

reading and to the extent of his learning. Now and again, however, he is uncritical in his acceptance of authority, as when he fails to examine the statement that nine out of ten of the persons attending the Peckham Health Centre were in a state of ill-health.

He tells us that this book rose phoenix-like from the ashes of a burnt manuscript, an ambitious work entitled "The Philosophy of Medicine." As he watched the flames destroy the result of a year's labour he consoled himself with the reflection that the philosophic method had no place in medicine, which required only careful observation and experiment. This is Walker writing, for nothing is more apparent in the practice of medicine to-day than that it lacks a coherent philosophy. "K. W." should try again.

D. V. HUBBLE.

### FANCY FREE

*Adaptation.* Edited by John Romano, M.D. (Pp. 113. 16s.) Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press. London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1949.

This volume consists of the papers read at the "Dedictory Program" of the psychiatric unit at the Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. A brief editorial introduction is followed by five variations on themes suggested by the title. They are composed respectively by distinguished professors of zoology, physiology, psychobiology, psychiatry, and anthropology, the theme of "adaptation" being chosen on the grounds that it was a concept "central" to them all.

It is impossible to summarize the contents, since the contributors have let their fancy roam with fluent zest. The action of enzymes, the work of Pavlov and Sherrington, the views of sundry philosophers, the behaviour of wild rats and of neurotic goats, the result of a Gallup Poll (published in the *Ladies' Home Journal*) on the belief in the existence of God, the revelations of Freud, and many other matters—all find a place.

It is as if each professor had been set a question in some nightmare examination, "Write down what you know and interests you in not more than 22 pages"; but none complain, and only one seems to ask rather plaintively what it is all about. And who would not be puzzled, for example, about whether it is remarkable or only to be expected that elephants should have legs thick enough to support their weight? If they hadn't—but that is too easy: the elephant—and what else?—does not arise, or falls flat.

DESMOND CURRAN.

In *Energy and Matter* (Staples Press, 10s. 6d.) Dr. R. L. Worrall endeavours to give in a short space an account in simple language of the development of modern physics. He begins with a rapid review of the rise of physical science from the days of Aristotle to the present time. Such a review must of necessity be limited to the main positions taken up by the great physicists upon whose discoveries progress is dependent, and the author has wisely expressed their views in terms used by the discoverers themselves. Even if this method involves a certain degree of discontinuity, it provides a series of solid foundations the veracity of which can scarcely be questioned. Whether the reader who is not already familiar with the conceptions of modern physics will be able to grasp their meaning is an open question, but at least he will have the opportunity of a rapid review of the problems. The author has evidently read very widely, and it is a remarkable achievement to have compressed so much in so short a space. The absence of mathematical terms and symbols will certainly be appreciated by the readers for whom the book is intended.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*Divine Healing: What the Bible Miracles Teach.* By P. Raymond, M.B., B.S. (Pp. 55. 2s. 3d.) Dorchester: Longmans. 1950.

*Illustrations of Anatomy for Nurses.* By E. B. Jamieson, M.D. 3rd ed. (Pp. 86. No price.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1950.

*Manson's Tropical Diseases.* Edited by Sir Philip H. Manson-Bahr, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.A., M.D., D.T.M.&H., F.R.C.P. 13th ed. (Pp. 1,136. 45s.) London: Cassell. 1950.

*Eye Surgery.* By H. B. Stallard, M.B.E., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.S. 2nd ed. (Pp. 667. 52s. 6d.) London: Simpkin Marshall. Bristol: John Wright. 1950.

*A Textbook of Venereal Diseases.* By R. R. Willcox, M.B., B.S. (Pp. 439. 32s. 6d.) London: William Heinemann. 1950.

*Regional Dermatologic Diagnosis.* By E. Epstein, M.D. (Pp. 328. 42s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950.

*A Short Textbook of Surgery.* By C. F. W. Illingworth, C.B.E., M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed. 5th ed. (Pp. 676. 30s.) London: Churchill. 1950.

*Physiological Mechanisms in Animal Behaviour. Symposia of the Society for Experimental Biology. No. 4.* (Pp. 482. 35s.) Cambridge: University Press. 1950.

*The Abnormal Pneumoencephalogram.* By L. M. Davidoff, M.D., and B. S. Epstein, M.D. (Pp. 506. 105s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950.

*Living Anatomy.* By R. D. Lockhart, M.D., Ch.M. 2nd ed. (Pp. 71. 12s. 6d.) London: Faber and Faber. 1950.

