

advice and information, Mrs. Ranyard, introducing Biblewomen nurses in the Seven Dials area of London, and other pioneers are followed by various schemes scattered throughout the country, until, in 1888, Queen Victoria's Jubilee Fund was used to found the Queen's Institute of District Nursing (as it is now known). The object was to provide and maintain nurses of excellent character, good education, and with special training in district and maternity care, for the sick poor in their own homes.

The main part of the book then deals with the complexities of administration of a service, expanding in response to need and through years of great social change, while demanding a consistently high standard of work based on specific training, followed by supervision—the essentials of policy of the Queen's Institute, sponsors of this book. Contemporary letters and reports keep the account alive, and some scathing medical comments in the early chapters are followed by more encouraging ones later. But the author does not seem disheartened when prophesying that "the pattern of district nurse training will remain chaotic and wholly illogical, allowing as many people as possible to go their own way, leaving room for experiment by those who want to go a little further than the rest."

Under the title, "The Battle for Training," the story is brought up to date with the Working Party reports, the Minister's Advisory Committee, the integrated course of training for student nurses in London, and finally the residential staff college in Liverpool for district nursing teachers and administrators.

But what of the district nurses and their present-day work? Gone are the cholera and scarlet fever nurses of the past and much, but not all, of the misery. But no clear picture emerges of the domiciliary nurse of the future, who must be concerned with mental as well as physical health, prevention of illness and health teaching rather than dirt, poverty, and premature death. Occasional glimpses are given of the desperate straits of the sick poor of 100 years ago and, by contrast, the injection courses to-day. But the nursing and medical story of the past century has yet to be written. One may ask how far the medical profession as a whole (as distinct from the family doctor with whom the district nurse works so closely) has contributed toward, or has failed to support adequately, the progress of this personal yet national service, which has aroused world-wide respect and admiration.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

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

**Forgotten Men. A Study of a Common Lodging House undertaken by the London Council of Social Service at the request of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.** (Pp. 91. 5s.) London: The National Council of Social Service (Incorporated). 1960.

**Technique of Fluid Balance. Principles and Management of Water and Electrolyte Therapy.** By Geoffrey H. Tovey, M.D. (Pp. 115+viii; illustrated. 15s.) London and Edinburgh: Oliver and Boyd. 1960.

**Mental Retardation. Proceedings of the First International Medical Conference at Portland, Maine.** Edited by Peter W. Bowman, M.D., and Hans V. Mautner, M.D. (Pp. 530+xiv; illustrated. \$12.50.) New York and London: Grune and Stratton, Inc. 1960.

**Book of Bodily Exercise. The Earliest Printed Book on Exercise by a Physician.** By Christobal Mendez. Translated by Francisco Guerra. Edited by Frederick G. Kilgour. (Pp. 122+xxvii. \$10.) Connecticut: Elizabeth Licht. 1960.

**Transactions of the American Ophthalmological Society. 94th Annual Meeting, 1958.** (Pp. 730+xvii; illustrated. £7 4s.) Toronto University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1960.

**General Cytology.** By E. D. P. De Robertis, M.D., W. W. Nowinski, Ph.D., and Francisco A. Saez, Ph.D. 3rd edition. (Pp. 555+xvi; illustrated. 70s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Co. 1960.

**Obstetrics.** By J. P. Greenhill, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S.(Hon.). From the original text of Joseph B. De Lee, M.D. Twelfth edition. (Pp. 1098+xiv; illustrated. £5 19s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1960.

**The Golden Scalpel.** By Seymour Kern (Pp. 246. 16s.) London: Frederick Muller Limited. 1960.

**The Practitioner's Handbook.** Edited by William A. R. Thomson, M.D. (Pp. 711+xxiv. 63s.) London: Cassell and Co., Ltd. 1960.

**Rudolf Virchow Medical Society in the City of New York, N.Y. Jubilee Volume, 100th Anniversary.** Edited by Joseph Berberich, Henry Lax, Rudolf Stern. (Pp. 522; illustrated. No price.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1960.

**Verhandlungen der Anatomischen Gesellschaft auf der sechshundfünfundfünfzigsten Versammlung in Zürich vom 8 bis 12 April, 1959.** Edited by Max Watzka and Hermann Voss. (Pp. 482+viii; illustrated. No price.) Jena: Veb Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1960.

