

professional qualification and ability instead of being merely an address available alike to the specialist, the spiv, the expert, the decently competent, and the polished pedlar of professional puffery. The title of Major Byam's first autobiography, *Dr. Byam in Harley Street*, must have brought a feeling of slight nausea to many medical men. However, its description of the author's highly successful assault on what he calls the medical Holy of Holies and of the enthusiasm that he aroused as a fashionable physician proved popular reading and sold better than if it had been titled "A Licentiate in London."

Its reception stimulated Byam to write the present account of his earlier life and adventures. It is readable, interesting, and exciting, and throws a vivid light on the fine work done in Egypt and the Sudan by that small band of picked R.A.M.C. bachelor officers who chose secondment for many years to what was always a lonely, strenuous, and often dangerous way of life.

Son of a general who thought that the medical profession was not one for gentlemen, Byam went to school at Wellington with a view to entering the Army. He was advised by a master that the Army would not be a suitable career and that as he was interested in butterflies and animals he should take up biology and study for medicine. With a thousand pounds in his pocket Byam entered St. George's Hospital. That sum would be equal to at least five thousand pounds to-day, but Byam eked it out with great difficulty till he passed the Conjoint finals. He immediately sat the R.A.M.C. entrance examination and passed in top. Unfortunately his father thought even less of the R.A.M.C. than of the rest of the medical profession.

The rest of the story is one long series of adventures in Egypt, the Sudan, Eritrea, the first Balkan war, and the

first world war. During the course of the Aniak Patrol's active operations we find the author gallantly facing the most extreme odds, narrowly avoiding death from wounds and starvation in turn, and rescued in the nick of time by his friend Major Archibald. He was denied the high decoration for gallantry for which he was recommended—and had undoubtedly earned—because the minor expedition was a military failure. Byam was unlucky where decorations were concerned. Some years later, after offering his hospital in Cairo to the New Zealanders and bringing it up to a high pitch of efficiency, he was replaced in his own building by a New Zealand colonel who was immediately awarded a C.M.G. Again, Stack, the Governor-General of the Sudan, is said to have offered him a knighthood if he would cease his press campaign against the importation into the Sudan of infective Egyptian coolies from Egypt, but Byam's honesty and determination prevailed and a quarantine station was built at Wadi Halfa. In keeping with his family's military traditions Byam's motto seemed to be "Where there's a war on let me get into it." When the first Balkan war broke out he tried to join the Turks but found it easier to get into the other side, and, attached to the Bulgarian army, rendered distinguished service, which he recounts with gusto.

It is evident that Byam was an able doctor, modern in his outlook, keen on research—he did valuable original work on trench-fever—and always ready for some new adventure. A handsome and self-reliant man, fortunate in marriage but not untouched by sorrow, Byam aroused interest in many people, and this new volume, published just before his death, will cancel out some of the false impressions left by his earlier book.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

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

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Funktionelle Neurologische Diagnostik. By Dr. med. Harri Joschko. (Pp. 168+xv; illustrated. DM. 38.) Jena: Veb Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1963.

Handbook of Orthopaedic Surgery. By Alfred Rives Shands, Jr., B.A., M.D., F.A.C.S., and Richard Beverly Raney, B.A., M.D., F.A.C.S. With the collaboration of H. Robert Brasher, B.A., M.D., F.A.C.S. Sixth edition. (Pp. 591; illustrated. 56s.) London: Henry Kimpton. Saint Louis: The C. V. Mosby Company. 1963.

Physical Diagnosis. By John A. Prior, M.D., and Jack S. Silberstein, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 455; illustrated. 63s.) London: Henry Kimpton. Saint Louis: The C. V. Mosby Company. 1963.

Serological Fractions in Schizophrenia. Edited by Robert G. Heath, M.D., D.M.Sc. (Pp. 239+xiv; illustrated. 56s.) New York, Evanston, and London: Harper and Row. 1963.

Essentials of Medical Parasitology. By Thomas J. Brooke, Jr., M.S., Ph.D., M.D. (Pp. 358+x; illustrated. 70s.) New York: Macmillan Company. London: Collier-Macmillan Ltd. 1963.

Dynamics of Adolescent Adjustment. By Thomas F. Staton. (Pp. 532+ix; illustrated. 50s.) New York: Macmillan Company. London: Collier-Macmillan Ltd. 1963.

Renovascular Hypertension. By Thomas Alexander Stamey, M.D. (Pp. 232+xi; illustrated. £5 16s.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. Baltimore, Maryland: The Williams Wilkins Company. 1963.

Mysterium Coniunctionis. By C. G. Jung. Translated by R. F. C. Hull. (Pp. 704+xix. 52s. 6d.) London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. 1963.

Crosen's Synopsis of Gynecology. By Daniel Winston Beacham, M.D., and Woodard Davis Beacham, M.D. Sixth edition. (Pp. 371; illustrated. 56s.) London: Henry Kimpton. Saint Louis: The C. V. Mosby Company. 1963.

Arthritis, Medicine and the Spiritual Laws. By Loring T. Swaim, M.D. (Pp. 149. 12s. 6d.) London: Blandford Press. 1963.

A Primer of Urinalysis. By Robert M. Kark, F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P., James R. Lawrence, M.B., M.R.A.C.P., Victor Pollak, M.B., B.Ch., M.R.C.P.E., Conrad L. Pirani, M.D., Robert C. Muehrcke, M.D., and Homero Silva, M.D. Second edition. (Pp. 83+ix; illustrated. 29s.) New York, Evanston, and London: Harper and Row. 1963.

Asthma and Your Child. By Bernice Thompson, N.Z.R.P. (Pp. 62; illustrated. 7s. 6d.) Christchurch, New Zealand: Pegasus. 1963.

Clinical Dosimetry. Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Units and Measurements (1962). National Bureau of Standards Handbook 87. (Pp. 61+viii; illustrated. 40 cents.) Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. 1963.

Methods of Evaluating Radiological Equipment and Materials. Recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Units and Measurements (1962). National Bureau of Standards Handbook 89. (Pp. 33+viii; illustrated. 35 cents.) Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office. 1963.

Partial Gastrectomy. Edited by F. A. R. Stammers, C.B.E., T.D., B.Sc., Ch.M., F.R.C.S., and John A. Williams, M.B., Ch.M., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 309+ix; illustrated. 80s.) London: Butterworths. 1963.

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Clean Catering. A Handbook on Premises, Equipment, and Practices for the Promotion of Hygiene in Food Establishments. (Pp. 89+vi; illustrated. 6s. 6d.) London: H.M.S.O. 1963.

Endotracheal Anesthesia. By Noel A. Gillespie, M.D. Revised and edited by Betty J. Barnforth, M.D., and Karl L. Siebecker, M.D. (Pp. 235+xix; illustrated. \$5.50.) Madison, Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press. 1963.