

experience gained a clearer appreciation of the importance of the preventive approach and of preventive action in the field of psychological medicine. Now that an interest in mental health occupies the centre of the parliamentary stage it would be well if this book were studied by all concerned. There is much in it that could be considered, with advantage, in discussions concerning the mental health of a population such as ours in days such as these.

F. A. E. CREW.

### A MODERN CHINESE PHYSICIAN

*Plague Fighter. The Autobiography of a Modern Chinese Physician.* By Wu Lien-Teh, M.A., M.D.(Cantab.), Mast.P.H. (Johns Hopkins), Litt.D.(Peking), Sc.D.(St. Johns, Shanghai), LL.D.(Hong Kong). (Pp. 667+x; illustrated. 30s.) Cambridge: W. Heffer and Sons Ltd. 1959.

Those who have leisure to read this very large autobiography will be well rewarded. Dr. Wu, apart from being a very skilled bacteriologist and physician, has the gift of writing impeccable English. His experience of pneumonic plague, which swept through China in the early part of this century, gives a fine picture of the meticulous investigations carried out by him and his staff. The autobiography is, to say the least of it, discursive, but if one can skip long lists of names and get down to the real substance of the text one cannot but be impressed by the skill and energy of this remarkable man. It is often salutary to see ourselves through other eyes. The chapter on missionary work in China gives the considered opinion of a very well read and brilliant observer. Many of those earnest people of the numerous divisions of the Christian faith who gave their whole life, and in many cases their lives, to preaching the Western faith would not be flattered by some of the references to the effect of their work.

The book is more than a mere autobiography; it is a history of China and the Chinese, compiled by a man who, though born in Malaya, is a true "Chinaman," and, as befits his background, he writes from the point of view of a doctor. The chapter on Malaya and her problems is well worth a close study. Dr. Wu's efforts to control the "narcotic" menace is an edifying story. Again, it is doubtful if Great Britain, in spite of her protestations, was in the early stages as helpful as she might have been in dealing with this international problem. Indigenous medicine in China and Malaya is dealt with in a most interesting manner. Dr. Wu has some shrewd and pointed references to our National Health Service, whilst one quotation from an ancient Chinese proverb is peculiarly apt to-day: "The value of drugs does not depend on their price, but upon their effect; the value of prescriptions does not depend on their numbers, but upon their merit."

This autobiography, written by a "son" of Cambridge and St. Mary's Hospital, is a fine record of the individual attainments in medicine of a man who has deservedly gained a high reputation as a scientist, and in addition provides much useful information of the complexities of life in the Chinese nation.

J. C. A. DOWSE.

The third annual *Indian Year-Book of Ophthalmology*, edited by Dr. Vaman D. Sathaye, provides a short review of the ophthalmic literature of 1956. Appended is a list of hospitals in India where ophthalmic treatment is available, followed by a list of eye specialists in that country. The book (pp. 182) can be obtained from the Publishing House, 502, Narayan Peth, Poona.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*Clinical Effects of Electrolyte Disturbances.* Proceedings of a Conference held at the Royal College of Physicians of London February 27-28, 1959. Edited by E. J. Ross. (Pp. 210+x. 20s.) London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1959.

*Zwanglose Abhandlungen aus dem Gebiet der Normalen und Pathologischen Anatomie.* Edited by Professor Dr. W. Bargmann and Professor Dr. W. Doerr. Vol. 6. *Zur Orthopädie und Pathologie der Hoyer-Grosser'schen Organe.* By Julius Schorn, M.D. (Pp. 88; illustrated. DM. 22.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Frontiers in Cytology.* Edited by Sanford L. Palay. (Pp. 529+xii; illustrated. 78s.) New Haven: Yale University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1958.

*La Biologie des Homogreffes.* Colloques Internationaux du Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. LXXVIII. (Pp. 284; illustrated. 2,200 fr.) Paris: Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique. 1958.

*Elektrophysiologie des Gesichtssinns. Theorie und Praxis der Elektroretinographie.* By Wolf Müller-Limmroth, M.D. (Pp. 331+vii; illustrated. DM. 59.) Berlin, Göttingen, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag. 1959.