**Mackie and McCartney's Handbook of Bacteriology. A Guide to the Laboratory Diagnosis and Control of Infection.** Edited by Robert Cruickshank, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., F.R.S.E. Tenth edition. (Pp. 980+xi. 40s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Limited. 1960.

**III Congreso Hispano-Lusitano de Cardiología. Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo, 7, 8, 9 setiembre.** (Pp. 408+xxiii; illustrated. No price.) Santander. 1959.

**The Eye in General Practice.** By C. R. S. Jackson, M.A., B.M., B.Ch.(Oxon.), D.O.M.S., F.R.C.S.Ed. Second edition. (Pp. 152+vii; illustrated. 21s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone, Ltd. 1960.

**Bases Anatómo-Patológicas da Constituição Psicopática e sua Interpretação Patogénica.** By Ruy Piazza. (Pp. 107; illustrated. No price.) São Paulo. 1958.

**Die chronische progressive Asthenie. Ärztekongressen der Internationalen Föderation der Widerstandskämpfer. Volume 1.** (Pp. 81. No price.) Vienna: Internationale Föderation der Widerstandskämpfer. 1960.

**Autres Séquelles. Conférences Médicales de la Fédération Internationale des Résistants.** (Pp. 208. No price.) Vienna: Föderation der Widerstandskämpfer. 1960.

**Effect of Vitamin-E Deficiency on the Central Nervous System in Various Laboratory Animals.** By Larus Einarson and Ira R. Telford. (Pp. 81; illustrated.) Copenhagen: Royal Danish Academy of Sciences. 1960.

**General Endocrinology.** By C. Donnell Turner, Ph.D. Third edition. (Pp. 511+xi; illustrated. 66s. 6d.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1960.

**Rehabilitation. "From Incapacity to Capacity."** Proceedings of a three-day residential course convened by the British Council for Rehabilitation, July 12-14, 1960, Dublin. (Pp. 50. 7s. 6d.) London: British Council for Rehabilitation of the Disabled. 1960.

**Bases Anatómo-Patológicas da Constituição Epileptica.** By Ruy Piazza. (Pp. 78; illustrated. No price.) São Paulo. 1958.

**Das Gesundheitswesen der Tschechoslowakei.** By Rudolf Urban. (Pp. 197+vi; DM. 12.) Marburg/Lahn. 1959.

**Précis de Proctologie Infantile.** By A. Bensaudé and P. L. Chigot. With the assistance of A. Robert. Foreword by Raymond Turpin. (Pp. 120. N.F. 11.50.) Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. 1960.

**Clinical Bacteriology.** By E. Joan Stokes, M.B., F.R.C.P. Foreword by A. A. Miles, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 309+x. 30s.) London: Edward Arnold (Publishers) Ltd. 1960.

**Organization of Special Education for Mentally Deficient Children.** XXIIIrd International Conference on Public Education, Geneva, 1960. (Pp. 272. 15s.) Geneva: International Bureau of Education. Paris: UNESCO. 1960.

**In Brief**

The Invalid Children's Association is planning to set up a school for children who are unable to speak because of emotional deprivation.

**People in the News**

Sir ARTHUR MASSEY, formerly Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance, is to be the new Chairman of the Council of the Royal Society of Health from January 1. He has been associated with the Society for over 30 years, and has been a member of its Council for the past 18 years.

Mr. J. CONWAY, ophthalmic surgeon to the Whipps Cross Hospital Regional Eye Centre and to New End Hospital, London, has been awarded a World Health Organization Fellowship to study at eye clinics abroad.

Dr. LOUIS VERHOESTRAETE, formerly chief of the health promotion branch of the Pan-American Sanitary Bureau, has taken up his appointment as Director, Division of Health Protection and Promotion, at the headquarters of the World Health Organization in Geneva.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Lock Lecture.**—Professor J. J. PRITCHARD, "Ossification," December 14, 5 p.m., Maurice Bloch Lecture Theatre, Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, 242 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow. Open to all medical practitioners.

**Medical Group, Royal Photographic Society.**—Meeting, January 5, 7 p.m., at the Society's House, 16 Princes Gate, London S.W.7. Speakers: Mr. C. ENGEL, F.R.P.S., and an expert in television instrumentation, "Closed Circuit Television in Medical Research and Teaching."

