

## Fruitful Life

**Hong Kong Surgeon.** By Li Shu-Fan, J.P., LL.D., F.I.C.S., F.R.C.S., F.C.C.P. Preface by Morris Fishbein, M.D. Foreword by Félix Martí-Ibáñez, M.D. (Pp. 240 + xiii; illustrated. 25s.) London: Victor Gollancz. 1964.

This autobiography relates the success story of Dr. Li Shu-Fan, who was born in the British colony of Hong Kong in 1887 of Chinese parents. He was ambitious, and, deciding to be a doctor, qualified in Hong Kong and Edinburgh in 1908 and 1911 respectively. After leaving Edinburgh he spent a short time helping the Revolutionary Party in Canton, acting for a time as Minister of Health, but soon he settled in private practice in Hong Kong till illness made him take a rest. He then qualified F.R.C.S. Edinburgh and began to do major surgery. For two years he acted as dean and organizer of the Kung Yee College in Canton, during which period he attended Sun Yat-Sen and visited America to raise funds.

Then began his chief life-work as director and chief administrator of the Hong Kong Sanatorium and Hospital, which developed into a large private clinic (with some free beds) and became very prosperous. Unfortunately the Japanese occupation during the war of 1939-45 did immense damage. Li Shu-Fan was in danger of his life but ultimately managed to escape and get to America via Calcutta and London. He made many friends in America and was adviser to the Chinese Delegation to the United Nations Conference in San Francisco.

Back in Hong Kong after the war he soon built up his hospital to its former efficiency and handed over his share in it to establish the Shu-Fan Medical Foundation, a very generous gesture.

In a chapter on "Graceful Living" he gives good advice on the virtues of making and drinking tea. I liked the Chinese proverbs—"The size of an abscess on the tail of a rat cannot be big," and "Lucky is he who attends the sickness's end." The name Li Shu-Fan literally means "Fragrant Plum

Tree." If one may be excused the play on words, his life has been very fruitful.

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## Drs and Nersis

**Doctors and Nurses. What Do They Do?** By Carla Greene. Pictures by Leonard Kessler. An "I Can Read" Book No. 32. (Pp. 64; illustrated. 10s. 6d.) Kingswood, Surrey; The World's Work Ltd. 1964.

I like to read this book. It is about Drs [and] nersis. The book has good pictures. The books easy to read. The doctors name is Dr Jones the nersis name is ners brown. Dr Jones makes Peepel Better. He puts them to bed. He listens to their heart. He gives them medicine. He is kind [kind]. Dr Jones sees Johnny in hospital. Ners helps you. She is nice. She puts you to bed. She is good and funny. She will come to you very quickly. The books stops you from being frightened of doctors.

ADAM LOCK (age 6).

## Books Received

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

**Cellular Control Mechanisms and Cancer.** Edited by P. Emmelot and O. Mühlbock. (Pp. 387; illustrated. £5 10s.) Amsterdam, London, and New York: Elsevier. 1964.

**Cell pH.** By E. Edward Bittar, M.D. (Pp. 129 + viii; illustrated. 37s. 6d.) London: Butterworth. 1964.

**Synopsis of Pathology.** By W. A. D. Anderson, M.A., M.D., F.A.C.P., F.C.A.P. 6th edition. (Pp. 883; illustrated. 73s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1964.

**Research Methods in Surgery.** Edited by Walter F. Ballinger II, M.D. With 25 contributors. (Pp. 400 + xvii; illustrated. 75s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1964.

**Radiation and Immune Mechanisms.** By William H. Taliaferro, Lucy Graves Taliaferro, and Bernard N. Jaroslow. (Pp. 152 + xvi. Cloth-bound \$5.95, paperback \$3.45.) New York and London: Academic Press. 1964.

**Medical Progress in Bristol.** Long Fox Memorial Lecture, 1963. By A. V. Neale, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 35; illustrated. No price stated.) Bristol: John Wright. 1964.

**Autistic Children.** By Lorna Wing, M.B., B.S., D.P.M. (Pp. 52; illustrated. 5s.) London: National Association for Mental Health. 1964.

**Advances in Chemotherapy.** Edited by Abraham Goldin and F. Hawking. Vol. I. (Pp. 579 + xi; illustrated. £6 5s.) New York and London: Academic Press. 1964.

**Atlas of General Surgery.** 2nd edition. By Joseph R. Wilder, M.D., F.A.C.S. Illustrated by Shirley Bary. (Pp. 325; illustrated. £8 16s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1964.

**Enzymes in Blood Plasma.** By Benno Hess. Translated by Keith S. Henley. (Pp. 167 + xii. 64s.) New York and London: Academic Press. 1963.