*The Effects of Temperature, Humidity, Air Movement, and Solar Radiation on the Behaviour and Physiology of Cattle and Other Farm Animals.* By J. D. Findlay, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Pp. 178. No price.) Kirkhill, Ayr: The Hannah Dairy Research Institute. 1950.

*The Centennial of the Sheffield Scientific School.* By E. O. Lawrence and others. Edited by G. A. Baitzell. (Pp. 206. 20s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1950.

*The Closed Treatment of Common Fractures.* By J. Charnley, B.Sc., M.B., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 190. 35s.) Edinburgh: E. and S. Livingstone. 1950.

*Modern Trends in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.* Edited by K. Bowes, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 778. 60s.) London: Butterworth. 1950.

*Supervoltage Roentgentherapy.* By F. Buschke, M.D., and others. (Pp. 297. 77s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

*Living by Zen.* By D. T. Suzuki, D.Litt. (Pp. 187. 15s.) London: Rider. 1950.

*Recent Advances in Ocular Prosthesis.* By J. H. Prince, F.B.O.A., F.S.M.C., F.R.M.S., F.Z.S. (Pp. 155. 20s.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1950.

*Emergencies in Medical Practice.* Edited by C. A. Birch, M.D., F.R.C.P. 2nd ed. (Pp. 564. 27s. 6d.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1950.

*Irish Medical Directory and Hospital Year Book, 1950.* 11th ed. (Pp. 269. 15s. 6d.) Dublin: Parkside Press. 1950.

*The Chemistry of Industrial Toxicology.* By H. B. Elkins, Ph.D. (Pp. 406. 44s.) New York: John Wiley. London: Chapman and Hall. 1950.

*Lipidoses: Diseases of the Cellular Lipid Metabolism.* By S. J. Thannhauser, M.D., Ph.D. Edited by H. A. Christian, A.M., M.D., LL.D., Sc.D.Hon., M.A.C.P., Hon.F.R.C.P.Can., D.S.M.(A.M.A.). (Pp. 606. 96s.) New York: Oxford University Press. London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1950.

his vitality, his joy in his work, and his love of his fellows were among his outstanding features. His death brings sorrow and a void in the hearts of all those who knew him intimately, whether as patient, medical colleague, or friend.

HENRY FAITHFUL SMITH, who died on July 12, was born, in his own words, of South Saxon stock, the younger son of Dr. J. A. Smith, vicar of Swansea and later dean of St. David's. He was educated at Repton and Oxford, and after farming for a few years in Canada began to study medicine at Edinburgh University in 1904, when he was about 10 years older than most of his fellow students. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1909, and after acting as house-physician to the late Sir Byron Bramwell he settled in partnership in a practice at Windermere, his old chief describing the terms as "not a deed of partnership but an agreement between gentlemen." He proceeded M.D. in 1913. In the first world war he served in the R.A.M.C. in Mesopotamia, where he won the reputation of always knowing his own mind and acting with promptitude and decision. He had a most strict sense of duty, and from his duty no power on earth could make him swerve. He could turn his hand to most things. He returned to his Windermere practice and remained there, a doctor much beloved. Dr. Smith's last professional work was done as chairman of the Kendal recruiting medical board during the last war. Then he retired to Gower, the place of his boyhood, and there, after a laryngotomy performed in London, he died. He had unusual physical toughness, and even in his seventies could tramp the fells all day and walk his juniors off their legs. He was a devoted golfer, and almost his only sedentary recreation was bridge. He was no intellectual, but he had an abounding common sense. He was a survival of the God-fearing Victorian Englishman and a gentleman in the tradition of Charles Kingsley, and he will be missed.—J. W.

## Medico-Legal

### A DOCTOR EXONERATED

[FROM OUR MEDICO-LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

A man who was demobilized from the Army in 1945 suffered from chronic rheumatism, for which his doctor treated him. The diagnosis was confirmed by various specialists. In January, 1948, he returned home from work feeling very ill, and late in the evening he collapsed. His wife telephoned to the doctor and asked him to come to the home, but the doctor did not do so, and prescribed sedatives. In the early morning she asked a policeman to call the doctor again, and at 4 a.m. he came and arranged for the patient to go into hospital, where he was operated upon for a perforated gastric ulcer. He died the following morning. His wife sued the doctor, Dr. John D. Hempseed, of Sheffield, at Yorkshire Assizes for negligence.<sup>1</sup> In defence the doctor gave evidence that at no time had the patient ever complained of stomach pain, but rather of pains of the shoulders, legs, arms, and lumbar region. He had understood the wife to say over the telephone that the husband was suffering from the "usual" pains; she had not mentioned the stomach. Her counsel then said that he was no longer prepared to submit that the doctor should have diagnosed a gastric ulcer, but maintained that he had been unskilful in not attending the patient when he was first summoned.