*The Clinical Evaluation of New Drugs.* Edited by S. O. Waife, M.D., F.A.C.P., and Alvin P. Shapiro, M.D. (Pp. 223+x. \$7.50.) New York: Hoeber-Harper. 1959.

*Principles and Practice of Obstetric Anaesthesia.* By J. Selwyn Crawford, M.B., Ch.B., D.A.(England), F.F.A. R.C.S. (Pp. 128. 20s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

*Ceylon Hospitals Formulary, 1959.* (Pp. 216.) Ceylon: Department of Health. 1959.

*Neuropharmacology.* Transactions of the Fourth Conference, September 25, 26, and 27, 1957, Princeton, N.J. Edited by Harold A. Abramson, M.D. (Pp. 285; illustrated. \$5.) New York: Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation. 1959.

*Physiology of Prematurity.* Transactions of the Third Conference, March 25, 26, and 27, 1958, Princeton, N.J. Edited by Jonathan T. Lanman, M.D. (Pp. 157; illustrated. \$3.) New York: Josiah Macy, Jr., Foundation. 1959.

*Introduction to Surgery.* By Virginia Kneeland Frantz, M.D., Harold Dortic Harvey, M.D. Fourth edition. (Pp. 335+xiv. 48s.) New York, London: Oxford University Press. 1959.

*Das Röntgenschichtbild des Ohres. The Tomogram of the Ear.* By Professor Dr. Karl Mündrich and Dr. Kurt-Walter Frey. (Pp. 123+xii; illustrated. DM. 66.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Diseases of the Nose, Throat, and Ear.* Edited by Chevalier Jackson, M.D., Sc.D., LL.D., L.H.D., F.A.C.S., and Chevalier L. Jackson, M.D., M.Sc., F.A.C.S. Second edition. (Pp. 886+xvii; illustrated. £7.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

*Hypertension. The First Hahnemann Symposium on Hypertensive Disease.* Edited by John H. Moyer, M.D. (Pp. 790+xii; illustrated. 98s.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

*Trauma.* By Harrison L. McLaughlin, M.D. (Pp. 784+xiii; illustrated. £6 6s.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

*Textbook of Pediatrics.* Seventh edition. Edited by Waldo E. Nelson, M.D., D.Sc. (Pp. 1,462+xxiv; illustrated. £5 15s. 6d.) Philadelphia, London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

*Handbook of Diet Therapy.* By Dorothea Turner. Third edition. (Pp. 222+xv. 37s. 6d.) Chicago: University Press. London: Cambridge University Press. 1959.

*Dringliche Chirurgie beim Säugling und Kind.* By Dr. H.-E. Grawe. (Pp. 180+xii; illustrated. DM. 25.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Catalytic Models in Epidemiology.* By Hugo Muench, M.D., Dr.P.H. (Pp. 110+xi. 36s.) Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1959.

*Fundamentals of Physical Chemistry.* By H. D. Crockford and Samuel B. Knight. (Pp. 463+xvii; illustrated. 56s.) New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. London: Chapman and Hall Limited. 1959.

Sick Children): "The Electrocardiogram in Idiopathic Hypercalcaemia and Other Disturbances of Cation Equilibrium in Childhood."

**R.S.M.'s Richard Kovacs Prize.**—The Council of the Royal Society of Medicine has recently accepted from Mrs. INA KOVACS, of New York, a sum of money which will make it possible for a Richard Kovacs Prize to be awarded triennially in memory of her husband. The prize, of £50, will be awarded first in 1961 by the Council of the Society, on the recommendation of the Council of the Section of Physical Medicine, for distinguished work in physical medicine during the previous three years. The award of the prize may, at the discretion of the Council of the Section, provide an occasion for the reading of a paper by the recipient at a meeting of the Section. Details of the form which applications for the prize should take will be announced later.

**Photography in Medicine and Biology.**—The Medical Group of the Royal Photographic Society of Great Britain has established an extensive bibliography of original papers on photographic techniques and applications in the medical and biological sciences. The honorary librarian is prepared to quote the references of papers which have a bearing on any problem concerned with photography in medicine or biology, free of charge, to all bona-fide inquirers. Detailed requests for references to the literature should be addressed to Mr. J. A. FAIRFAX-FOZZARD, M.A., F.R.P.S., the School of Anatomy, Cambridge University, Great Britain.

