

research. But for any who wish to follow the story of vitamin B₁₂ from the early observations on the treatment of pernicious anaemia with liver to the successful isolation of the active principle and the elucidation of its chemical structure, Dr. Lester Smith's monograph is highly recommended.

F. G. J. HAYHOE.

MENTAL INTEGRITY

The Integrity of the Personality. By Anthony Storr, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Pp. 174+ix. 15s.) London: William Heinemann Medical Books, Ltd. 1960.

Although several generations of medical students have had lectures on psychotherapy and some have been patients, few doctors know what happens when they refer a patient with neurosis to a psychiatrist. Hence their questions: What do you actually do—is it just a matter of talking and giving advice?

Dr. Storr's book gives enlightenment on such questions, for he deals frankly, in comprehensible terms, with the hypotheses the therapist uses in treatment. He writes as an analyst of the Jungian school with a sound background of general psychiatry. Yet he is by no means doctrinaire; nor does he know all the answers. He writes with modest assurance, for he is writing out of his own experience. Can we strike a balance between heredity and environment? he asks. The significance of hereditary factors is established, but this does not mean that the carrier of the gene will develop the disorder which made invalids of either or both parents. Non-genetical factors are highly important for the therapist. Pretence and denial, which often spring from parental influence, play an all-important part in neurosis. These and similar topics are dealt with in a chapter—one of the best in the book—devoted to the developing or emergent personality. Storr does not over-simplify a complex subject, for he assumes that his readers are well informed. Doctors who believe the personality of their patient is worth bothering about—and their number is growing—will be repaid by reading and pondering this carefully written essay. Psychiatrists, too, will find the book a stimulating refresher course; they may even be encouraged to inspect their own assumptions.

Perhaps the title is not happily chosen: "integrity" is an awkward word and the dictionary is not much help. Storr's meaning is that every mind has within it a touchstone, a standard to which it must be true. It is the task of the doctor and his patient to rediscover this integrity—no easy task, and one that demands from the therapist continual self-examination.

E. A. BENNET.

Though *Principles for British Agricultural Policy*, a study sponsored by the Nuffield Foundation and edited by H. T. Williams, is perhaps of greatest interest to those directly concerned with farming, its comments on nutrition and sociology will be of interest to the medical profession. The study attempts to establish principles which could be helpful in formulating policy on the basis of historical development, agricultural science and practice, and strategic and nutritional needs, though it finds it more difficult to assess the sociological factors which are involved. The study's balanced assessment of the pros and cons of home-grown versus imported food, and of whether it is better to live in the country than the town, will give little comfort to fanatics on either side. (Oxford University Press; pp. 317+xiii; price (U.K. only) 18s. net.)

BOOKS RECEIVED

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

Calcium Metabolism and the Bone. By Paul Fourman, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 325. 37s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1960.

Die Temporallappenepilepsie und ihre Psychopathologie. By H. Landolt. (Pp. 102. S. Fr. 17.70.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1960.

Old Age. A Register of Social Research. (Pp. 98. 10s.) Published by the National Corporation for the Care of Old People, Nuffield Lodge, Regent's Park, London N.W.1. 1960.

L'Approche Psycho-Sociale en Médecine. By G. Heuyer, A. Lamache, A. Misenard, R. Pichot, and R. Quéro. (Pp. 99. No price.) Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. 1960.

Préliminaires à une Psychologie Médicale. By A. Lamache, A. Burloud, and P. H. Davost. (Pp. 59. No price.) Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. 1960.

Situation et Valeur de la Psychologie en Médecine. By G. Berger, W. Boven, P. Nayrac, and L. de Pina. (Pp. 107. No price.) Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. 1960.

Introduction to a Submolecular Biology. By Albert Szent-György. (Pp. 135. \$5.) New York and London: Academic Press. 1960.

The Single Woman. Her Adjustment to Life and Love. By Laura Hutton, B.A.(Lond.), M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.). Foreword by David Stafford-Clark, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Pp. 132+ xv; 12s. 6d.) London: Barrie and Rockliff. 1960.

Staphylococcal Disease and Related Subjects. Selected Materials on Nursing Aspects. United States Public Health Service Publication No. 764. (Pp. 174+ xi. \$1.) U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare Public Health Service, Communicable Disease Center, Atlanta, Georgia. 1960.