Mr. Justice Hilbery said in giving judgment that he was satisfied that there had never been any complaint of abdominal pain or sign of abdominal disturbance. It would, he added, be a shocking thing if in the circumstances the court were to hold that a medical man was guilty of negligence because he did not rush round immediately. He entered judgment for the doctor with costs.

<sup>1</sup>Yorkshire Post, April 21, 22.

## Universities and Colleges

### UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—C. B. Henderson, C. Josephs, G. S. Michelson, W. Walker, J. E. Wilson, W. K. Yeates.

FINAL M.B., B.S.—J. Anderson (with second-class honours), A. King (with second-class honours), Jean Armstrong, J. S. Bearcroft, Dorothy G. Blackett-Ord, Mary A. Brennan, I. S. Brown, H. Byrne, R. Carr, Joan M. Cashman, A. Chesshire, D. B. Clough, Irene Colbert, Greta I. Drummond, Ola E. P. Doring, M. Graham, R. P. Graham, Mary E. S. Gray, K. Hardy, R. J. Harris, Anne H. Harrison, W. R. Heeler, J. G. Hindmarsh, K. W. Holt, G. Hurst, P. Hutchinson, Audrey Jennings, B. O. Kawala, Joyce L. Kemp, June M. Kirk, J. C. Knox, G. B. Lawrence, Hilda M. McCormick, J. A. McCraith, M. J. Morgan, Elizabeth Nicholson, J. D. Rickinson, C. Robertson, D. Russell, C. Shadforth, Monnica C. Stewart, K. A. Stone, N. Thompson, T. A. Trotter, D. M. Turnbull, K. E. Wardill, Joyce M. Watson, F. J. Wilkinson, B. Zimet.

D.P.H.—A. Forster, W. B. A. Smyth.

### UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Sir Archibald Gray has been appointed by His Majesty in Council as a member of the University Court from October 1 for the remainder of Sir Henry Dale's term of office—i.e., 1948–53.

Sir Alexander Fleming, F.R.S., will represent the University at the fifth International Congress of Microbiology to be held at Rio de Janeiro from August 17 to 24.

The following have been appointed, or nominated for appointment or reappointment, as representatives of the University on the governing bodies indicated in parentheses: Professor Dorothy Russell (Institute of Ophthalmology); Professor W. J. Hamilton (second representative, Royal Veterinary College); Major-General P. H. Mitchiner (Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association of the County of London); Dr. A. Topping (University College Hospital).

The following have been recognized as teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses: *Middlesex Hospital Medical School*: Dr. A. C. Thackray (Pathology); Dr. F. C. Golding (Radiology); Mr. Rainsford Mowlem and Mr. T. Holmes Sellors (Surgery). *Westminster Medical School*: Dr. I. W. Magill and Dr. G. S. W. Organe (Anaesthetics); Dr. J. G. Humble and Dr. B. W. Lacey (Bacteriology); Dr. I. McA. Anderson (Children's Diseases); Dr. G. D. Lumb and Dr. A. D. Morgan (Pathology). *Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine*: Dr. Nuala F. T. Crowley (Bacteriology). *King's College*: Dr. J. P. Quilliam (Pharmacology). *Institute of Psychiatry*: Dr. K. Cameron (Mental Diseases). *Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*: Dr. V. B. Green-Armytage (Obstetrics and Gynaecology). *Guy's Hospital Medical School*: Mr. R. O. Holland, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S. (Dental Surgery). *St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School*: Dr. J. F. Ryan (Anaesthetics).

The South Middlesex Fever Hospital, Isleworth, has been added to the list of institutions at which students may take the course in fevers for the M.B., B.S. degrees.

