

The predilection of Louis XIV for this form of treatment and his insistence that his court shared its delights are recounted.

The techniques employed by the author in colonic surgery are detailed, but one wonders whether it is sound advice to minimize the value of such a powerful antibiotic as neomycin in the preliminary preparation. It has been my experience that after a course of this drug the culture from the faeces is often sterile or reduced to such a minimum that wound sepsis, for the prevention of which the author describes a method of secondary suture, becomes virtually non-existent.

A long chapter is devoted to ulcerative colitis, in which subject most recent advances in colonic surgery have taken place. The fashioning of an ileostomy is described and the care thereof discussed. Alternative methods of treatment are also noted. There are many photographs of diseased colons in this section, the details of which may not be clear to those unfamiliar with all the pathological changes. Further editions of this work would be improved if some of these were omitted and replaced by a few coloured photographs.

The book proceeds to an exact description of the operation for cancer at the various sites, and emphasis is placed on the early ligation of the vascular pedicle to prevent embolic spread during manipulation of the tumour. Other malignant and non-malignant conditions affecting the colon are described. The book is well produced and readily readable, and will no doubt initiate many into this branch of surgery.

STANLEY AYLETT.

### POLYGLOT<sup>1</sup> OPHTHALMOLOGY

*Actualités Latines d'Ophthalmologie. Anesthésie, Champ Visuel, Glaucome, Méthodes d'Examen, Pathologie Médicale, Strabisme, Technique Chirurgicale.* Under the direction of W. Duque Estrada and G. E. Jayle. (Pp. 314; illustrated. 3,500 fr.) Paris: Masson et Cie. 1958.

*Trends in Ophthalmology in Latin Countries* is a collective work consisting of some 20 chapters, some as short as three pages, some running to 30 pages, and one to more than 60 pages. The bulk of the text is in French, but Portuguese is well represented by four chapters, two of them extensive, and there are also chapters in Italian and in Spanish. The scope of the book is fairly limited. About one-third of the text is devoted to studies on perimetry, with studies on glaucoma occupying a further one-quarter. For the rest there are chapters on anaesthesia, on diagnostic methods, squint, therapeutics, and ocular pathology. Some chapters, such as the short one on the measurement of capillary resistance in the conjunctiva of diabetics contributed by Dejean and Boukourt, are accounts of original work, while others, like the study by Jayle and Aubert on the mesopic visual field, are encyclopaedic surveys of borderline subjects. By its scope and polyglot character the book is a brave contribution towards the diffusion of information still in its formative stages. For French-speaking ophthalmologists the section on perimetry should prove particularly useful.

ARNOLD SORSBY.

The twentieth edition of *Dorland's Pocket Medical Dictionary* has recently been published by W. B. Saunders (31s. 6d.). This little book, abridged from the well-known "Dorland," has been brought up to date by the addition of new and the omission of obsolete terms; many definitions have been revised and the number of abbreviations increased. This useful pocket lexicon is now 60 years old.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

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

*Nursing Care of Patients with Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Disorders.* By Mary Estelle Shepard, R.N., B.S. in Ed., M.A. (Pp. 266+xviii; illustrated. 28s.) New York and London: The Macmillan Company, New York. 1958.

*The Surgeon and the Child.* By Willis J. Potts, M.D. (Pp. 255+ix; illustrated. 52s. 6d.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1959.

*Sigmund Freud's Mission. An Analysis of His Personality and Influence.* By Erich Fromm. (Pp. 120. 12s. 6d.) London: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1959.

*A Short History of Scientific Ideas to 1900.* By Charles Singer. (Pp. 525+xviii; illustrated. 35s.) Oxford: Clarendon Press: Oxford University Press. 1959.

*A Handbook for Dissectors.* By J. C. Boileau Grant. Fifth edition. (Pp. 441+xiv; illustrated. 40s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox Ltd. 1959.

*Steroids.* By Louis F. Fieser and Mary Fieser. (Pp. 954+xvii; illustrated. £7 4s.) New York: Reinhold Publishing Corporation. London: Chapman and Hall Ltd. 1959.

*Giving and Receiving. An Adventure in African Medical Service.* By Anthony Barker. (Pp. 175; illustrated. 18s.) London: The Faith Press Ltd. 1959.

