

EFFECTS OF NEPHRITIS

The Natural History of Bright's Disease. A Study from the Standpoint of Paediatrics. By G. E. M. Scott, M.B.(Melb.), L.R.C.P.Ed., L.R.F.P.S.(Glasg.). (Pp. 62. 15s.) Melbourne: W. Ramsay (Surgical) Pty. 1950.

Perhaps a more appropriate title for this little book would be "A Study of the After-results of Nephritis in Children," for that is what it is about.

After a brief but adequate survey of the literature on the classification of nephritis since that of Volhard and Fahr, the author gives details of the follow-up of 68 patients who were discharged from hospital with some urinary abnormalities from five to eight years previously. Except in one particular, the results do not differ materially from those published in many similar series. The exception is the very high proportion of patients (49.3%) who were subsequently found to have arterial hypertension.

Since age of onset is known to be an important factor in the development of post-nephritic hypertension, and the mean age at onset in the author's series was only 7.4 years, it must be presumed that the residual hypertension was largely due to nervousness when being re-examined. This is further suggested by the author's statement that in no case was a raised diastolic pressure recorded or cardiac enlargement observed. An analysis of the causes of death in a further 36 patients is also made, but again no new facts are recorded.

The book is well written and well produced, and should serve to accomplish the author's purpose of encouraging practitioners and students of medicine to cultivate the habit of carefully recording their clinical observations.

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RECOLLECTIONS OF A GENERAL PRACTITIONER

My Life in Three Counties. By H. W. Pooler, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A. (Pp. 247; illustrated. 15s.) London: Christopher Johnson.

The publisher of this book (a "truant" doctor, by the way) did well when he induced Dr. Pooler to follow up *My Life in General Practice* with this sequel. The author has gone one better in his second essay. It ought to have an even wider appeal than his first. Its outstanding merit in my eyes is the gusto with which it is written and successfully imparted to the reader.

Dr. Pooler is an enthusiastic Salopian, and gives good reasons for his pride in his native county. To a keen eye for scenery he adds an attractive curiosity about the historical events in which Shropshire took part and the many interesting and sometimes famous characters it produced. When, after a memorable career as a general practitioner in Birmingham, he adopts Derbyshire as his future sphere of action, he does so with the same infectious enthusiasm. A good deal of attention is given to local medical celebrities, and the author has many good stories about Birmingham doctors which will be welcomed by old students. He dives into the history of Birmingham, and rescues from oblivion many who well deserve remembrance. I was surprised that among these he did not mention Mr. Hector, the surgeon and lifelong friend of Samuel Johnson, who lived with him for some time and found his wife there. But one can't have everything, and this is indeed a full and joyous book. It is very well illustrated and produced with the good taste one associates with the publishers. I would, however, suggest that it ought to have had an index.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

Biological Standardization. By J. H. Burn and others. 2nd ed. (Pp. 440. 35s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1950.

A Primer of Venous Pressure. By G. E. Burch, M.D. (Pp. 174. 28s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950.

Coronary Circulation in Health and Disease. By D. E. Gregg, M.S., Ph.D., M.D. (Pp. 227. 31s. 6d.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950.

British Journal of Radiology. Supplement No. 2. Some Applications of Nuclear Physics to Medicine. By W. V. Mayneord, D.Sc., F.Inst.P. (Pp. 290. No price.) London: British Institute of Radiology. 1950.

The Future in Medicine. (Pp. 160. 16s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1950.

The Harvard List of Books in Psychology. (Pp. 77. 6s. 6d.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. Oxford University Press. 1949.

Light Therapy. By R. Kovacs, M.D. (Pp. 112. 16s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

S. Weir Mitchell: Novelist and Physician. By E. Earnest. (Pp. 279. 28s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. Oxford University Press. 1950.

Pre-frontal Leucotomy. By M. Partridge, M.A., D.M., D.P.M. (Pp. 496. 42s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

Exhibitionism. By N. K. Rickles, B.S., M.D. (Pp. 198. 40s.) London: Lippincott. 1950.

The Results of Radium and X-ray Therapy in Malignant Disease. Compiled by R. Paterson and others. (Pp. 167. 10s. 6d. Postage 7d.) Edinburgh: Livingstone. 1950.

Psychiatry and the General Practitioner. The Medical Clinics of North America. Mayo Clinic Number. (Pp. 1,251. No price.) London and Philadelphia: Saunders. 1950.