The following candidates have been approved at the examinations indicated:

M.D.—*Branch I (Medicine)*: Daphne S. A. Anderson, P. G. Arblaster, G. Beven, E. P. Bharucha, D. P. Bowler, P. D. Bryant, G. B. Carruthers, Betty L. Coles, J. B. Cook, J. N. C. Cooke, Rosemary Davies, D. M. Douglas, H.-J. B. Galbraith, R. F. Griffith-Evans, A. G. S. Grimble, D. B. Gunasekara, H. C. Hamilton, E. P. W. Helps, H. D. G. Hetherington, F. C. N. Holden, Mary C. Holt, O. A. N. Husain, S. L. O. Jackson, J. W. M. K. W. S. Jayewardene, I. D. MacDonald, W. Mackenzie, J. G. Millichap, J. C. Mitchell, Madeleine B. Morris, \*W. O'Brien, Ethel A. Perrott, \*F. I. Rackow, G. S. Ratnavale, R. B. Sloane, Margaret H. Stanfield, Kathleen Staynes, \*J. S. Stead (*University Medal*), B. E. R. Symonds, K. L. Tewfik, J. L. G. Thomson, D. Q. Trounce, R. B. N. Wilsdon, B. B. Zeitlyn. *Branch II (Pathology)*: J. D. Abbott, D. N. Baron, A. R. Blowers, B. S. Cardell, M. C. H. Dodgson, R. J. Evans, H. P. Ferreira, A. K. Mant, A. F. Mohun, D. S. Ridley, H. Sterndale, Elizabeth Topley. *Branch III (Psychological Medicine)*: J. P. Crawford, M. Hamilton. *Branch IV (Midwifery and Diseases of Women)*: H. D. Freeth, F. Kohiyar, F. C. R. Picton, G. J. Sophian. *Branch V (Hygiene)*: L. R. L. Edwards, H. T. Phillips, Alison D. McDonald, G. H. Stuart, W. C. Turner. *Branch VI (Tropical Medicine)*: S. Fernando.

\*Mark of distinction.

Lambeth 5 and Woolwich 5. In Northumberland the cases fell from 16 to 8. Other large returns were Warwickshire 43 (Birmingham C.B. 28, Sutton Coldfield M.B. 5); Lancashire 24 (Manchester C.B. 8, Liverpool C.B. 6); Staffordshire 24; these cases were notified from 11 administrative areas. Worcestershire 13 (Dudley C.B. 5); Essex 13 (West Ham C.B. 5); Yorkshire West Riding 12, involving 9 administrative areas; Gloucestershire 11 (Bristol C.B. 7).

In Scotland increased notifications were reported for dysentery 22, acute primary pneumonia 14; decreases were reported for measles 70, whooping-cough 35, and acute poliomyelitis 9. A small rise in the incidence of dysentery occurred in every area, the largest returns being Glasgow 58 (an increase of 26) and Edinburgh 12. Notifications of acute poliomyelitis in Glasgow rose from 15 to 25, and the next largest returns were Fife county 7 and Angus county 4.

In Eire there were decreases for measles 92 and scarlet fever 23, while the only rise was whooping-cough 24. A decrease of 28 for measles and an increase of 11 for whooping-cough were recorded in Dublin C.B.

In Northern Ireland notifications of measles decreased by 53. This was due to a fall of 44 in the number of cases in Down county and 19 in Belfast C.B., where 12 of the 18 cases of acute poliomyelitis were also notified.

#### Week Ending July 29

Notifications of infectious diseases in England and Wales during the week included scarlet fever 1,012, whooping-cough 3,714, diphtheria 42, measles 8,291, acute pneumonia 277, acute poliomyelitis 305, dysentery 166, paratyphoid fever 7, typhoid fever 10.

## Medical News

### Royal College of Surgeons

The Honorary Medal of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has been awarded to Lord Webb-Johnson, in recognition of his many generous acts and continued labours in the interest of the college throughout the eight years of his presidency.

### Travelling Fellowship Offered

The American Association for Thoracic Surgery has created a travelling fellowship (value approximately \$1,000) for the study of thoracic surgery or its related sciences in the U.S.A. or Canada. The fellowship will be an annual appointment, and the American Association has generously invited the Society of Thoracic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland to nominate the first holder. Anyone interested in this fellowship is advised to communicate with the honorary secretary of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Mr. O. S. Tubbs, 15, Upper Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