**"La Presse Médicale" Film Award.**—The "Annual Prize for Medico-Surgical Cinema (16 mm.)," given by *La Presse Médicale*, and various other prizes, will be awarded during the last session of "Actualités Médico-Chirurgicales" at the Nouvelle Faculté de Médecine de Paris on April 5, 1960. Films should be sent to the Secrétariat, *La Presse Médicale*, 120, Boulevard Saint-Germain, Paris, 6, from whom details may be obtained, before February 29, 1960. A new departure is that commercial films will be eligible for the award.

**Dr. L. G. Norman**, chief medical officer of London Transport, is visiting Australia and New Zealand from October 19 to December 14 at the invitation of the Post-graduate Committee in Medicine of the University of Sydney to discuss the medical aspects of road traffic accident prevention.

## COMING EVENTS

**Association of Clinical Pathologists.**—63rd general meeting, Royal College of Surgeons, London, October 1, 2, 3. Details from Professor J. N. CUMINGS, the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.1.

**Heberden Society.**—Meeting and round, 2 p.m., October 2, Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Ducane Road, London, W.12.

**Middlesex Hospital Medical School.**—The Annual Dinner for past and present students will be held at the Savoy Hotel on October 2, 7 p.m. The week-end refresher course for past Middlesex men will be from 2.15 p.m., October 2 to 4.

**Midland Medical Society.**—The Annual Dinner will take place on October 14 at the Birmingham Medical Institute, 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston. Details from the Society at the Institute.

**Manchester University.**—Professor A. C. B. LOVELL, F.R.S., will give the Lloyd Roberts Lecture, "The Structure of the Universe," at 5.15 p.m., October 23, at the University.

**British Hospitals Contributory Schemes Association (1948).**—Annual conference, City Hall, Sheffield, October 29 to 30. Tickets from the Secretary, Mr. H. W. CLARKE, Sheffield and District Convalescent and Hospital Services Council, 38, Church Street, Sheffield, 1.

## NEW ISSUES

**British Heart Journal.**—Issued quarterly (£3 annually). The new issue (Vol. 21, No. 3) includes:

THE CLINICAL USES OF OXIMETRY. Malcolm B. McIlroy.

A CLINICAL TRIAL OF PENTA-ERYTHRITOL TETRANITRATE, A KHELLIN DERIVATIVE (RECORDIL), AND IPRONIAZID IN ANGINA OF EFFORT. H. A. Dewar, A. R. Horler, and D. J. Newell.

IPRONIAZID IN THE TREATMENT OF ANGINA OF EFFORT. P. J. D. Snow and D. E. Anderson.

ANNUAL CONSTRICITIVE PERICARDITIS. Patrick Mounsey.

EFFECT OF DIGOXIN ON THE CIRCULATION IN NORMAL MAN. Arthur Selzer, H. N. Hultgren, C. L. Ebnoother, H. W. Bradley, and A. O. Stone.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CHANGES IN THE ELECTROCARDIOGRAM IN HYPOThERMIA. D. Emslie-Smith, G. E. Sladden, and G. R. Stirling.

MEASUREMENT OF THE ERROR IN WILSON'S CENTRAL TERMINAL. G. E. Dower, J. A. Osborne, and A. D. Moore.

HYPERTENSION AND UNILATERAL RENAL DISEASE TREATED BY NEPHRECTOMY. D. M. Douglas, K. G. Lowe, and R. G. Mitchell.

CARCINOID HEART DISEASE. John Cosh, J. E. Cates, and D. W. Pugh.

PERSISTENCE OF RIGHT VENTRICULAR HYPERTROPHY FOLLOWING MITRAL VALVOTOMY. R. V. R. Rodriguez Torres, J. Mackinnon, E. G. Wade, and C. F. H. Vickers.

ASSESSMENT OF MITRAL VALVE DISEASE BY LEFT HEART CATHETERIZATION. Ernest W. Hancock.