**Hunterian Lecture.**—Professor FRITZ LINDER (Berlin), "A Survey of Surgery in Germany, with Special Reference to Pulmonary Lesions," January 23, 8.30 p.m., Livery Hall, Guildhall, Basinghall Street entrance.

**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, December 12**

**MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF GENERAL PRACTICE.**—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Medical School, Manchester University, 8.30 for 9 p.m., film: An Inquiry into General Practice. A discussion will follow. **POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.**—4 p.m., Professor D. V. Hubble: Steatorrhea in Childhood. **ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.**—At Demonstration Room, Department of Medicine, 4 p.m., Dr. M. G. Coyle: Placental Steroid Hormones.

**Tuesday, December 13**

**BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: SECTION OF PSYCHIATRY.**—At 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston, 8 p.m., Mr. J. G. Hamilton: Surgical Treatment of Intractable Pain. **ILFORD MEDICAL SOCIETY.**—At King George Hospital, Ilford, 8.45 p.m., Mr. A. M. A. Moore: The Apothecaries of London. Members of Stratford Division, B.M.A., are invited. **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. H. Marten: Moniliasis. **LEEDS NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM, 1960.**—At Littlewood Hall, General Infirmary at Leeds, 5.15 p.m., Mr. Douglas Northfield: Tumours Involving the Floor of the Third Ventricle. **MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF SURGERY.**—At Clinical Sciences Building, York Place, 4.30 for 5 p.m., Mr. Rodney Smith: Expanding Scope of Hepatic Surgery. **OSLER CLUB OF LONDON.**—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 8 p.m., subject: Thomas Linacre (1460-1524). Speakers, Dr. C. Newman, Professor R. Weiss, and Mr. A. C. Crombie. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Erasmus Wilson Demonstration by Dr. M. S. Israel: Chronic Inflammatory Lesions of the Small Intestine.

**Wednesday, December 14**

**EUGENICS SOCIETY.**—At Royal Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W., 5.30 p.m., Dr. A. C. Stevenson: Modern Trends in the Population Genetics of Man. **HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.** 11 Chandos Street, W.—8.15 p.m., Dr. S. C. Truelove: Ulcerative Colitis. **INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.**—5.30 p.m., Dr. R. W. Riddell: Subcutaneous and Systemic Mycoses. **INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Dr. J. R. May: Some Considerations Regarding Immunity to *Haemophilus influenzae*. **INSTITUTE OF UROLOGY.**—4.30 for 5 p.m., Dr. R. C. B. Pugh: Tumours of the Testicle. **MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY: SECTION OF PATHOLOGY.**—At Large Anatomy Theatre, Medical School, Manchester University, 4.30 for 5 p.m., Dr. L. L. R. White: Histopathology of Virus Infections. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Hunterian Lecture by Professor Owen Daniel: Complication of Diversion of the Urinary Stream.

**ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HYGIENE.**—3.30 p.m., Mr. H. W. Symons: Hygiene in Frozen Food Factories (Illustrated). **ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY.**—At London Society of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.15 p.m., Mr. R. H. Daw: Comparison of Male and Female Mortality Rates. **ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY.**—At Demonstration Room, Department of Medicine, 2.30 p.m., Dr. A. C. Turnbull: Uterine Function in Late Pregnancy and Labour.

**Thursday, December 15**

**BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.**—At B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C., 5 for 5.30 p.m., lecture-discussion by Mr. H. Osmond-Clarke: Fractures Around the Wrist. ● **INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.**—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 11.15 a.m., Mr. J. Marshall Scott: Some Problems of the Occipito-posterior Position. **NUFFIELD ORTHOPAEDIC CENTRE.**—At Wingfield-Morris Orthopaedic Hospital, Oxford, 8.30 p.m., Professor J. Trueta: An Account of a Visit to Orthopaedic Centres in the United States of America. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.**—5 p.m., Arris and Gale Lecture by Dr. Leslie Turner: Structure of Arachnoid Granulations, with Observations on their Physiological and Pathological Significance.