### Raymond F. Longacre Award

The Raymond F. Longacre Award for 1949 has been presented to Sir Charles Symonds by the Aero Medical Association of America. The award is given annually by the association to the person who has contributed most to the advancement of neuropsychiatric aspects of aviation medicine, including the development of aptitude tests for flying. The first award was presented to Dr. Ross A. McFarland in 1947 and the award for 1948 was made to Dr. Detlev W. Bronk. The presentation was made in London by Group Captain Corbett, of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

### Delinquency

The Institute for the Study and Treatment of Delinquency has begun publication of a new quarterly, the *British Journal of Delinquency*, the main purpose of which is to enable students of criminology to keep in touch with recent developments in the various branches of science concerned with the investigation, treatment, and prevention of delinquency. While clinical contributions will receive special consideration, it is intended also to publish articles on medical psychology, psychiatry,

psycho-analysis, organic medicine, educational psychology, sociology, economics, anthropology, psycho-biology, and statistics. The journal is published by Baillière, Tindall and Cox, and the annual subscription is £1 7s. 6d.

### Japanese Journal of Biochemistry

The *Journal of Biochemistry*, organ of the Japanese Biochemical Society, has restarted publication. Founded in 1922, the journal was discontinued in 1944. In the past it has published many important papers by Japanese biochemists. It will appear quarterly from the Institute of Biochemistry, Tokyo University.

## COMING EVENTS

### World Federation for Mental Health

The third annual meeting of the World Federation for Mental Health will be held at the Cité Universitaire in Paris from August 30 to September 7. The discussions have been designed to lead up to the work of the next International Congress on Mental Health, which will take place next year. They are concerned with mental health in education, in industry, and among transplanted and homeless persons. A further subject of discussion will be that of leadership and authority in local communities. It is understood that the Government of Mexico has invited the International Congress to hold its meeting there in December, 1951.

### Conference on Venous Disorders

A conference on venous disorders will be held at Aix-en-Provence on September 15-17 under the presidency of Professor René Leriche. Particulars may be obtained from the Secrétariat, Journées Internationales de Phlébologie, 4, Cours Mirabeau, Aix-en-Provence, France.

### American Public Health Association

The 78th annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, and meetings of 32 related organizations in the field of public health and preventive medicine, will be held in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, on October 30-November 3. The programme will be published in the September issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*. Additional information may be obtained from Dr. Reginald M. Atwater, executive secretary, American Public Health Association, 1790, Broadway, New York 19, N.Y., U.S.A.

## SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

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

### Tuesday

EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE BOARD FOR MEDICINE.—At University New Buildings (Anatomy Lecture Theatre), Edinburgh, August 15, 4.30 p.m., "The Anatomy of the Bile Ducts," by Professor John Kirk.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### BIRTHS

Barber.—On July 25, 1950, at Johnstone House, Belfast, to Nan, wife of Dr. J. M. Barber, a son.  
Holliman.—On July 31, 1950, at University College Hospital, London, W.C., to Catharine (formerly Large), wife of Dr. Arthur Holliman, a daughter—Catharine Margaret.  
Ritch.—On July 27, 1950, to Dr. Elsie (formerly Morison), wife of Dr. Donald R. S. Ritch, "Dunholme," Stamfordham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, a son.  
Scadding.—On July 27, 1950, to Mabel, wife of Dr. J. G. Scadding, F.R.C.P., a daughter.  
Starey.—On July 30, 1950, at Churchill Hospital, Oxford, to Phyllis (formerly Horton), wife of Dr. C. J. H. Starey, of Stokenchurch, Bucks, a son.  
Taylor.—On July 29, 1950, in East London, South Africa, to Andrée, wife of Dr. W. Norman Taylor, of Fort Hare, Cape Province, a son.  
Thomson.—On July 31, 1950, in Ashleigh Nursing Home, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to Elizabeth (formerly McCarn) and Dr. Donald Thomson, Glenroy, Stanhope, Co. Durham, a daughter.  
White.—On July 25, 1950, at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, to Margaret White, M.B., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (formerly Stather Hunt), and Thomas White, M.B., M.R.C.O.G., a daughter.

### MARRIAGE

Eyles—Cassells.—On July 12, 1950, in Norfolk, Reginald Eric Eyles, L.D.S. R.C.S., to Nulece Cassells, M.B., Ch.B.

### DEATHS

Audland.—On July 31, 1950, at Witherslack Nursing Home, Westmorland, William Edward Audland, M.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 90.  
Banks.—On August 1, 1950, at The Royal Masonic Hospital, Ravenscourt Park, London, W., John Herbert Banks, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 71.