Experiments in Personality. Volume 1: Psychogenetics and Psychopharmacology. Volume 2: Psychodynamics and Psychodiagnostics. Edited by H. J. Eysenck, Ph.D. (Pp. 262+ xxii, illustrated; and pp. 333+ viii, illustrated. 40s. each.) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. 1960.

People and Work. Co-operation for Social Welfare in Industrial Communities. Report of the Fourth British National Conference on Social Work at the Victoria Rooms, Clifton, Bristol, 10th-13th April, 1960. (Pp. 72+ vii. 5s. 6d.) London: National Council for Social Services Incorporated. 1960.

Dilling's Clinical Pharmacology. Twentieth edition. Revised by Stanley Alstead, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.F.P.S., F.R.C.P.(Lond.), F.R.C.P.(Edin.), F.R.S.(Edin.). (Pp. 860+ xv. 30s.) London: Cassell. 1960.

Clinical Psychiatry. By W. Mayer-Gross, M.D. (Heidelberg), F.R.C.P.(Lond.), Eliot Slater, M.A., M.D.(Camb.), F.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.P.M., and Martin Roth, M.D.(Lond.), F.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.P.M. (Pp. 704+ xx. 63s.) London: Cassell and Company Ltd. 1960.

The Ear, Nose and Throat Diseases of Children. By J. F. Birrell, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Pp. 383+ viii; illustrated. 50s.) London: Cassell. 1960.

Les Chondrodystrophies Genotypiques. By Maurice Lamy and Pierre Maroteaux. (Pp. 120; illustrated. No price.) Paris: L'Expansion Scientifique Française. 1960.

Prenatal Care. The Collected Papers and Discussions presented at the Symposium held at Groningen, Rotterdam, June 1-6, 1959. (Pp. 472+ xi; illustrated. D.fl. 28. \$7.50.) Groningen: P. Noordhoff Ltd. 1960.

Essentials of Human Embryology. By Frank D. Allan, M.S., Ph.D. (Pp. 225+ xiii; illustrated. 40s.) New York: Oxford University Press. 1960.

Evaluation of Industrial Disability. Prepared by the Committee of the California Medical Association and Industrial Accident Commission of the State of California for Standardization of Joint Measurements in Industrial Injury Cases. Chairman, Packard Thurber, Sr., M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 63; illustrated. 10s.) New York: Oxford University Press. 1960.

Elektrobiologische Hautuntersuchungen bei inneren Erkrankungen insbesondere bei vegetativen Funktionsstörungen. By Heinz-Otto Dorscheid. (Pp. 217+ vi; illustrated. DM. 38.85.) Jena: Veb Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1960.

was maintained. But that was not quite the same as giving the primary responsibility to Remploy for the care of mentally disordered people. Lord STONHAM emphasized that his aim was that it was essential that articles made in the local centres should be sold by a skilled organization.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS

Occupational Deafness

Mr. R. E. PRENTICE (East Ham, North, Lab.) asked the Minister of Pensions and National Insurance what proposals he had for prescribing occupational deafness as an industrial disease. Mr. J. BOYD-CARPENTER replied, "None," though he understood that the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council had been keeping this disease under review as part of its normal duties. Mr. PRENTICE asked whether any conclusion had yet been reached from the wider studies of the Government's investigation into the problem of noise. A number of countries covered occupational deafness in their industrial injuries schemes. Why should we lag behind? Mr. BOYD-CARPENTER said that real difficulties might be encountered in bringing this complaint within the relevant section of the Industrial Injuries Act. The advisory council had asked its industrial diseases sub-committee to keep it informed about the research that was going on.

Standards in Nursing-homes

Mr. N. DODDS (Erith and Crayford, Lab.) asked the Minister of Health on December 5, in view of the concern expressed about the deteriorating standards in many nursing-homes for elderly people, where charges ranged from 7 to 30 guineas a week, if he would set up a committee to look into the matter; and if he would consider the need for legislation requiring these homes to register annually, and prescribing precise standards of furnishings and staffing. Mr. ENOCH POWELL stated that a person carrying on any nursing-home was required by law to be registered by the local authority, and registration might be refused or cancelled. The premises were subject to inspection by the authority's officers. He was at present considering suggestions for strengthening the powers of the registration authorities. Mr. DODDS said that Dr. W. Fielding, M.O.H. for Bournemouth, complained bitterly about the deteriorating standards of nursing-homes and was asking for reforms that required legislation. Would the Minister look at that report of Dr. Fielding? Mr. POWELL: Yes, I will.

