

beloved Swabia. He traces his ancestry back to leading thinkers of the reformation—of whom he gives interesting biographical sketches—and describes his student days at Tübingen, where he held the chair of psychiatry for fourteen years until his retirement. Kretschmer is still the best-known living German psychiatrist, and his international fame is largely due to the appeal that much of his work has had for the younger generation of psychiatrists, psychologists, and anthropologists. He did not reject psycho-analysis but endeavoured to integrate it with the main body of clinical psychiatry. His excellent clinical observation and his gifts as an interpreter and therapist made his work immensely stimulating, and during the first half of the twentieth century it had a considerable influence on psychiatry all over the world.

He reveals himself here as a lover of nature and of the arts, as a poet, and as a thoughtful critic of the psychiatric scene. Sensitive to criticism himself, he greatly enjoyed his popularity among the general public. The reminiscences recorded in this volume are those of a hard-working, highly gifted man who made the best of his endowment and was able to contribute to the advancement of psychiatry. The author deserves gratitude for sharing his success story with his readers, who will wish him a long and happy retirement.

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EARLY TREASURES

English Books Printed Before 1701. In the Library of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. (Pp. 28. 8s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

This slim book, prepared by Mr. W. R. LeFanu, the Librarian of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, lists 637 English books printed before 1701, of which 38 are unrecorded or variant issues. Books published abroad by British authors are only included if they are in English, though Latin books printed in the British Isles are not omitted. This rule has excluded a most important book, Harvey's *De motu cordis* (1628) published in Latin at Frankfurt, of which the College owns a copy. Harvey's "anatomical exercises" and *Exercitationes de generatione* (1651) are included in the list.

Several treasures and rare editions possessed by the College will be found in this scholarly catalogue, whose publication will facilitate their consultation by medical historians and bibliographers.

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A PIONEER HOSPITAL

The Sloane Hospital Chronicle. By Harold Speert, M.D. (Pp. 260. illustrated. 60s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1963.

This book was written to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Sloane Hospital, "a pioneer among American Institutions" in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology. The first part gives a short history of obstetrics in New York from the early seventeenth century until the year 1888, when the Sloane Hospital first opened its doors. The second and main portion traces its development up to 1928, when it became part of the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. The third and final part well describes the work done in the Center's new and up-to-date department of obstetrics and gynaecology.

There is much that is interesting in the book, but the too-free use of italics does not make for smooth reading. There are nearly a hundred illustrations, some of which—particularly those of early New York—are delightful. They would have been easier to refer to if they had been numbered and listed.

All obstetricians will enjoy delving into these pages. The efficiency of the department they commemorate may be judged by the fact that it can record a series of five thousand consecutive deliveries and one thousand consecutive caesarean sections without a maternal death.

Of more general interest is the story of "Typhoid Mary," who came as cook to the Sloane Hospital and caused an outbreak of typhoid fever. It turned out that this woman had for fourteen years been employed as cook in various institutions, and wherever she went typhoid fever followed. When she was suspected as a carrier she decamped.

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

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Synopsis of Tropical Medicine. By Sir Philip H. Manson-Bahr. Fourth edition. (Pp. 325+xiv; illustrated. 15s.) London: Cassell. 1963.

Techniques de Médecine Opératoire. By Robert Soupault and André Dufour. (Pp. 226; illustrated. NF. 32.) Paris: Masson et Cie. 1963.

Épaulle Fractures du Col du Fémur. By R. Judet. (Pp. 132; illustrated. NF. 30.) Paris: Masson et Cie. 1963.

Antibiotic-Producing Microscopic Fungi. By V. I. Bilai. (Pp. 215+x; illustrated. 60s.) Amsterdam, London, and New York: Elsevier Publishing Company. 1963.

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Morphometry of the Human Lung. By Ewald R. Weibel, M.D. (Pp. 151+xi; illustrated. DM. 36.) Berlin, Göttingen, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag. 1963.

The Management of Haemophilia. By C. B. Kerr. (Pp. 129; no price.) Sydney, Australia: University of Sydney. 1963.