

variations in the sounds of the heart, gallop rhythm, and so forth. The murmurs made by certain defects, congenital and acquired, are also considered. The text is clear and economical. Foreign authors are fully quoted in discussions. There is a full bibliography at the end of each section, and the index is satisfactory. This work is a valuable addition to the literature of phonocardiography, and will be needed by anyone interested in this subject.

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ALLERGY

International Textbook of Allergy. Edited by J. M. Jamar, M.D. (Pp. 639; illustrated. £5 10s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1959.

Books on allergy in the English language have, with very rare exceptions, been the prerogative of the United States of America. It is therefore a pleasure to welcome a book in which all but five of the twenty-five chapters are written by Europeans.

There are thirty-one contributors in all, and their names indicate the authoritativeness of this book. However, as can only be expected in any text with multiple authors, the treatment of the subject is patchy in places, and much overlapping occurs. There is a special chapter on the clinical use of corticosteroids, but nevertheless, as was almost inevitable, this therapy is discussed in several other sections. On the whole, however, Professor Jamar has carried out a good job of editing.

Some idea of the wide range of discussion is indicated by the fact that there is a chapter of 44 pages on vascular allergy and collagen diseases, and one of 24 pages on allergy and haematology. The fundamental physiopathology of allergy and allergic manifestations is by no means neglected. The opinions advanced are, on the whole, conservative and unexceptionable, but I could not agree, and do not believe it is true, that "corticosteroids have displaced the therapeutic use of antihistamines to a great extent" (p. 348).

However, any criticism of the book which I have is niggling. The format, printing, and paper are excellent, and, despite its rather excessive price, I can recommend it to all persons interested in allergy and its protean manifestations.

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The 1958 Supplement to *Paediatrics for the Practitioner*, edited by Wilfrid Gaisford and Reginald Lightwood, is the third since the original work appeared in 1955-7. It includes original articles on chemotherapy, behaviour disorders, urology, chromatography in clinical paediatrics, and electroencephalography, and some notes supplementing material in the original volumes. (Butterworth and Co. (Publishers), Ltd.; 146 pp.; 35s.)

Philip Thorek considers that the teaching of practical aspects of pre- and post-operative care is often neglected in favour of such debatable and theoretical aspects as electrolytes and water balance. His *Illustrated Preoperative and Postoperative Care*, an expansion of lecture notes, is a short, practical account of the subject, with some excellent drawings by Carl T. Linden. (Pitman Medical Publishing Co., Ltd.; 98 pp.; 30s.)

New and Nonofficial Drugs is a useful compendium of information published annually by the Council on Drugs of the American Medical Association. The 1960 edition is now available (30s.; Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd.). Forty-five new monographs are included and 21 omitted, while some of the monographs retained have been revised to bring them up to date.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

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

Nitrous Oxide in Dentistry. Its Dangers and Alternatives. By J. G. Bourne, M.A., M.D.(Cantab.), F.F.A.R.C.S. (Pp. 181 +x; illustrated. 30s.) London: Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Ltd. 1960.

Social and Medical Problems of the Elderly. By Kenneth Hazell, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.P.E., D.P.M. (Pp. 216. 30s.) London: Hutchinson Medical Publications. 1960.

The History of Bacteriology. By William Bulloch, M.D., F.R.S. University of London Heath Clark Lectures, 1936. Reprint of 1938 edition. (Pp. 422+xii; illustrated. 30s.) London, New York, Toronto: Oxford University Press. 1960.

Ovum Humanum: Growth, Maturation, Nourishment, Fertilization, and Early Development. By Landrum B. Shettles, M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 79+viii; illustrated. 55s.) New York and London: Hafner Publishing Company, Ltd. 1960.

Pardon My Sneeze. The Story of Allergy. By Milton Millman, M.D. (Pp. 215; illustrated.) San Diego, California: Frye and Smith, Ltd. 1960.