Health Service Drugs

Mr. KENNETH ROBINSON (St. Pancras, North, Lab.) asked the Minister what action he proposed to reduce the cost of drugs supplied within the National Health Service. Mr. POWELL replied that he would continue by all practicable means to encourage, through the co-operation of the medical profession, economy in prescribing in the hospital and general medical services. As regards drug prices, negotiations on renewal of the voluntary price regulation scheme were in progress. Mr. ROBINSON said that any steps the Minister took to bring down prices, provided (1) they did not result in any reduction of the service to patients, and (2) that any savings were not used for the benefit of private patients, would have the enthusiastic support of the Opposition.

Sir GUDFREY NICHOLSON (Farnham, Con.) asked if the Minister was doing anything to see that new entrants to the profession were aware of the economics of the Health Service, and of the fact that if they inflated the cost by prescribing more expensive drugs unnecessarily they would defeat the whole aim of the Service. Mr. POWELL replied that the point was made by the Hinchliffe Committee. He understood that in teaching establishments attention was given to it.

Improper Sales Promotion

Dr. EDITH SUMMERSKILL (Warrington, Lab.) asked the Minister what action he proposed to curtail the expensive methods adopted by the sales departments of certain drug

houses engaged in the provision of drugs for the Health Service. Mr. POWELL replied that the industry had adopted a code of practice designed to eliminate improper forms of sales promotion. He would continue to bring any breaches to their attention for action. Dr. SUMMERSKILL said it was admitted that the cost of some American drugs here could be related to something like 70% for advertising purposes. This country was paying £70m. for drugs, and a great part of that was related to undue advertising. Would the Minister take some trouble to investigate the whole thing? Mr. POWELL said he was anxious to find any means he could to reduce drug costs, but Dr. Summerskill exaggerated the part played in the total bill by advertising costs.

Hospital Administrators

Mr. ROBINSON asked the Minister what progress had been made in establishing the selective recruitment and training scheme for hospital administrators; and what proposals he had for extending the scheme. Mr. POWELL said the scheme provided at present for the recruitment of 16 persons a year for three years' theoretical and practical training. If there were enough suitable candidates, the figure would be increased to 24 in 1961. He would shortly be discussing the experimental introduction of a regional scheme with representatives of hospital authorities.

Hearing-aids by Private Purchase

Mr. L. SPRIGGS (St. Helens, Lab.) asked if the Minister would consider providing free-of-charge repairs and replacements for hearing-aids purchased privately. Miss PITT, Parliamentary Secretary, replied, "No, Sir."

Group Practice Loans

Mr. L. PAVITT, on December 2, asked the Minister how much money, in addition to that already earmarked within the General Medical Services Central Pool, he proposed to make available for group-practice loans, following the recommendations of the Pilkington Report. Mr. POWELL: £88,000 a year for England and Wales.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Dr. J. H. Rack has been reappointed University Assistant Pathologist to Addenbrooke's Hospital for five years from April 1, 1961, and Dr. R. W. Ainsworth University Assistant Pathologist to the hospital for three years from January 1, 1961.

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

The status of honorary member of the clinical teaching staff in the Department of Clinical Surgery has been conferred on Mr. A. C. Buchan, consultant plastic surgeon.

Professor Robert Cruickshank has been appointed representative of the University on the governing body of Heriot-Watt College.

The following appointments are announced: Dr. D. M. Weir, Lecturer in the Department of Bacteriology; Dr. R. G. S. Leask, Lecturer in the Department of Clinical Chemistry; Mr. J. W. W. Thomson, temporary Lecturer in the Department of Clinical Surgery; Mr. J. D. O. Loudon, part-time Lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Dr. F. L. Constable will terminate his appointment as Lecturer in the Department of Bacteriology on February 28, 1961.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

The following candidates at the Institute of Psychiatry have been approved at the examinations indicated:

ACADEMIC POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—JOAN T. Bruce, H. M. N. Rees, Hilary Richards. The following have passed in Part I: R. Nada Raja, M. A. Polo Conde, F. Valarino.