Annual Review of Biochemistry. By J. M. Luck and others. Vol. 19. (Pp. 596. \$6.) Stanford, California: Annual Reviews, Inc. 1950.

Manual of Rheumatic Diseases. By W. P. Holbrook, M.D., and D. F. Hill, M.D. (Pp. 182. \$4.25.) Chicago: Year Book Publishers. 1950.

Recherches Expérimentales sur l'Asthme. By R. Benda and D. A. Urquía. (Pp. 83. 450 francs.) Paris: Librairie Maloine. 1950.

Dermatologie. By H. and L. Gougerot. 7th ed. (Pp. 730. 3,200 francs.) Paris: Librairie Maloine. 1950.

Pathogénie de la Tuberculose, Oxyaminothérapie, Allergie et B.C.G. By D. Hervouet. (Pp. 155. 240 francs.) Paris: Maloine. 1950.

Tous les Diagnostics et Tous les Traitements. By M. Monnerot-Dumaine. 3rd ed. (Pp. 683. 1,800 francs.) Paris: Librairie Maloine. 1950.

Lobotomia Frontal. By A. Martí-Granell and J. U. Mariné. (Pp. 99. No price.) Barcelona: Ediciones BYP. 1950.

Afecciones Crónicas de los Ganglios Linfáticos del Cuello. By L. R. Badía. (Pp. 167. No price.) Barcelona: Ediciones BYP. 1950.

La Infección por Proteus en el Recién Nacido. By E. Peluffo and others. (Pp. 89. No price.) Montevideo: Editorial Medica G.A.MO-MER. 1949.

Histoplasmosis. By J. C. Freijo. (Pp. 128. No price.) Montevideo: Instituto de Tisiología. 1950.

Rh Organization and Research in the Netherlands. By various authors. (Pp. 185. 5 florins.) Leiden: Stenfort Kroese's Uitgevers-Mij N.V. 1950.

International Congress of Haematology

On August 23 a dinner in honour of the International Congress of Haematology was held in the Guildhall, Cambridge. Delegates from all over the world were present. In proposing the toast to the Congress, Sir Lionel Whitby, the president, greeted in particular those who had come from distant parts, and said how grateful he was that so many representatives had come from North and from South America. One of the objects of the Congress was discussion on a friendly and personal level of the problems that interested them all. Here they had the opportunity of meeting face to face those whose writings they had read and perhaps criticized or admired.

The size of the Congress (more than 400 sat down to dinner) bore witness to the world-wide interest in haematology. Sir Lionel ended by paying a tribute to those responsible for the organization of the Congress, especially the secretary, Dr. Martin Hynes. Spurning the microphone, Dr. Chevallier, president of the European Society—and perhaps the only professor of haematology—responded eloquently to the toast, observing that the publication of Sir Lionel's book had shown him that Cambridge was not merely a place where young men rowed for exercise.

British Pharmacopoeia Commission

Mr. T. C. Denston, F.R.I.C., has been appointed secretary to the British Pharmacopoeia Commission in succession to Dr. C. H. Hampshire, who will retire on October 4.

Birmingham Medical Library

Birmingham University Medical School has been offered a donation sufficient to provide a new medical library. Plans for the library and a lecture theatre to accommodate 600 people have already been approved at an estimated cost of £100,000. The anonymous donor has been associated with the medical school all his life. During the past 12 years the annual intake at the school has risen from 60 to 110 students, and the library and lecture theatre will ease the difficulties of accommodation which have arisen during that period.

Prize for Investigation into Chest Disease

The American College of Chest Physicians offers a cash prize award of \$250 for the best original contribution, preferably by a young investigator, on chest disease. The prize is open to contestants of other countries as well as those residing in the United States. The paper must be submitted to the executive office of the college, from which full particulars may be obtained, at 500, North Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, not later than April 1, 1951.

Brussels Treaty Powers Health Committee

The sixth session of the Health Committee of the Brussels Treaty Powers is to be held in St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh, on September 7-9, under the chairmanship of Sir Andrew Davidson, chief medical officer of the Department of Health for Scotland. The committee was set up by the Governments of the Brussels Treaty countries—Belgium, France, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom—to consider the development on corresponding lines of health services in these countries. Some of the subjects to be considered at this session are the comparison of medical education, the exchange of medical and auxiliary medical personnel, the protection in war-time of the health of the civil population, and the standardization of blood transfusion apparatus.