**Friday, December 16**

**BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.**—At Physiology Theatre, Guy's Hospital Medical School, 10.10 a.m., 401st meeting. **INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.**—5 p.m., Dr. J. Smart: clinical demonstration. **KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.**—8 p.m., clinical meeting. **LONDON UNIVERSITY.**—At No. 1 Lecture Theatre, University College Hospital Medical School, 5 p.m., special university lecture in medicine by Dr. E. H. Kass (Harvard): Pathogenesis of Pylonephritis. **ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.**—3.30 p.m., Professor D. F. Cappel: Some Points in the Diagnosis of Certain Tumours of the Skin.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,** Great Ormond Street, London W.C.—H. B. Eckstein, M.D., F.R.C.S., Surgical Registrar; L. Harris, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Resident Registrar to Neurological and Neurosurgical Departments; Janet Goodall, M.B., Ch.B., D.C.H., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., House-physicians; H. J. H. Fry, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., House-surgeon to Orthopaedic and Plastic Departments; Clare Neville Smith, M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H., Assistant Resident Medical Officer, Tadworth. **LIVERPOOL REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—R. G. Snow, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A.R.C.S., Part-time Consultant Anaesthetist to Chester area; Dorothy C. Oswald, M.B., B.Ch., Assistant Pathologist to Birkenhead Hospital Management Committee. **MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—L. Grimshaw, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist (9 half-days weekly), Bury and Rossendale Group of Hospitals; J. A. Krawiecki, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist (9 half-days weekly), West Manchester and Springfield and Swinton Groups of Hospitals; A. C. Fleming, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., Whole-time Consultant Psychiatrist and Medical Superintendent, Calderstones Hospital, Whalley, near Blackburn; W. J. Metcalfe, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Consultant Surgeon (8 half-days weekly), Blackburn and District Group of Hospitals; D. C. Simpson, M.B., Ch.B., Whole-time Senior Casualty Officer, Withington Hospital, near Manchester.

**BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS****BIRTHS**

**Lockett.**—On November 26, 1960, at Battle Hospital, Reading, to Gillian, wife of Dr. Harry Lockett, a brother for Stephen, Felicity and Sarah—Philip Bruce. **Wiley.**—On November 22, 1960, at the Western Hospital, Toronto, to Pamela, wife of Dr. A. M. Wiley, a son.

**DEATHS**

**Ahern.**—On October 11, 1960, Edward Denis Ahern, M.B., B.S., F.R.A.C.S., of Brisbane, Queensland. **Balf.**—On October 14, 1960, at Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada, Charles Lawson Balf, B.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., aged 38. **Barnetson.**—On November 17, 1960, at Corstorphine House, Edinburgh, Robert Balfour Barnetson, M.D. **Bell.**—On November 22, 1960, in a nursing-home, Bournemouth, Hants, Whiteford John Edward Bell, D.S.O., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., retired, aged 79. **Brushfield.**—On November 14, 1960, at Bognor Regis, Sussex, Archibald Naudail Brushfield, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 90. **Carson.**—On November 11, 1960, at Pinewood Hospital, Wokingham, Berks, James Coburn Carson, M.B., B.Ch., D.T.M., late of Malaya. **Court.**—On November 11, 1960, at 644 Derby Road, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, Arthur Court, M.B., B.Ch., formerly of Staveley, Chesterfield, aged 94. **MacDiarmid.**—On November 17, 1960, in Aberdeen, Alexander James MacDiarmid, M.B., Ch.B. **Mackay.**—On November 13, 1960, in hospital, Chichester, Sussex, Roderick Mackay, M.B., Ch.B., of Felpham, Bognor Regis, Sussex, formerly of Peckham and Forest Hill, London S.E., aged 81. **Phillips.**—On November 19, 1960, at the Duke of York Home, Bradford, Yorks, James Phillips, F.R.C.S.Ed., J.P., of 4 Marlborough Road, Bradford, aged 86. **Price.**—On November 17, 1960, at Eastway, Witheridge, Devon, Ernest Aubrey Price, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., late of Woodbury, Devon, aged 82. **Rathbone.**—On November 15, 1960, Mary Rathbone, L.M.S.S.A., of the Poplars, Westington Chipping Campden, Glos, aged 93. **Stirling.**—On November 8, 1960, at 2 Crisgenador Avenue, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, William Neilson Stirling, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., late of East Pakistan. **Tinley.**—On November 15, 1960, in a nursing-home, Whitby, Yorks, William Edwyn Falkingbridge Tinley, M.D., J.P., aged 87. **Velitch.**—On November 19, 1960, at St. Neots, Hunts, Harry Cecil Craven Velitch, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. **Woodside.**—On November 13, 1960, at 23 Inverclyde Road, Parkstone, Dorset, Robert Woodside, M.B., Ch.B.