On October 12 the degree of M.D. was awarded to R. S. Williams.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

The following have been appointed or reappointed representatives of the University on the medical training scheme committees at the places indicated in parentheses: Dr. A. G. W. Whitfield and Dr. Gilbert S. Hall (Walsall); Emeritus Professor J. M. Smellie

and Professor C. F. V. Smout (Birmingham); and Dr. J. H. Sheldon (Wolverhampton).

The title of University Research Fellow in the Department of Social Medicine has been given to Professor E. Takahashi (Department of Hygiene, Tohoku University, Japan), who holds a grant from the Japanese Ministry of Education, and Professor R. J. Amruthraj (Department of Preventive Medicine, Medical College, Bangalore, India), who holds a World Health Organization Fellowship, during the period of their stay in the University.

Dr. W. Mayer-Gross, Senior Fellow in the Department of Experimental Psychiatry, is to resign from his appointment on January 31, 1961.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNAECOLOGISTS

At a meeting of the Council of the College held on November 26 with the President, Mr. A. C. H. Bell, in the chair, Professor Derk Crichton, of Durban, South Africa, was appointed William Blair-Bell Lecturer for 1961, and Professor C. H. G. Macafee, of Belfast, the William Meredith Fletcher Shaw Memorial Lecturer. Dr. Douglas Miller, of Edinburgh, will deliver in 1961 the first J. Y. Simpson Oration.

The Edgar-Gentilli Prize for 1961 was awarded to Dr. J. S. Scott, of Liverpool; Mr. H. H. Francis, of Liverpool, was appointed Bernhard Baron Travelling Scholar for 1961 to visit the United States of America; Dr. Bruce Eton, of Cambridge, Green-Armytage Short-term Travelling Scholar for 1960 to visit Vienna; and Dr. G. A. Humphreys, of Aylesbury, Green-Armytage Short-term Travelling Scholar for 1961 to visit Paris.

Mavis F. Anderson and F. W. Van der Westhuizen were admitted to the Membership of the College.

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Obstetrics:

R. Abendstern, E. I. Adam, E. A. B. Adenuga, J. B. Akingba, J. M. Allan, J. G. Allardice, A. J. R. Anderson, J. P. Andrew, D. J. Annal, M. B. Atit, S. M. Atit, G. Atkins, S. H. Aynsworth, Judith M. Babb, Clarice A. Baker, D. H. Ball, Ann D. Banister, Margaret Baron, Isabelle B. Barrie, P. C. Barrington, Anne C. Bayley, M. D. Bewley, D. L. Belcher, S. M. Berger, A. T. Bevan, J. S. Bevan, J. E. Bewley, Beryl Beynon, S. K. Bhattacharyya, A. R. Bingham, G. Birchall, Anne W. Birt, Sybil Birtwistle, R. B. B. Bishton, D. H. Black, J. A. Blecher, H. Bodsworth, H. P. Bolton, M. G. Bradley, B. Breeze-Stringfellow, Beatrice M. Brown, K. A. C. Brown, Judith C. H. Bullen, R. A. Bunting, L. J. Burton, Christine M. Butler, P. R. Butler, K. N. Butteriss, W. D. Callum, I. G. Campbell, I. G. Carnegie-Brown, R. M. Carson, P. A. Carter, R. N. Carter, J. M. Chadwick, Vimla Chaudhry, P. J. Chaudoir, I. G. Chisholm, R. S. Churchill, R. G. Clark, Daphne C. K. Clarke, P. Cochran, G. F. Cockings, R. H. L. Cole, D. Connan, Alison R. Coutts, D. H. G. Cowie, Jane M. Craig, W. S. R. Craig, H. E. Cramp, Jane M. Critchley, Matilda E. Cumming, J. B. Davis, R. P. Davis, Anne A. N. Day, W. R. Dean, H. Dexter, P. N. Dixon, Jeanne B. Donaldson, J. A. Driscoll, J. R. E. Edmonson-Jones, A. J. Ellison, A. J. H. Ellison, D. Emerson, W. Erskine, I. Esslemont, Beryl H. Evans, G. R. L. Evans, J. F. Farrall, C. J. Farrer, M. J. Feitelherz, Jean M. Fell, P. L. Ferguson, M. A. Ferri, V. A. C. Fisher, P. G. T. Ford, D. F. Foster, W. Foster, Patricia A. J. Freeman, R. F. R. Gardner, I. I. Gaston, E. E. Genever, D. M. George, E. R. Gibbons, Phyllis M. Gibbons, Janet I. Gibson, S. Ginsberg, P. J. Gladders, S. Glick, J. B. Gnanapragasa, A. Gooding, G. T. Gooding, R. A. Gould, T. R. Gould, G. S. Graham, Colette C. Green, R. Greenbaum, P. R. Greenfield, R. A. W. Guthrie, Judith M. Hall, M. J. Hall, S. W. D. Hall, T. J. Hall, A. W. Harris, D. F. Harrison, A. S. Hartt, M. Q. Hasan, G. Hass, D. A. Hastings, J. P. Hawe, M. J. Hegarty, R. S. Hickling, J. H. Higgins, F. R. Hilborne, D. G. W. Hollands, J. R. Holliday, P. S. Hollingworth, J. G. Holmes-Smith, Marie K. Housley, E. G. Hoyer-Chung, V. P. Hynes, M. Ibberson, G. D. Ikedife, E. A. Ikomi, D. H. Irvine, Alberta E. Irwin, Teresiamura Jacob, P. W. James, I. W. Jamieson, S. A. Jannohamed, D. C. Jeffery, D. M. Jenkins, D. L. Jennings, A. A. Johns, J. K. Johnson, M. L. Johnson, P. A. Johnson, I. N. L. Johnston, A. J. Jordan, J. Keane, D. Keating, Trixie Kelly, M. Kelvin, N. B. Kirkland, Saramma Koshy, S. Kunster, F. K. A. Laing, W. I. Lamont, Marjorie M. Langmuir, Osafo Lartey, C. J. N. Lawson, D. J. Lawson, P. M. Leary, J. A. S. Lees, M. McA. Lees, J. E. Leng, P. M. Lenten, R. B. Levy, D. W. Lewis, H. McD. Liegeois, J. P. Lissenden, J. R. B. Livingstone, J. K. Lloyd, J. O. Lloyd-Jones, V. J. E. D. Lobo, Barbara A. Lockley, R. M. Lodge, K. E. Luckman, M. V. McCabe, T. N. McCarthy, B. W. M. Macartney, Jean L. McColl, G. C. A. MacDevitt, J. D. Macdonald, R. C. Macfarlane, J. P. MacFaul, R. F. McGann, J. C. McGrand, Helen R. McKilligin, J. G. McLaggan, W. S. S. Maclay, H. Macmaster, D. C. McNeill, S. McPherson, R. L. McRitchie, P. D. Maddocks, B. W. Maitland, Valerie Major, Debabrata Mallik, J. W. Maltby, Annamma Mammen, W. Mantion, J. A. Mathews, R. D. Mathias, Hazel J. Mathews, T. Mawdsley, R. E. May, Hamida S. Memon, Romola A. Menezes, G. McN. Milne, R. G. Milne, Alison M. Molyneux, M. W. Moncrieff, P. R. Monk, K. A. M. Moore, M. J. Moore, G. L. Morgan, J. F. Morris, K. A. A. Mourin, E. S. Mucklow, I. S. Muir, S. Mukerjee, H. D. R. Munro, Helen McB. G. Murray, Mya Mya, E. A. Neville, Margaret P. Newton, J. D. Nicholas, J. B. Nichols, Jennifer M. Nixon, J. B. Nuttall, P. P. S. Nylander, F. A. Olapade, Zubeda O-man, A. Osmond, J. D. Owen, Glenys R. Packer, M. J. Paze, D. J. Palmer, J. F. Patel, Adiline W. Patterson, K. R. Peel, M. G. Peters, J. A. Phelan, F. S. Plumpton, Margaret D. Power, Audrey J. N. Price, H. W. Price, J. D. Price, J. L. Price, D. J. Prosser, H. S. Radden, T. Radomski, P. G. Rae, P. B. Read, B. L. E. C. Reedy, Shirley J. Richards, Margaret Richardson, A. E. Ridley, R. M. Ridsdill-Smith, J. A. Rigby, Catherine A. L. Rimington, J. K. Roberts, Irene J. Robertson, Moira C. Robertson, R. W. K. Rogers, J. N. Roskilly, K. W. Rowden, W. N. T. Roy, Elizabeth M. Russell, J. L. Russell, J. G. Russell, Lorna J. Rust, Naomi J. Sage, S. S. Sanders, I. W. H. Scott, M. D. Scott, A. H. Sears, M. S. Seltzer, C. R. Sexton, Jean Shackleton, H. J. Shapiro, E. A. Shaw, F. D. Skerrett, I. O. Sibthorpe, R. I. D. Simpson, R. O. Skinner, E. C. Smart, F. Smith, R. C. Smith, J. K. Snell, Christine A. Snodgrass, J. B. Sorapure, D. F. Spencer, G. M. Steiner, W. J. Stephen, B. J. Stevenson, W. B. Stewart, Sheila M. Strachan, M. Sundaralingam,