COMING EVENTS**Digestive Tract**

A course on the pathology of the digestive tract will be held at the Hospital de la Santa Cruz y San Pablo, Barcelona, from October 5 to December 16. Particulars may be obtained from the director, Dr. F. Gallart Monés, Escuela de Patología Digestiva, Hospital de la Santa Cruz y San Pablo, Barcelona.

Westminster Medical School

The inaugural address of the Westminster Medical School will be delivered by Sir Cecil P. G. Wakeley, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, at Church House, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1, on Monday, October 2, at 3 p.m.

Film Congress

The Fourth Congress of the International Scientific Film Association will be held in Florence on October 14 to 22. There will be a Festival of Scientific Films during the congress. A special committee of the British Scientific Film Association has been formed to recommend films for submission to this festival, and the committee would be glad to have information as soon as possible about recent films. Full details about films for submission should be sent, including running time, gauge, date of production, brief synopsis, etc. Particulars may be obtained from the Scientific Film Association, 4, Great Russell Street, London, W.C.1.

Broncho-oesophagology

A theoretical and practical course in broncho-oesophagology will be held in the Amphithéâtre d'Anatomie des Hôpitaux de Paris on October 19-28. The number participating is limited to 24. Particulars may be obtained before September 30 from Dr. Jean Braine, l'Amphithéâtre d'Anatomie des Hôpitaux, 17, Rue du Fer à Moulin, Paris, 5^e.

Courses in Psychiatry

A prospectus of training courses to be held in 1950-1 for psychiatrists, psychologists, and ancillary workers by the Tavistock Clinic may be obtained from the clinic at 2, Beaumont Street, London, W.1.

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.

Monday

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—At Biochemical Laboratory, Cambridge, September 4, 3 p.m., "*Hormones and the Anterior Pituitary Gland*," by Dr. H. M. Evans (University of California). Free to all members of the University.

Friday

EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE BOARD FOR MEDICINE.—At University New Buildings (Anatomy Lecture Theatre), Edinburgh, September 8, 4.30 p.m., "*The Paralysis of Autonomic Ganglia*," by Dr. W. D. M. Paton.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**BIRTHS**

Craig.—On August 20, 1950, at Devonshire Lodge, Eastbourne, to Ann (formerly Neely), wife of Dr. David Craig, a daughter.
Darke.—On August 17, 1950, at Shearwood Road Nursing Home, Sheffield, to Margaret (formerly Wild), wife of Dr. Christopher Darke, a sister for Jonathan and Christopher—Elizabeth Margaret.
Evershed.—On August 8, 1950, at the British Military Hospital, Nairobi, Kenya, to Elizabeth, wife of Squadron Leader T. A. Evershed, M.B., B.Chir., R.A.F., a daughter—Jennifer Margaret.
Lund.—On July 5, 1950, to Dr. Elizabeth Lund, wife of Dr. Maxwell Lund, F.R.C.S.Ed., of 65, Hosking Road, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, a son—Charles Robert.
Peach.—On August 13, 1950, at Colchester, to Pauline (formerly Ward), wife of A. N. Hamilton Peach, F.R.C.S., a daughter—Caroline Hamilton.

MARRIAGE

Molloy—Milleit.—On August 5, 1950, at Canterbury, John Molloy to Joan Milleit, M.B., B.S.

DEATHS

Bates.—On August 15, 1950, John Vincent Bates, M.C., M.B., B.Ch., of West Malling, Kent.
Dodd.—On August 17, 1950, at 222, Woodstock Road, Oxford, Frederick Henry Dodd, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
Foreman.—On January 15, 1950, Joseph Foreman, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 125, Macquarie Street, Sydney, Australia.
Glover.—On August 12, 1950, at Brailsford House, near Derby, Norman Glover, B.M., B.Ch.
Heard.—On August 16, 1950, at 7, Crossland Crescent, Peebles, Richard Heard, C.I.E., M.D., Major-General I.M.S., retired, aged 80.
Kerr.—On August 14, 1950, at the Royal West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, Arthur Edgar Kerr, M.B., B.Ch., of Tripp Hill House, Fittleworth, Sussex.
Ranken.—On August 7, 1950, at Royal Infirmary, Sunderland, Margaret Ranken, M.B., B.S., of St. George's Square, Sunderland.
Robinson.—On August 19, 1950, at Ivy Court, Royston, Herts, George Henkell Drummond Robinson, M.D., F.R.C.P., aged 85.