*Manual of Osteopathic Technique.* By Alan Stoddard, M.B., B.S., D.O., D.Phys.Med. (Pp. 275; illustrated. 50s.) London: Hutchinson Medical Publications. 1959.

*Yoga.* By Ernest Wood. (Pp. 272. 3s. 6d.) London: Penguin Books. 1959.

*Transplantation of Tissues. Volume II. Skin, Cornea, Fat, Nerves, Teeth, Blood Vessels, Endocrine Glands, Organs, Peritoneum, Cancer Cells.* Edited by Lyndon A. Peir, M.D., with 12 contributors. (Pp. 690+xiii; illustrated. £8.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox Ltd. 1959.

*Pädiatrischer EKG-Atlas.* By Wilhelm Heck and Joachim Stoermer. (Pp. 230+xvi; illustrated. DM. 78.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Proceedings of the World Congress of Gastroenterology and the 59th Annual Meeting of the American Gastroenterological Association.* Washington, D.C., May 25-31, 1958. Two volumes. (Pp. 1,363+xxxv; illustrated. £8.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox Ltd. 1959.

*Trophoblast and its Tumors.* Editor in Chief, Otto V. St. Whitelock; Managing Editor, Franklin N. Furness; Associate Editor, Marguerite Selzer; Consulting Editor, William B. Ober. (Pp. 284; illustrated. \$3.50.) New York: Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. 1959.

*Second Conference on Physicochemical Mechanism of Nerve Activity and Second Conference on Muscular Contraction.* Editor in Chief, Otto V. St. Whitelock; Managing Editor, Franklin N. Furness; Associate Editor, Peter A. Sturgeon; Consulting Editor, David A. Nachmansohn. (Pp. 215-510; illustrated. \$4.) New York: Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences. 1959.

*Beschäftigungstherapie. Einführung und Grundlagen.* Edited by G. Jentschura. (Pp. 300+viii; illustrated. DM. 45.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Klinische Radiologie des Magens und des Zwölffingerdarms.* By Pierre Porcher, Hans-Ulrich Stössel, and Paul Mainguet. (Pp. 264+xii; illustrated. DM. 72.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1959.

*Open Reduction of Common Fractures.* By Oscar P. Hampton, jun., M.D., F.A.C.S., and William T. Fitts, jun., M.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 212+ix; illustrated. \$8.75.) New York and London: Grune and Stratton. 1959.

*Medicinal Chemistry.* Volume IV. By Wilbur J. Doran. A Series of Reviews Prepared under the Auspices of the Division of Medicinal Chemistry of the American Chemical Society. (Pp. 334+ix. 96s.) New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. London: Chapman and Hall, Ltd. 1959.

*Advances in Cardiology.* Volume 2. *Congenital and Acquired Heart Diseases—Cardiac Failure—Diseases of the Coronary Vessels—Correlations between Lung and Heart.* Selected Lectures from Third World Congress of Cardiology, Brussels, 1958. Edited by R. Hegglin and E. Lüthy. (Pp. 337; illustrated. Sw. Fr. 59.) Basle, New York: S. Karger. 1959.

## COMING EVENTS

**British Tuberculosis Association.**—Ordinary meeting, Manson House, 26, Portland Place, London, W.1, November 20, 5 p.m. Presidential address: Dr. J. G. SCADDING, "On Keeping the Rules." Dr. I. SUTHERLAND, D.Phil.: "The Present Scope for Preventing Tuberculosis by Vaccination of School Leavers."

**Businessmen's Health.**—One-day conference for business executives, November 20, Royal Festival Hall, London. Tickets 4 guineas (including coffee, lunch (with wines), and tea), from the Chest and Heart Association, Tavistock House North, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1 (EUS 3012).

**"Doctor's Waiting Room."**—Exhibition at the Design Centre, 28, Haymarket, London, S.W.1, open to November 28.

**Alcoholics Anonymous.**—Open meeting, Central Library, Snow Hill, Wolverhampton, November 19, 8 p.m. Guest speaker: Dr. ANTON STEVENS. Members of A.A. will also speak.

**Faculty of Radiologists.**—Fifth Crookshank Lecture: Professor Sir CHARLES DODDS, F.R.S., "Reflections on Cancer Research," November 20, 4.30 p.m., Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.2. Open to all members of the medical profession. Admission free.