H. W. Sutherland, G. H. Swapp, R. M. R. Taylor, R. W. Taylor, W. Taylor, H. Teed, I. I. Thew, P. S. Thomas, A. Thomson, Freda M. Tomlinson, Elisabeth A. Tooth, J. Tudor, Lorna S. Vethavanam, J. C. Voigt, Ruth E. H. Wainwright, Pamela Walton, J. T. Ward, Joyce Warner, M. S. Warwick, P. H. Waterfield, R. R. Watkin, R. A. Watkins, A. J. Watson, A. B. Watson, Dorothy A. Watson, Anne H. White, J. Wighman, Anne M. Wigley, A. Williams, G. L. Williams, Barbara J. Willmer, D. Wilson, J. M. Wilson, Marie B. Wilson, C. E. R. Winer, G. B. Wolloff, J. M. Woodhead, M. Woodliffe, R. G. Wrangham, Maureen L. Wyllie, H. N. Young.

Medico-Legal

INFANTICIDE

[FROM OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT]

A charge of infanticide was heard at Somerset Assizes on October 18 against Mrs. Mary Spraggs, aged 35, of Woolavington, near Bridgwater (*Western Morning News*, October 19). Mrs. Spraggs pleaded guilty and was placed on probation for three years, with a condition that she should obtain treatment in a mental hospital for the first twelve months.

Mrs. Spraggs was married in 1946 and gave birth to a child in 1949. A second child was born on June 11 this year, and there was trouble in feeding the baby. The child became ill and Mrs. Spraggs had no proper sleep for six weeks. On August 6 her husband found her lying fully dressed on the floor of the kitchen. The baby was lying dead face downwards, strangled by a silk scarf around its neck. Mrs. Spraggs had a history of nervous trouble and mental instability. Difficulties with the baby had put her into an anxiety state. Dr. K. C. Bailey, medical superintendent of Tone Vale Hospital, near Taunton, said that he had found Mrs. Spraggs profoundly distressed and suffering from agitated melancholia. Her condition had since improved and there was a very good chance of recovery.

Infanticide Acts

The crime of infanticide was made a statutory felony only 38 years ago, although it was suggested as early as the Criminal Code Bill of 1878. Between 1905 and 1921 60 women were sentenced to death for the murder of their children, but in 59 cases the sentence was commuted. To abolish this anomaly and to provide against the reluctance of juries to convict in such cases, the Infanticide Act, 1922, was passed. The effect of this Act was that a mother who had caused the death of her "newly born" child while the balance of her mind was disturbed from the effect of giving birth to the child could be charged with the new statutory crime of infanticide, or could, if charged with murder, rely on those facts as a defence to the greater crime.

The effect of conviction in either case was to render her liable to punishment as if she had committed manslaughter—that is, she could receive any sentence up to life imprisonment. The interpretation of the words "newly born" caused difficulty, and the 1922 Act was replaced by the Infanticide Act, 1938. The results of infanticide are the same under the newer Act, but the circumstances to which the Act applies differ from the earlier legislation.

The 1938 Act applies:

"Where a woman by any wilful act or omission causes the death of her child being a child under the age of twelve months, but at the time of the act or omission the balance of her mind was disturbed by reason of her not having fully recovered from the effect of giving birth to the child or by reason of the effect of lactation consequent upon the birth of the child . . ."

