

estimations have had to be made, and sometimes defeat is acknowledged and a gap left in the table.

The first hurdles were to decide what was a "hospital," and who, in the former poor-law institutions, was a "patient." Even the "separate infirmaries" of the poor law are not all counted in this book as hospitals, and, following Burdett, only those which had a training school for nurses were so included. As the General Nursing Council which inspected and approved hospitals suitable for nurses' training was not established until after the Act of 1919, this does not seem to be a valid line of demarcation, as before that date any hospital could decide that it would give training and provide a certificate.

Even in the figures for 1938, by which time

all the poor-law institutions were under the control of the counties and county boroughs, there was the complication that some authorities "appropriated" their transferred poor-law infirmaries and administered them as hospitals under the Public Health Acts, but others left them within the poor-law system, which did not disappear until 1948. A more or less arbitrary percentage is used in the book to calculate the number of "chronic and unclassified" patients in the sick bays of workhouses (mixed institutions) and the separate infirmaries which did not train nurses. There is a similar vagueness in the number of patients in convalescent homes and private nursing-homes, and the figures about voluntary special hospitals and public hospitals of all kinds are not above suspicion.

The book is well documented, and the author is candid about declaring when his figures are estimates. He says in the chapter on the income and expenditure of selected voluntary hospitals that this "final section lays no claim to be authoritative." This remark should apply to much of the rest of the book. The most satisfactory part of the book is that on the voluntary general hospitals—they had to produce statistics in order to attract subscriptions.

However, it has been a valiant effort, and the author deserves sympathy because his basic material was so inadequate. I guess that he was unaware of the complexities of his task, or indeed its impossibility, when he agreed to undertake it.

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## Books Received

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

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**Oral Contraception. Mechanism and Management.** By Joseph W. Goldzieher, M.D., and Edris Rice-Wray, M.D. (Pp. 146+xii; illustrated. \$7.50.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1966.

**Cryotherapy of Ocular Diseases.** By John G. Bellows, M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 167+xiii; illustrated. 95s.). London: Pitman. 1966.

**Our Glorious Heritage.** By Ruston Jal Vakil, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.N.I. Foreword by Dr. S. Radhakrishan. (Pp. 1066+xv; illustrated. 19.50 Rupees.) Bombay: Times of India Press. 1966.

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