**British Association in Forensic Medicine.**—Symposium: "The Association of Trauma and Disease." King's College Hospital Medical School, November 21, 10 a.m.

**Edinburgh Postgraduate Board for Medicine.**—Postgraduate course in gastro-enterology, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, March 21–26, 1960. Details from the Director of Studies of the Board, Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh, 8; or *Journal*, advertisement p. 83.

## 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, November 16

**GUY'S HOSPITAL.**—At Physiology Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m., endocrine demonstration: Thyrotoxicosis.

**HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.**—At Apothecaries' Hall, 8.30 p.m., debate: That Education of the Public in Medical Matters is to be Depreciated. Proposed by Dr. Richard J. Asher and Mr. Guy Warrack. Opposed by Dr. I. Harvey Flack (Editor, *Family Doctor*) and Mr. Wynford Vaughan-Thomas.

**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Professor A. Kekwick: Some Disorders of Fatty Tissues.

**ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.**—At Demonstration Room, Department of Medicine, 4 p.m., Mr. W. F. Walker and Dr. H. G. Morgan: Electrolyte Disturbances from Abdominal Operations.

## Tuesday, November 17

**BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.**—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. C. E. Dalglish: Biochemical Aspects of Disorders of Aminoacid Metabolism.

**ILFORD MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At King George Hospital, Ilford, 8.45 p.m., general practitioner clinical meeting.

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. C. Wells: Histochemistry of the Skin (II).

**LEEDS NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM, 1959–60.**—At Littlewood Hall, General Infirmary at Leeds, 5.15 p.m., Sir Charles Symonds: Some Observations on the Facilitation or Arrest of Epileptic Seizures.

**LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.**—At Large Lecture Theatre, New Medical School, 5.15 p.m., Lady Jones Lecture in Orthopaedic Surgery by Mr. R. I. Stirling: Mutability of Living Bone.

● **LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY: DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES.**—At Medical School, Ashton Street, 7.30 p.m., Dr. H. Wilson: Actions of Drugs on the Cardiovascular System.

**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. E. H. Belcher: Isotope Dilution Analysis.

**RESEARCH DEFENCE SOCIETY.**—At Physiology Lecture Theatre, University College London, 5.30 p.m., 28th Stephen Paget Memorial Lecture by Sir Solly Zuckerman, F.R.S.: Inevitability of Science.

**ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.**—5 p.m., Dr. J. St. Clair Elkington: Carotid and Basilar Insufficiency.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.**—5 p.m., Lloyd-Roberts Lecture by Sir Kenneth Clark, C.B.E., K.C.B.: Art and Society.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor R. L. Huckstep: Recent Advances in the Surgery of Typhoid Fever.

**ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Wright-Fleming Institute, 5 p.m., Dr. Geoffrey Barber: Obstetrics in General Practice.

## Wednesday, November 18

**EUGENICS SOCIETY.**—At Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., 5.30 p.m., Dr. A. E. Maurant: Blood Groups in the Study of Human Populations.

**HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.**—8.15 p.m., Professor Alexander Haddow, F.R.S.: Chemotherapy of Cancer.

**INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. A. Dudgeon: Virus Diseases (II).

**INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Mr. T. Holmes Sellors: Pulmonary Stenosis.

**INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.**—4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. D. E. H. Phillips: Implantation of Ureter.

**LONDON UNIVERSITY.**—At King's College, Strand, London, W.C., 5.30 p.m., special University Lecture in Pharmacology by Professor Alfred Gilman: Pharmacological Basis of Diuretic Drug Therapy.

**MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Dudley Road Hospital, 8.15 p.m., clinical meeting.

**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—2 p.m., Professor C. E. Dent: Balance Tests.

**QUAKER MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Small Meeting House, Friends House, Euston Road, N.W., 8 p.m., Lister Lecture by Mr. Robert Roaf: Death on the Roads, Do We Care?

**ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW.**—At Maurice Bloch Lecture Theatre, 5 p.m., Lock Lecture by Professor A. Hemingway: Pumps and Pressures.

**ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.**—3.30 p.m., Dr. J. Greenwood Wilson: Work of the Port of London Health Authority (illustrated).

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF HEALTH.**—At Caxton Hall, London, S.W., 2.30 p.m., Miss Eileen Younghusband and Dr. John A. Scott: Social Workers and the Local Health and Welfare Authority.

**ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.**—At Demonstration Room, Department of Medicine, 2.30 p.m., Dr. H. G. Morgan: Metabolism of Calcium and of Bone.

## Thursday, November 19

**BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.**—8 p.m., Dr. R. O. Murray: Skeletal Changes Associated with Steroid Therapy.

**BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.**—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Dr. M. D. Milne: Clinical Aspects of Disorders of Aminoacid Metabolism.

**HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURES.**—At Anatomy Theatre, University New Buildings, Teviot Place, Edinburgh, 5 p.m., Dr. Eric Samuel: Radiology of Arterial Disease.

● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Chelsea Hospital for Women, 4.30 p.m., Dr. T. N. MacGregor: Abnormalities of the Structure and Function of the Ovaries.

**LIVERPOOL MEDICAL INSTITUTION.**—8 p.m., Professor L. J. Wilts: Small Intestine in Clinical Medicine.

**NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.**—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, 8.30 p.m., Dr. A. Lichtwitz: Laboratory and Clinical Diagnosis of Generalized Osteopathies.

**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Dr. T. Alper, Dr. M. Ebert, and Dr. R. H. Thomlinson: Biological Effects of Radiation.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Dr. L. W. Proker: Recent Additions to the Museum.

**ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL.**—3.30 p.m., Dr. T. H. Whittington: Ophthalmic Prisms and their use in Refraction Work.

**ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.**—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 7.30 p.m., laboratory meeting.

**ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—5 p.m., Dr. Desmond Curran: demonstration in psychiatry.

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON: DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY.**—At Physiology Theatre, Gower Street, W.C., 5 p.m., public lecture by Dr. P. N. Campbell: Synthesis of Protein by the Cytoplasmic Components of Animal Cells—(III) Correlation between Protein Synthetic Activity and Morphology at the Cellular and Sub-cellular Level.

## Friday, November 20

**BRITISH TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION.**—At Manson House, 26, Portland Place, London, W., 5 p.m., ordinary meeting. Presidential address by Dr. J. G. Scadding: On Keeping the Rules. Dr. Ian Sutherland: Present Scope for Preventing Tuberculosis by Vaccination of School Leavers.

**FACULTY OF RADIOLOGISTS.**—At Royal College of Surgeons of England, 4.30 p.m., 5th Crookshank Lecture by Sir Charles Dodds, F.R.S.: Reflections on Cancer Research.

● **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. D. I. Williams: clinical demonstration.

**INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Dr. J. N. Pattinson: Radiological demonstration.

**INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., special lecture by Dr. R. E. O. Williams: Epidemiology of Respiratory Infections in Hospitals.

**INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY.**—4.45 p.m., Dr. Macdonald Critchley: Evolution of Man's Capacity for Language.

**PLYMOUTH MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At Freedom Fields, 8.30 p.m., joint meeting with Plymouth Division, B.M.A., Lord Taylor of Harlow: Future of General Practice.

**POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—(1) 10 a.m., Mr. A. J. H. Rains: Biliary Calculus—A Review of Research. (2) 4 p.m., Dr. J. F. Goodwin: Pulmonary Hypertension.

## Saturday, November 21

**BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.**—At Department of Physiology, Bedford College, London, 10.20 a.m., meeting.

**BRITISH ASSOCIATION IN FORENSIC MEDICINE.**—At King's College Hospital Medical School, 10 a.m., symposium: Association of Trauma and Disease.

## Sunday, November 22

**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., Professor W. I. C. Morris: Obstetrics.

## BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

## BIRTHS

**Buckler.**—On October 27, 1959, at Claremont Nursing Home, Sheffield, Yorks., to Margaret (formerly Lees), M.B., Ch.B., wife of T. Warwick Buckler, M.B., Ch.B., a son.

## DEATHS

**Ingram.**—On October 14, 1959, at Hammersmith Hospital, London, W., Leslie Lyle Ingram, M.B., B.Ch.

**Matthews.**—On October 11, 1959, Thomas Arnold Matthews, M.B., of Richmond, Surrey, and Burnham Market, Norfolk.

**Suchett-Kaye.**—On October 11, 1959, at St. Charles's Hospital, London, W., Beryl Daphne Suchett-Kaye (formerly White), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of 82, Christchurch Avenue, London, N.W., aged 45.