This definition allows lenient treatment of women who would not fall within the McNaghton Rules and of many who would not even be protected by the concept, new to England, of diminished responsibility. The most usual sentence is, in fact, probation or discharge, which would not, of course, be possible if the defence of legal insanity was relied on.

The Infanticide Act does not apply to Scotland or Northern Ireland.

MARTIN, Dr. D. POND, Dr. D. STAFFORD-CLARK, Dr. A. TORRIE, Rev. Dr. M. WILSON (Chaplain, Guild of Health), and the Bishops of Croydon, Southwark, and Stepney.

Fulton Society

A Fulton Society is to be founded in memory of the late Professor J. F. FULTON. Those who are interested should write to Professor VICTOR SORIANO, 363 Calle Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Uruguay.

Grants, Gifts, and Bequests

The Damon Runyon Memorial Fund, which was founded a week after the death of the famous American writer with an appeal for funds to endow a bed in a cancer hospital, has made a grant of \$5,000 to Edinburgh University for cancer research.

In Brief

A Royal Commission is to be appointed in New South Wales, Australia, to inquire into allegations of neglect, cruelty, and misappropriation at the Callan Park mental hospital in Sydney. The allegations were made after an investigation conducted by the New South Wales Public Service Board.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London has made a grant of £20,000 to provide a hostel for 20 deaf children who are under treatment and training by the Audiology Unit of the Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital.

People in the News

Major-General W. R. M. DREW, Director of Medicine and Consulting Physician to the Army, has been appointed Commandant and Director of Studies, Royal Army Medical College, in succession to Major-General W. D. HUGHES. Brigadier W. H. HARGREAVES has succeeded Major-General Drew as Director of Medicine and Consulting Physician to the Army.

Sir SELWYN SELWYN-CLARKE is to retire as medical secretary of the Society of Medical Officers of Health, and will be succeeded by Dr. J. A. STRUTHERS, who will act for one year as part-time medical secretary.

Professor T. C. GRAY, professor of anaesthesia, Liverpool University, has been appointed honorary consultant in anaesthetics to the Army, and Mr. R. MYLES GIBSON, department of neurosurgery, Leeds General Infirmary, honorary consultant in neurosurgery to the Military Hospital, Catterick, from November 30.

Mr. FELIX SCHNYDER, permanent observer for Switzerland at the United Nations since 1958, has been elected United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in succession to Dr. AUGUSTE LINDE, whose term of office has expired.

Dr. KENNETH MACLEOD, lecturer at the Harvard School of Public Health, has been appointed Health Commissioner of Cincinnati, U.S.A.

COMING EVENTS

Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Central Council of Physical Education.—Royal performance of Bertram Mills's Circus in the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, December 21, 8 p.m., Olympia. Tickets from Royal Circus Performance, 1 Dorset Square, London N.W.1 (Tel. FULham 3333), the Fund and the Council, or agencies.

Western Regional Hospital Board.—Exhibition, "The Scalpel and the Spectroscope," January 4-6, at address below. Admission by ticket from Regional Physicist, Regional Physics Department, 9-13 West Graham Street, Glasgow C.4.

Inaugural McGibbon Memorial Lecture.—Instituted under auspices of Scottish Radiological Society in memory of the late Dr. JOHN P. MCGIBBON, of Edinburgh: Dr. A. RAE GILCHRIST, P.R.C.P.Ed., "Some Radiological Contributions to Cardiology." February 18, 2.30 p.m., the Hall, Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh. Admission free.

Hunterian Oration.—Sir CECIL WAKELEY, "New Light on Hunter's Life and Achievements," February 20, 8.30 p.m. Livery Hall, Guildhall, Basinghall Street entrance.

Postgraduate Medical School of London.—Advanced symposium, "Selected Topics in Chemical Pathology," April 18-20. Details on advertisement p. 53.

Family Planning Association.—Training course for medical practitioners in London in January. For details see advertisement p. 53.

European Academy of Allergy.—Meeting, Berlin, April 28, 29. Main subjects: "Differential Diagnosis of Bronchial Asthma and Destructive Emphysema of the Lung"; "Neurodermatitis and Contact Eczema." Details from Priv.-Doz. Dr. MICHEL, Krankenanstalten Westend, Berlin-Charlottenburg 9, Germany.

