

position is clearly stated by Professor R. Y. Calne. The last chapter, on medical automation, gives a good illustration of computer-assisted diagnosis.

Sometimes spoken of as a "guide to the Membership" this book is an absolute necessity for every physician whether he has a higher qualification or not.

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## Guide for Non-professional Librarians

**Medical Libraries in Hospitals.** Notes for Secretaries/Librarians and Others. Prepared by the Hospital Libraries Sub-Committee of the Medical Section of the Library Association. (Pp. 19. 5s. 6d.) Obtainable from Miss W. M. Gallagher, St. Mary's Hospital Medical School Library, London W.2. 1966.

"To study the phenomena of diseases without books is to sail an uncharted sea, while to study books without patients is not to go to

sea at all." There can be few practising doctors in Great Britain who will feel that they are not at sea—in Osler's sense—but until recent times there have been many who have felt that their course could be better charted. For those doctors not working within easy access of university medical libraries, the libraries which most regional board hospitals have built up in recent years have done much to rectify a lack of locally available books and journals. The running of these libraries has been mainly undertaken by part-time help from the public library service, from a hospital secretary, and, in the case of long-stay hospitals, from patients. The situation changed when the Ministry of Health in HM (64) 69 introduced the establishment of secretaries for medical education purposes in those regional board hospitals designated as medical teaching centres, and it is a widespread practice for these secretaries to act as librarians to their hospitals. But, as with many who still run the libraries by the previous system in hospitals not designated as medical centres, these secretaries have no formal library training. Hitherto there has been no manual to guide such "amateur" librarians, but now the gap has

been filled by this excellent booklet prepared by the Hospital Libraries Sub-Committee of the Medical Section of the Library Association. The notes, compressed into nineteen pages, are based on a course of lectures given in London in October 1965. They provide information to the secretary/librarian on all main aspects of his, or more usually her, work, and a copy should be obtained by all hospitals who have a library of the type for which the booklet is designed. The advice cannot be faulted, though it might have been hoped that an easier method of cataloguing could have been suggested. The professional methods of cataloguing that are quoted deal with the most difficult and time-consuming task that confronts the non-professional librarian. The technique could be mastered if each secretary/librarian spent a period working in a larger, established medical library, as suggested in the booklet, but there are difficulties which prevent this always being a practical proposition. The booklet includes advice on procedures to record loans, but provides no answer to one of a library committee's main problems, that of lost books and journals.

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## Books Received

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

**Side Effects of Drugs.** Vol. 5. Edited by L. Meyler. (Pp. 568+ix. \$12.50.) Amsterdam: Excerpta Medica Foundation. 1966.

**Orthotics, Etcetera.** Edited by Sidney Licht, M.D. (Pp. 774+xvii; illustrated. \$24.) New Haven, Connecticut: Elizabeth Licht. 1966.

**Practical Nursing and Anatomy.** For Pupil Nurses. By Jane Forrest, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. (Pp. 280+vii; illustrated. 18s.) London: Edward Arnold. 1966.

**Questions and Answers for Pupil Nurses.** By Jane Forrest, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V. (Pp. 64. 5s.) London: Edward Arnold. 1966.

**Dietary Fat and Human Health.** Report of Food and Nutrition Board. (Pp. 51. \$1.50.) Washington: National Academy of Sciences. 1966.

**Obstetrics for the Family Doctor.** By David Brown. (Pp. 170+x. 30s.) London: Pitman. 1966.

**Medicine for Nurses.** 10th edition. By W. Gordon Sears, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Pp. 549+vii; illustrated. 30s. Paper 18s.) London: Edward Arnold. 1966.

**Health and Humanity.** An Introduction to Medicine. By John W. Todd. (Pp. 246+viii. 25s.) Oxford: Pergamon. 1966.

**Behavior Therapy Techniques.** By Joseph Wolpe, M.D., and Arnold A. Lazarus, Ph.D. (Pp. 198+ix. 21s.) Oxford: Pergamon. 1966.

**Shoulder Pain.** By René Cailliet, M.D. (Pp. 115+xi; illustrated. 24s.) Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. 1966.

**Occupational Health Nurses.** An Initial Survey. By Mary Lou Bauer and Mary Louise Brown. (Pp. 146+xii. No price given.) Washington: Department of Health, Education and Welfare. 1966.

**The Social Responsibility of Gynecology and Obstetrics.** Conference, Johns Hopkins Hospital, 1965. Edited by Allan C. Barnes. (Pp. 210+xiv. 42s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1966.

**Pharmacology for Medical Students.** By J. D. P. Graham, B.Sc., M.D., F.R.C.P.(Glasg.), F.R.C.P.(Edin.). (Pp. 125. 30s. Paper 18s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1966.

**Antihypertensive Therapy.** International Symposium. Edited by F. Gross. (Pp. 632+xii; illustrated. DM. 48.) Berlin: Springer. 1966.

**Neurosecretion.** By M. Gabe. (Pp. 872+xiv; illustrated. £10.) Oxford: Pergamon. 1966.

**Differential Diagnosis of Congenital Heart Disease.** By Nikolaus Schad, M.D., Ralph Kunzler, M.D., and Teoman Onat, M.D. (Pp. 454+xii; illustrated. £10 10s.) London: William Heinemann. 1966.

**Endodontics.** By J. M. Mumford. (Pp. 160+vii; illustrated. 30s.) Oxford: Pergamon. 1966.

**Mental Subnormality in London.** A Survey of Community Care. (Pp. 95. 7s. 6d.) London: Political and Economic Planning. 1966.

**Birmingham Regional Hospital Board.** 1947-1966. (Pp. 283; illustrated. Supplied on application.) Birmingham: Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. 1966.

**Psychoneurological Syndrome.** By Prof. L. Delius. (Pp. 290+xi; illustrated. DM. 49.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1966.

**Mechanik des Gehens.** By Prof. S. Weil and Prof. U. H. Weil. (Pp. 95; illustrated. DM. 16.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1966.

**Backache, Stress and Tension.** By Hans Kraus, M.D. (Pp. 155. 21s.) London: George Allen & Unwin. 1966.

**The Year Book of Neurology, Psychiatry and Neurosurgery.** 1965-1966 Series. Edited by Roland P. Mackay, M.D., Sam Bernard Wortis, M.D., and Oscar Sugar, M.D. (Pp. 704; illustrated. 83s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. 1966.

**The Year Book of Nuclear Medicine.** Vol. 1. 1966. Edited by James L. Quinn, III, M.D. (Pp. 384; illustrated. 75s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. 1966.

**Spectacles for Aphakia.** By Curtis D. Benton, Jun., B.S.(Optics), M.D., and Robert C. Welsh, M.D. (Pp. 164+xii; illustrated. \$8.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1966.

**Orthopädisches Diagnostikum.** By Dr. Hans U. Gebrunner. (Pp. 125+xviii; illustrated. DM. 25.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1966.

**The Thalamus.** Edited by Dominick P. Purpura and Melvin D. Yahr. (Pp. 438+ix; illustrated. £5 5s.) London: Columbia University Press. 1966.

**Essentials of Neurology.** 2nd edition. By John N. Walton, T.D., M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 435+xix; illustrated. 35s.) London: Pitman. 1966.

**Genetics in Medicine.** By Alwyn Smith, Ph.D., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Pp. 71. 6s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1966.

**The Uses of Adversity.** Studies of Starvation in the Warsaw Ghetto. By Leonard Tushnet. (Pp. 106. 30s.) London: W. H. Allen. 1966.

**Fortschritte der Klinischen Immunologie.** Edited by Prof. Hellmuth Kleinsorge. (Pp. 264+xi; illustrated. £3 12s. 1d.) Jena: Gustav Fischer. 1966.

**Proceedings of the 24th General Assembly and Technical Meeting of the International Union Against the Venereal Diseases and the Treponematoses.** Lisbon, 1965. (Pp. 461; illustrated. Supplied on application.) Lisbon: Portuguese Organizing Committee. 1966.

**Descriptive Catalogue of the Pathological Series in the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.** Part 1. (Pp. 288; illustrated. 84s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1966.

**The Profession of Pharmacy.** An Introductory Textbook. 2nd edition. By Richard A. Deno, Thomas D. Rowe, and Donald C. Brodie. (Pp. 264+xii; illustrated. 60s.) London: Pitman. 1966.