

and freshness, ignoring the repetitive pot-boilers and yet recognizing those papers presenting a really original contribution. If this could be combined with a critical commentary, a book of considerable value would emerge. One flinches at the thought of the work involved—and where does one find the necessary superman?

The editors of this collection make no attempt to fulfil these qualifications since it is not their allotted task. Yet within the framework of their assignment they are extremely competent. Though a number of the articles summarized seem pointless, quite a few are valuable, and these are usually printed in full with many illustrations. The scope is wide, including head and neck surgery and a section on hare-lip and cleft palate in which few laryngologists in Great Britain would be interested. A quarter of the book is concerned with audiology, which illustrates the growing importance of this aspect of the specialty. The book is very good value for money, and its compact size and clear print make it easy as well as virtuous armchair reading.

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PSORIASIS IN THE FAROES

Psoriasis. Prevalence, Spontaneous Course, and Genetics. A Census Study on the Prevalence of Skin Diseases on the Faroe Islands. By Gunnar Lomholt. (Pp. 295; illustrated.) Copenhagen: G. E. C. Gad. 1963.

This significant and valuable contribution to dermatology by the distinguished son of the late Svend Lomholt, of

Copenhagen, records a unique survey of skin diseases in an isolated community. The study was conducted on the Faroe Islands over the course of a year, from 1947 to 1948, and was limited to the total population of the North and East Islands. Interest centred particularly round the prevalence of psoriasis, its genetic features, natural history, and spontaneous course.

The survey disclosed 312 cases of psoriasis in a population of 10,984. The prevalence was the same in males and females, and in blondes and brunettes. The median for the age of onset was 12 or 13 years. Interesting findings were the low incidence of psoriatic arthritis and the absence of diabetes in any psoriatic patients. There was a high incidence of lesions on face and hands—25 to 30% of the patients.

Much attention was paid to genetic factors: all pedigrees are included in an appendix. The high rate of consanguinity—5.1% first-cousin marriages and 25.4% matings of more remote relatives—did not seem to be of notable importance in the occurrence of psoriasis. Some eugenic guidance as to the likelihood of the condition arising in offspring is given from the experience of this survey.

Dr. Lomholt includes a short review of the prevalence of other skin diseases. These were studied less exhaustively. It is valuable to have a careful survey of this type, even though it does no more than confirm previous clinical observations.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

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

Diseases of the Chest. By H. Corwin Hinshaw, M.D., Ph.D., D.Sc., and L. Henry Garland, M.B., B.Ch., M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 798+xvi; illustrated.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1963.

Fractures and their Treatment. By A. K. Toufeeq, F.R.C.S. (Pp. 254+xii; illustrated.) Anarkali, Lahore: The Punjab Religious Book Society. 1963.

The Role of Fluoride in Public Health. A Selected Bibliography. By Irene R. Campbell, A.B. (Pp. 108+v.) Cincinnati, Ohio: The University of Cincinnati. 1963.

Probation and Mental Treatment. By Max Grunhut, M.A. (Pp. 56. 15s.) London: Tavistock Publications. 1963.

Illustrated Handbook of Life Saving Instruction. (Pp. 176+vi; illustrated. 4s. 6d.) London: Royal Life Saving Society, United Kingdom. 1963.

Applied Gynecologic Pathology. By J. Edward Hall. (Pp. 404+xi; illustrated. \$10.95.) New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 1963.

The Scientific Basis of Medicine Annual Reviews. 1963. British Postgraduate Medical Federation. (Pp. 348+ix; illustrated. 40s.) University of London: The Athlone Press. 1963.

Praxis der Pockenbekämpfung. Edited by W. Anders and P. V. Lundt. (Pp. 146+v; illustrated. DM. 26.60.) Berlin, Göttingen, and Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag. 1963.

Cancer and Public Education. By John Wakefield. (Pp. 106+xi; illustrated. 27s. 6d.) London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1962.

Diseases of the Adrenal Glands. By Morton A. Meyers, M.D. (Pp. 97+xiv; illustrated. \$7.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1963.

Orthopedic Appliances. By Henry H. Jordan, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 201+xviii; illustrated. \$16.50.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1963.

Die Diabetische Neuropathie. By Priv.-Doz. Dr. Albert Bischoff. (Pp. 122+vii; illustrated. DM. 19.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1963.

Bacteria and Fungi Pathogenic to Man and Animals. By M. A. Soltys, B.V.Sc., M.A., Ph.D., D.M.Vet. (Pp. 540+viii; illustrated. 84s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1963.

Progress in Medicinal Chemistry 3. Edited by G. P. Ellis and G. B. West. (Pp. 407+x; illustrated. 80s.) London: Butterworths. 1963.

Wake Up Nurse. By Roger Brook. (Pp. 62; illustrated. 7s. 6d.) London: Souvenir Press. 1963.

Culture Collections: Perspective and Problems. Edited by S. M. Martin. (Pp. 221+ix; illustrated. 64s.) Toronto: Toronto University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1963.

A History of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, 1654-1963. By J. D. H. Widdess, M.A.(Dublin), L.R.C.P.&S.I. (Pp. 255+xii. 40s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

Heparin and Thromboplastin with a Survey on von Willebrand's Disease. Transactions of the Conference held under the auspices of the International Committee on Blood Clotting Factors. Stockholm, Sweden, July 15-18, 1962. (Pp. 324+xii; illustrated.) Stuttgart: Friedrich-Karl Schattauer-Verlag. 1963.

Modern Trends in Human Reproductive Physiology—1. Edited by H. M. Carey, M.Sc., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 373+ix; illustrated. 75s.) London: Butterworths. 1963.

Teaching Genetics in School and University. Edited by C. D. Darlington and A. D. Bradshaw. (Pp. 111+x; illustrated. 21s.) Edinburgh and London: Oliver and Boyd. 1963.

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De Catarrhis 1672. Translation and Biography by Richard Hunter and Ida Macalpine. (Pp. 29+xxii; illustrated.) London: Dawsons of Pall Mall. 1963.

Psychiatric Nursing. By David Maddison, Patricia Day, and Bruce Leabeater. (Pp. 511+xi. 40s.) Edinburgh and London: E. and S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

Advances in Ophthalmology. Edited by E. B. Streiff. Volume 14. (Pp. 284. DM. 66.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1963.