1st European Colloquium on Endocrinology.—Organized by Association Médicale France-Espagne and the Medical School, Barcelona, May 20-22, Park Hotel, San Jorge, Costa Brava, near Barcelona. Details from Professor JOSEPH M. CANADELL, 497 Avenida Generalísimo, Barcelona 15, Spain.

6th Annual Cancer Symposium, Allan Blair Memorial Clinic.—Regina, Canada, May 29-31, 1961. B.M.A. members visiting the U.S.A. or Canada then are invited to participate. Details from Dr. A. J. S. BRYANT, Department of Public Health, Saskatchewan Cancer Commission, Allan Blair Memorial Clinic, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada.

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 19

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Talbot Restaurant, 64 London Wall, E.C., 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner meeting; 8.30 p.m., discussion to be opened by Dr. William W. Sargent: Mechanism of Conversion to Brainwashing (with slides and sound recordings).

Tuesday, December 20

LEEDS NEUROLOGICAL SCIENCES COLLOQUIUM, 1960.—At Littlewood Hall, General Infirmary at Leeds, 5.15 p.m., Sir Russell Brain, Bt.: Cerebral Basis of Mind.

APPOINTMENTS

EAST ANGLIAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—T. J. Leonard, M.B., B.Ch., Registrar in Psychiatry Suffolk Mental Hospitals; A. G. Hocken, M.B., B.S., Medical Registrar Newmarket General Hospital; N. A. P. Singh, M.B., B.S., D.T.M.&H., Medical Registrar, Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. **SOUTH-WESTERN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.**—J. N. Montgomery, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., Consultant Paediatrician, Plymouth Clinical Area; M. R. McNulty, M.B., B.Ch., F.F.R., D.M.R.D., Consultant Radiologist, Bath Clinical Area; A. M. Bradford, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M., Consultant Psychiatrist, South Somerset Clinical Area; Helen M. Hederman, M.B., B.Ch., D.A., Anaesthetic Registrar, and Joan Andrews, M.B., B.S., D.Obst.R.C.O.G., Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Southmead Hospital, Bristol; W. E. Benney, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Registrar, Cosham-Frenchay Hospitals Group, Bristol; Patricia M. O'Sullivan, M.B., B.S., Registrar in Pathology, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol; S. R. Chowdhury, M.B., B.S., Surgical Registrar, Weston-super-Mare General Hospital; S. K. Bose, M.B., D.A., Anaesthetic Registrar, Taunton and Somerset Hospital; S. J. Azzopardi, M.D., Paediatric Registrar, South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Philip.—On December 5, 1960, to Julia (formerly Vaux), wife of Philip Paton Philip, M.Chir., F.R.C.S., of Langford Court, London N.W., a son —Charles.

MARRIAGES

Craig-O'Sullivan.—On October 22, 1960, at Ampleforth, Yorks., J. Kevin Craig, F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., of Bristol, to Patricia Maureen O'Sullivan, M.B., B.S., of Hovingham, Yorks.

DEATHS

Borland.—On November 29, 1960, at The Lilacs, Anthorn, near Carlisle. Douglas Morris Borland, M.B., Ch.B. **Cameron.**—On November 27, 1960, at Bournemouth, John Cameron, M.D., aged 87. **Christie.**—On November 20, 1960, at Andover, Hants, Julia Veronica Christie, M.B., Ch.B., of Charlcombe, Bath, Som. **Cole.**—On November 24, 1960, at Walkhurst Lodge, Benenden, Kent, Harry Arnold Cole, M.B., Ch.B. **Easton.**—On November 21, 1960, at White Barn, Sutton Green, near Guildford, Surrey, Philip George Easton, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., J.P., Lieutenant-Colonel, R.A.M.C., retired, aged 81. **Elgood.**—On November 21, 1960, in London, Cornelia Bonté Sheldon Elgood, C.B.E., M.B., aged 86. **Foster.**—On November 21, 1960, John Joseph Foster, M.B., of Fairlie, Station Road, Churchdown, Glos, aged 86. **Galbraith.**—On November 25, 1960, at Glasgow, Walter Weir Galbraith, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., of Dunalton, Monkton, Ayrshire. **Melvin.**—On November 23, 1960, at 6 Cammo Gardens, Edinburgh, Frank Widowfield Melvin, M.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed.