuesday**

INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY.—At Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W., September 27, 5.30 p.m., discussion meeting jointly with British Society for the History of Science, "*Goeite and Modern Thought*," by Mr. Humphry Trevelyan. Professor William Rose will open the discussion.

Friday

CAMBRIDGE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, September 30, 2.30 p.m., "*Meddlesome Midwifery*," talk by Miss Janet Bottomley.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Isabel G. H. Wilson has been appointed a Senior Commissioner and Member of the Board of Control on the retirement of Miss Ruth Darwin.

Dr. Wilson graduated at Edinburgh in 1921, took the D.P.M. in 1924, and proceeded M.D. in 1926. She was elected F.R.C.P. in 1947. In 1938 she prepared jointly for the Board of Control a report on cardiazol treatment and hypoglycaemic shock treatment in schizophrenia.

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—*Consultant Physician for Mental Deficiency in Western Part of East Anglian Region*, W. Sharp, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M. *Consultant Psychiatrist for Child Guidance Services in the Ipswich Area*, J. G. Howells, M.B., B.S., D.P.M.

SOUTH WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—The following appointments have been announced: *Director, Rheumatism Unit and Advisor on the Service—South Western and Oxford Regional Boards*, G. D. Kersley, M.D., F.R.C.P. *Surgeon, South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth*, J. P. Childs, M.Ch., F.R.C.S. *Anaesthetist, Neurosurgery Department, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol*, P. L. F. Mortimer, M.B., B.S., D.A. *Assistant Dental Surgeon, Plastic Surgery Department, City General Hospital, Gloucester*, H. Handley, B.D.S. *Medical Director, Mass Radiography Unit, Plymouth*, G. Sheers, M.B., B.Chir. *Physician-Superintendent, Quantock Sanatorium, Somerset*, B. J. Douglas Smith, M.B., B.S.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**BIRTHS**

Ferguson.—On August 29, 1949, at Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, to Eileen (née O'Brien), wife of Dr. T. I. V. Ferguson, a son.

Gidley.—On September 4, 1949, at Manor Hospital, Nuneaton, to Maisie (née Merry), M.B., B.S., D.A., a son—Alexander Claude.

Graves.—On September 13, 1949, to Valerie (née Scotland, M.B., B.S.), wife of Dr. J. C. Graves, 9, Westgate Avenue, Holcombe Brook, Lancs, a daughter.

Rose.—On September 9, 1949, at 80, Harborne Road, Birmingham, 32, to Dr. Mary Rose (née Lavender), wife of G. K. Rose, F.R.C.S., a son—Robert Ewart.

MARRIAGES

Daniel-Williams.—On August 27, 1949, at Cwmwrch, Owen Daniel, M.B., F.R.C.S., of Glanamman, Carmar, to Rhianydd Williams, of Cwmwrch, Breconshire.

Davidson-Fortune.—On August 29, 1949, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, John Howard Davidson, M.B., B.S., to Phyllis Mary Veronica Fortune.

Protheroe Smith-Fletcher.—On September 13, 1949, Edward Protheroe Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (late of Redditch), to Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Fletcher, of Webbeath, Worcs.

DEATHS

Bickerton.—On September 13, 1949, at 33, Portland Place, London, W., Reginald Ernest Bickerton, D.S.O., M.B., Ch.B., Colonel R.A.M.C., T.A.

Elworthy.—On September 11, 1949, Reginald Robert Elworthy, O.B.E., M.D., of 18, St. Margaret's Drive, East Twickenham, Middlesex.

James.—On September 12, 1949, Edmund Arnold James, M.B., Ch.B., of Trecrom, St. Helen's Place, Castleford, Yorks.

Jenkins.—On September 15, 1949, Charles Evans Jenkins, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Dunedin, Sale, Cheshire.

Kinloch.—On September 14, 1949, at 305, Upper Shoreham Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, William Anderson Kinloch, M.B., C.M., aged 76.

Macdonald.—On September 10, 1949, at Lynton, Thrupp Lane, near Stroud, Glos, Alexander Tulloh Inglis Macdonald, M.D., formerly of Bootle, Liverpool.

Mannington.—On September 12, 1949, at Hillbrow, 49, St. Helen's Crescent, Hastings, Sussex, Frank Mannington, F.R.C.S., formerly of Muswell Hill, London, N., aged 75.

Munro.—On September 18, 1949, at Beech House, Egremont, Cumberland, James Gibson Munro, M.B., Ch.B.

Rowand.—On September 15, 1949, at a nursing-home, St. Andrews, Andrew Rowand, M.D., formerly of 19, Queen's Gardens, St. Andrews, aged 86.

Sanders.—On September 16, 1949, Ernest Leonard Sanders, M.B., Ch.B., of 122, Lauriston Place, Edinburgh, 3.

Smith.—On September 16, 1949, at Mount Vernon Hospital, Harry Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., of Sunnyways, Gerrards Cross, Bucks.

Smyth.—On September 11, 1949, at Four Walls, Formby, Lancs, John Francis Smyth, M.D., D.P.M.