Research Methods in Social Relations. By Claire Sellitz, Marie Jahoda, Morton Deutsch, and Stuart W. Cook. Editorial readers: Isidor Chein and Harold M. Proshansky. Revised one-volume edition. (Pp. 622+xvi; illustrated. 42s.) London: Methuen and Co., Ltd.

Immediate and Low Level Effects of Ionizing Radiations. Edited by A. A. Buzzati-Traverso. Proceedings of the Symposium held at Venice on June 22-26, 1959, under the Joint Sponsorship of U.N.E.S.C.O., I.A.E.A., and C.N.R.N., and published as a Supplement to the *International Journal of Radiation Biology*. (Pp. 381+xii; illustrated. 55s.) London: Taylor and Francis, Ltd. 1960.

Krebssyntropien. Wahlverwandschaften und Lokalisationsgesetze des Krebses. By Dr. Hans Grosse. (Pp. 127+viii; illustrated. DM. 12.25.) Jena: VEB Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1960.

Atlas der Angiokardiographie Angeborener Herzfehler. By Dr. Ralph Künzler and Dr. Nikolaus Schäd. (Pp. 224+xii; illustrated. DM. 85.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1960.

Child Development: Physical and Psychologic Growth Through Adolescence. By Marian E. Breckenridge, M.S., and E. Lee Vincent, Ph.D. Fourth edition. (Pp. 648+xiii; illustrated. 45s. 6d.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1960.

Brompton Hospital Reports. A collection of papers by members of the staffs of the Hospitals for Diseases of the Chest: Brompton Hospital, London Chest Hospital, and of the Institute of Diseases of the Chest. Volume XXVIII. 1959. (Pp. 258+xii; illustrated. 15s.) London: Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Ltd. for the Research Department of the Hospital. 1960.

The Office Assistant in Medical Practice. By Portia M. Frederick and Carol Towner. Second edition. (Pp. 407+xii; illustrated. 37s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1960.

Here's Your Medicine. Nursing for Novices. By William Edwards, M.D.(Cantab.). (Pp. 117+vii; illustrated. 5s.) London: Macmillan and Co., Ltd. 1960.

Biomechanics of the Central Nervous System. Some Basic Normal and Pathologic Phenomena. By Alf Breig. (Pp. 183; illustrated.) Stockholm: Almqvist and Wiksell. 1960.

The Collected Works of C. G. Jung. Edited by Sir Herbert Read, Michael Fordham, M.D., M.R.C.P., and Gerhard Adler, Ph.D. Volume 8: *The Structure and Dynamics of the Psyche*. Translated by R. F. C. Hull. (Pp. 596; illustrated. 42s.) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. 1960.

Dental Practitioners' Formulary 1960. For Use in the National Health Service. (Pp. 54. 3s. 6d.) London: British Medical Association, Pharmaceutical Press. 1960.

Les Globulines Sériques du Système Gamma: Leur Nature et Leur Pathologie. By J. Heremans. Preface by Professor P. Grabar. (Pp. 340; illustrated.) Brussels: Editions Arscia, S.A. Paris: Masson et Cie. 1960.

The Secret of Dreams. By Pedro Meseguer, S.J. (Pp. 232. 30s.) London: Burns and Oates. 1960.

College of General Practitioners

Entries for this year's Butterworth Gold Medal essay competition ("Television and Health") should reach the chairman of the awards committee, the College of General Practitioners, 41 Cadogan Gardens, London S.W.3, by September 17.

National Advisory Council on the Employment of the Disabled

The EARL OF VERULAM has been appointed Chairman of the National Advisory Council on the Employment of the Disabled in place of Sir HAROLD WILES, who has resigned.

People in the News

Dr. MARCEL AUTRET, an authority on kwashiorkor and other protein deficiency diseases, has been appointed director of the nutrition division of the Food and Agriculture Organization in succession to Dr. W. R. AYKROYD.

Mr. JOHN BEAVAN, assistant director of the Nuffield Foundation, is to be the new editor of the *Daily Herald* (*The Times*, August 26).

Miss E. FERRIS, who has won the Olympic bronze medal for springboard diving, is a medical student at the Middlesex Hospital and is to take her 2nd M.B. next March. An annotation on the physiology of swimming is on p. 725.

Sir GORDON COVELL, director of the Malaria Reference Laboratory (Medical Research Council) at Horton Hospital, Epsom, has been awarded the Walter Reed Medal by the American Academy of Science in recognition of his contributions to tropical medicine. He is the fourteenth recipient and the second European to receive this award.

COMING EVENTS

Association of Industrial Medical Officers.—Annual provincial meeting, Southampton, September 5-9. B.M.A. McKenzie Health Lecture: Dr. J. A. L. VAUGHAN JONES, "Rehabilitation—Theory and Practice," September 8, 2.15 p.m. Details from, and applications for registration to, the Honorary Secretary, Dr. R. W. R. BEASLEY, Medical Department, Southern Gas Board, 224 Winchester Road, Southampton.

Bone and Tooth Society.—Meeting, September 12, 4.30 p.m., "Tissue Culture," 234 Great Portland Street, London W.1. Tea 4 p.m.

Guthrie Society.—Canon C. E. RAVEN, D.D.: "Science, Medicine, and Morals," September 15, 8 p.m., the Meyerstein Theatre, Westminster Medical School, Horseferry Road, London S.W.1.

College of General Practitioners (S.W. England Faculty).—Bristol meeting. September 30: reception by Lord Mayor of Bristol at Council House, 8.30 p.m. October 1: Gale Memorial Lecture, Professor A. V. NEALE, "Epidemiology: Some Past and Present Considerations," Reception Room, University of Bristol, 8.15 p.m. October 2: annual general meeting, Bristol Royal Infirmary, 2.15 p.m.

British Hospital Contributory Schemes Association.—Annual conference, Newport, Monmouthshire, October 13, 14. The general theme will be convalescence and after-care in the provinces. A paper on this subject will be given by Dr. B. CROSTHWAITE (industrial medical officer and member of the B.H.C.S.A.'s Executive Committee). Details and applications for tickets to the Conference Secretary, Mr. T. R. GRAY, Gwent Hospitals Contributory Scheme, 17 Newport Road, Cardiff, or to the B.H.C.S.A., 42 Baldwin Street, Bristol 1.

Leeds School of Medicine.—Seventieth annual dinner of past and present men students, October 14, 7 p.m., Griffin Hotel, Leeds. Details and tickets (27s. 6d.) from J. ELLIS, Esq., Honorary Secretary Dinner Committee, the Medical School, Leeds 2, by October 7.

NEW ISSUES**BRITISH JOURNAL OF INDUSTRIAL MEDICINE**

- Decompression Sickness During Construction of the Dartford Tunnel. F. Campbell Golding, P. Griffiths, H. V. Hempleman, W. D. M. Paton, and D. N. Walder.
- A Comparison of the "High-altitude" and "High-pressure" Syndromes of Decompression Sickness. M. de G. Gribble.
- Phosgene Poisoning Caused by the Use of Chemical Paint Removers Containing Methylene Chloride in Ill-ventilated Rooms Heated by Kerosene Stoves. W. B. Gerritsen and C. H. Buschmann.
- A Study on the Acute Toxicity of the Tri-aryl Phosphates Used as Plasticizers. H. F. Bondy, E. J. Field, A. N. Worden, and J. P. W. Hughes.
- Aerosol Inhalation of $\text{CaNa}_2\text{E.D.T.A.}$ (Mosatil) by Workers Constantly Exposed to Lead Poisoning. Lj. Petrović, M. Stanković, M. Savičević, and D. Polet.
- A Biochemical Study of the Urinary Protein of Men Exposed to Metallic Mercury. J. C. Smith and Agnes R. Wells.
- A Simplified Method for the Estimation of Nickel in Urine. J. Gwynne Morgan.
- Clinical, Bronchographic, Radiological, and Physiological Observations in Ten Cases of Asbestosis. G. L. Leathart.
- The Measurement of Occupational Mortality. F. D. K. Liddell.
- Observations on the Occupational Life History of the Coal Face Worker at Two Collieries. O. P. Edmonds and D. S. Kerr.
- The Assessment of Electroencephalographic Changes and Memory Disturbances in Acute Intoxications with Industrial Poisons. B. Calupa, J. Synková, and M. Sevcík.
- Book Reviews.

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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.

Friday, September 2

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., clinical demonstration.

Tuesday, September 6

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor H. Annamthodo: Rectal Lymphogranuloma Venereum in Jamaica.

Wednesday, September 7

POLAROGRAPHIC SOCIETY.—At "The Feathers," Tudor Street (off Bouverie Street, Fleet Street), London E.C., 7 p.m., informal discussion on the Use of Ion Exchange Water in Polarography.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, London W.C.—5.15 p.m., Dr. D. W. Seldin (Texas): Syndrome of Potassium Deficiency in Man.

Friday, September 9

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. G. Scadding: clinical demonstration.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, London W.C.—5.15 p.m., Dr. F. C. Bartter (Bethesda): Aldosteronism.

APPOINTMENTS

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.—M. F. Hunt, F.R.C.S., Surgical Out-patient Assistant (one session a week); S. L. Cooke, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., and Maureen F. Esmonde-White, M.B., B.Ch., House-surgeons; Jane M. Critchley, M.B., B.S., Assistant Resident Medical Officer, Tadworth; O. Ransome-Kuti, M.B., B.Ch., Resident Medical Officer, Tadworth; S. B. Lagoo, M.B., B.S., D.O.R.C., Resident Ear, Nose, and Throat Registrar.

LIVERPOOL REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—D. T. MacSorley, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.M., Whole-time Assistant Psychiatrist at Ormskirk County Hospital; H. F. Jarvie, M.D., D.P.H., D.P.M., Part-time Consultant Psychiatrist giving eight sessions per week to Sefton General and Royal Southern Hospitals; R. Brearley, Ch.M., F.R.C.S., Part-time Consultant General Surgeon giving three sessions to Whiston Hospital; M. J. Garrett, M.B., B.Ch., F.F.R., D.M.R.T., Whole-time Consultant Radiotherapist with Radiotherapy Service.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS**DEATHS**

- Andrew.—On July 25, 1960, in hospital, Newport, Mon, Marshall Andrew, M.B., Ch.M., of Wahroonga, Sydney, Australia.
- Blackwood.—On July 31, 1960, William Blackwood, D.S.O., M.B.E., M.B., Ch.B., of Tregenna, Camborne, Cornwall, aged 82.
- Boobyer.—On August 1, 1960, at 6, Woodville Road, London, W., Philip Watson Boobyer, M.B., B.Ch.
- Child.—On July 31, 1960, at Warsash, Raymond Francis Marner Child, M.B., B.S.
- Heath.—On July 31, 1960, in hospital, George Edwin Heath, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Surgeon Captain, R.N., retired, of 12, Treber Avenue, Farnham, Surrey, aged 70.
- Innes.—On July 30, 1960, John Alexander Innes, M.B., Ch.B.
- Lees.—On August 2, 1960, at Ilfracombe Cottage Hospital, Devon, Harold Cruickshank Lees, M.B., B.S., formerly of Darwen, Lancashire, aged 81.
- McConkey.—On July 25, 1960, at Queen Alexandra Military Hospital, George Sydney McConkey, O.B.E., M.D., Brigadier, A.M.S., retired.
- Martin.—On July 27, 1960, William Ludgate Martin, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.I., Surgeon Rear-Admiral, R.N., retired, of Tuelior, Bestwall, Wareham, Dorset, aged 89.
- Peacock.—On July 26, 1960, at his home, Stoke Poges, Bucks, William Luddington Peacock, M.B., Ch.B., D.O.M.S., late of Uganda, aged 82.
- Rose.—On July 25, 1960, Alice Campbell Rose (Mrs. K. H. Tallerman), M.B., M.R.C.P., D.A., of Woodlands, Sheering, Essex (revised announcement).