**Medical Research Programme of the World Health Organization.** 1958-1963. Report by the Director-General. (Pp. 293 + vii. 35s.) Geneva: World Health Organization. 1964.

**Clinical and Theoretical Pictures of Some Renal Diseases.** By Professor A. Babics, M.D., and Associate Professor F. Rényi-Vámos, M.D., D.Sc. Foreword by Sir Eric Riches, M.C., M.S., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 313; illustrated. 80s.) Budapest: Hungarian Academy of Sciences. London: Collet's. 1964.

**First Twenty Years of the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute.** (Pp. 564; illustrated. \$7.50.) Houston, Texas: University of Texas M. D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute. 1964.

**The Clubfoot.** By J. Hiram Kite, M.D. (Pp. 232 + vii; illustrated. \$9.75.) New York and London: Grune & Stratton. 1964.

**Diabetische Angiopathie.** 1. Internationales Symposium über Diabetesfragen vom 1 bis 3 Oktober 1962. Edited by Prof. Gerhard Mohnike. (Pp. 111; illustrated. No price stated.) Berlin: Akademie. 1964.

**Bedeutung und Wert der Laparoskopie und gezielten Leberpunktion.** Eine Analyse von 6,100 eigenen Untersuchungen. By Dr. Egmont Wildhirt. Foreword by Prof. H. Kalk. (Pp. 92 + viii. DM. 17.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1964.

**Collected Papers in Surgery from the Mayo Clinic and the Mayo Foundation.** 1963-1964. Vol. 55. Compiled by Werner Heide, A.B., M.D. (Pp. 585 + xiii; illustrated. £4 14s. 6d. Two-volume set with Papers in Medicine, £8 15s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders. 1964.

**Collected Papers in Medicine from the Mayo Clinic and the Mayo Foundation.** 1963-1964. Vol. 55. Compiled by Werner Heide, A.B., M.D. (Pp. 552 + xiv; illustrated. £4 14s. 6d. Two-volume set with Papers in Surgery, £8 15s.) Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders. 1964.

**Human Foetal and Neonatal Circulation.** By John Lind, M.D., Leo Stern, M.D., and Carl Wegelius, M.D. (Pp. 54 + ix; illustrated. \$5.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1964.

**Advances in Enzyme Regulation.** Vol. II. Edited by George Weber. Technical editor, Catherine E. Forrest Weber. (Pp. 405 + xii; illustrated. £5.) Oxford, London, Edinburgh, New York, Paris, and Frankfurt: Pergamon. 1964.

**Second International Conference on Congenital Malformations.** Papers and Discussions presented at the 2nd International Conference on Congenital Malformations, New York City, 14-19 July 1963. Compiled and edited by the International Medical Congress Ltd. (Pp. 442 + xiii; illustrated. No price stated.) New York: International Medical Congress Ltd.

**Nutrition, Exercise, and Body Composition.** By Ernst Jokl, M.D. (Pp. 115 + vii; illustrated. \$5.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1964.

**How to Produce a Readable Electrocardiogram.** By Bertram A. Bradlow. Foreword by Richard S. Gubner, M.D. (Pp. 182 + xiii; illustrated. No price stated.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1964.

**International Symposium on Rifamycins.** June 1963, Milan. (Pp. 680 + xi; illustrated. No price stated.) Basel and New York: S. Karger. 1964.

**International Planned Parenthood Federation.** 3rd Conference of the Region for Europe, Near East, and Africa, June 1962, Warsaw. (Pp. 231. No price stated.) Amsterdam, New York, London, Milan, and Tokyo: Excerpta Medica Foundation. 1964.

**Timusul.** By Prof. Dr. Alfred D. Ruscescu, Conf. Dr. R. Prişcu, Dr. M. Geormăneanu, Dr. V. Stănescu, and Dr. I. Florea. (Pp. 249; illustrated. No price stated.) Rumania: Editura Academiei Republicii Populare. 1964.

**Textbook of Surgery.** Edited by David A. MacFarlane and Lewis P. Thomas. Foreword by Norman C. Tanner. (Pp. 759 + xi; illustrated. 60s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1964.

**Clinical Phonocardiography.** By Dennis C. Deuchar, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 144 + xiv; illustrated. 25s.) London: English Universities Press. 1964.

**Clinical Haematology.** In Medical Practice. By G. C. de Gruchy, M.D. (Melb.), F.R.A.C.P., M.R.C.P. (Lond.), M.C.P.A. Foreword by J. V. Dacie. 2nd edition. (Pp. 681 + xii; illustrated. 70s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1964.

**Behaviour in Uncertainty.** And Its Social Implications. By John Cohen. (Pp. 207. 30s.) London: Allen & Unwin. 1964.