MEASUREMENT OF CARDIAC OUTPUT USING A RADIOISOTOPE AND A SCINTILLATION COUNTER. W. A. Seldon, J. B. Hickie, and E. P. George.

HIGH CHEST LEADS AND MINOR MYOCARDIAL INFARCTIONS. Hugo Roessler. VALVOTOMY AS A CURATIVE OPERATION FOR SIMPLE PULMONARY STENOSIS. Maurice Campbell.

HYPERTROPHIC INFUNDIBULAR STENOSIS COMPLICATING SIMPLE PULMONARY VALVE STENOSIS. A. M. Johnson.

RAYMOND DE VIEUSSENS ON MITRAL STENOSIS. C. E. Kellett.

**Abstracts of World Medicine.**—Issued in the first week of each month, this journal contains abstracts of important papers selected from the current medical literature of the world. Annual subscription £4 4s.

## 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, September 29

ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY: MEDICAL SECTION.—At Manson Theatre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 6.15 p.m., Dr. R. A. M. Case: Mortality Studies. Work in Progress.

### Wednesday, September 30

FOUNTAIN HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., subject: Multiple Handicaps. Miss J. E. M. Stephen, M.A., Dip.Ed.: Survey of a Group of Children with Mental and Physical Handicaps; Mr. M. Reed, B.Sc.: Deafness and Differential Diagnosis.

### Thursday, October 1

SOCIETY OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.—At Lecture Theatre, Adam House, Edinburgh, 5.30 p.m., 6th Lister Memorial Lecture by Dr. Nathan B. Eddy (Maryland, U.S.A.): Chemical Structure and Action of Morphine-like Analgesics and Related Substances.

### Friday, October 2

COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: SOUTH LONDON FACULTY.—At Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, Westminster Hospital Medical School, 8.15 for 8.30 p.m., Professor R. S. Illingworth: Prognosis.

HEBERDEN SOCIETY.—At Lower Lecture Theatre, Postgraduate Medical School, 2 p.m., scientific meeting.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Mr. T. Holmes Sellors: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—3.30 p.m., clinical discussion for general practitioners. Mr. Anthony Radcliffe: Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy.

WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—8.30 p.m., Dr. H. W. Balme: "A Visit to the U.S.A."

### Saturday, October 3

SOUTH-EAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY.—At Grove Park Hospital, Lewisham, S.E., 10.30 for 11 a.m., Lecture Demonstration by Dr. L. M. Franklin and Dr. L. A. Nichols: Hypno-therapy in the Management of Chest Disease; Dr. Martin Nagley: Latest Developments in Tuberculosis Research. 2.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

### Sunday, October 4

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE AND COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: NORTH-WEST ENGLAND FACULTY.—At Theatre 1, Clinical Sciences Building, York Place, 11 a.m., Dr. W. Robinson: Bronchitis.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.—10.15 a.m., meet in Front Hall of main Hospital. Lecture-demonstration for general practitioners. Clinical demonstration by Dr. T. D. Whitter: Survey of New Drugs and Preparations.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

### DEATHS

Bruce.—On August 26, 1959, in a road accident in France, Lewis Stuart Bruce, M.B., Ch.B., of Eriost, Blairgowrie, Perthshire, aged 45.

Dowds.—On August 21, 1959, at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Sussex, John Alexander Dowds, M.B., B.Ch., aged 57.

Gallegos.—On August 22, 1959, in hospital, Octavio Pacifico Gallegos, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 368, Uxbridge Road, West Acton, London, W. Hall.—On August 25, 1959, at Fleet, Hants, Ernest Hamilton Hall, O.B.E., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Major-General, R.A.M.C., retired.

Higson.—On August 17, 1959, William Davies Higson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., aged 80.

Jones.—On August 20, 1959, at Hafodynys, Rhewl, Ruthin, Denb, Thomas Owen Jones, L.R.C.P.&S., aged 88.

Rawson.—On August 15, 1959, at 9, Park Drive, Heaton, Bradford, Yorks. William Foster Rawson, F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.O.G., aged 87.