

affects the pathological eye. Laboratory work in isolation, and particularly in animals, can advance practical knowledge only within limits. There has been a recent welcome return in the study of glaucoma to epidemiology and population studies. Nevertheless, a combination of refined measurement and long-term clinical observations should yield a valuable harvest eventually. This study is primarily of methodology, an aspect which clinicians tend to overlook or take for granted.

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## Disposal Procedures

**The Law of Burial, Cremation and Exhumation.** 2nd edition. By M. R. Russell Davies, Ph.D., LL.M., D.P.A. (Pp. 238 + lvii. 50s.) London: Shaw. 1965.

This monograph, which includes 20 pages devoted to a comprehensive index, contains a wealth of accurate information providing a comprehensive survey of this section of the law. Not only is cremation procedure dealt with in detail but room is found to cite the authority for a gift for the upkeep of a bier house in a churchyard as "a good charitable gift." The law is brought up to date as at 1 October 1965. It may not be everyone's choice as a bedside book, but there is no question that it is a valuable reference volume for all those who are concerned with, or are interested in, disposal procedures. Few problems will not be resolved by recourse to this volume in the first instance, since the information required, if it is not in its pages, will be gleaned from the original sources with which the book is fully documented.

The text is clear and arranged to give emphasis to the important. The use of typography for emphasis is startling at times. On page 117, for example, the awful sentence of "imprisonment for life" appears in bold roman capitals; this could be the fate of "whosoever shall unlawfully destroy, deface or injure . . . any register . . . of deaths or burials . . ." Although these registers are important documents it is difficult to equate the prescribed punishment for their destruction, defacement, or even injury with that for murder. Perhaps this is yet another reason why revision and consolidation of the "diverse and intricate mass of legislation relating to burials" should no longer be delayed.

The purchase price is 50s., but for those in need of prompt aid with problems in this field it is a good investment.

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## Side-effects of Drugs

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

The fifth volume of this work records the side-effects of drugs as reported in the medical literature of the world between 1963 and 1965. The material has been derived directly from original articles published in Europe, North America, and the British Commonwealth; the findings recorded in other countries have been obtained through the abstractions series of Excerpta Medica. The size of each new volume of the book has steadily increased, which reflects the

growing world-wide interest in the iatrogenic effects of drugs. It is inevitable, as new information has accumulated during the past year, that here and there the book is already a little out of date; thus, the fact that methyldopa can produce a positive Coombs test, and occasionally haemolytic anaemia, is not recorded; and few would now agree with the statement that "in general nalidixic acid seems to have been well tolerated and side-effects are few," though the latter are relatively minor. The volume is now an established and important work of reference, hardly recognizable from the first edition of it, in which facts were inconsequentially thrown together in the oddest English with the most erratic punctuation. The book illustrates the indispensability of official approved names for drugs which makes them capable of universal recognition, without which such a publication would be virtually incomprehensible. Each section ends with an extensive bibliography, and there is an excellent index. The work is a praiseworthy and valuable attempt to record the adverse effects of drugs which occur in practice; this is very important, for no matter how careful the preparatory work of the pharmacologist in toxicological tests and the clinician in clinical trials may be, there is ultimately no substitute in the evaluation of a drug for years of experience of its use in practice in great numbers of patients. Though the book may give a rather unbalanced and jaundiced view of treatment, as it only discusses the evils of the therapeutic explosion and not its benefits, it will continue to be of the greatest value in helping to determine whether new symptoms arising in the course of a disease are due to the malady itself or to the remedy employed.

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## Books Received

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

**Early Management of Acute Trauma.** Edited by Alan M. Nahum, M.D. (Pp. 336 + xii; illustrated. £7 17s. 6d.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1966.

**Synopsis of Neurology.** 2nd edition. By Francis M. Forster, B.S., M.D. (Pp. 218 + xii. 56s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1966.

**Narcotic Addiction in Britain and America.** By Edwin M. Schur. (Pp. 201. 35s. Paper 21s.) London: Tavistock. 1966.

**Treatise on Poisons and their Antidotes.** The Medical Writings of Moses Maimonides. Vol. 2. Edited by Suessman Muntner. (Pp. 77 + xxxviii + Hebrew-Arabic text. 65s.) London: Pitman. 1966.

**The Therapeutic Use of Antibiotics in Hospital Practice.** Symposium, London, 1966. Edited by Mark Ridley, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.C.Path., and Ian Phillips, M.A., M.B., B.Chir. (Pp. 222; illustrated. 25s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1966.

**The Social Needs of the Over-80's.** The Stockport Survey. By Fraser Brockington, M.A., M.D., B.Chir.(Cantab), D.P.H., M.R.C.P.(Lond.), M.Sc.(Manch.), and Susanne M. Lempert, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (Pp. 147 + vi. 35s.) Manchester: Manchester University Press. 1966.

**Family Planning and Population Programs.** A Review of World Developments. Conference, Geneva, 1965. Edited by Berelson *et al.* (Pp. 848 + xvi. 90s.) London: University of Chicago Press. 1966.

**Neurologisch-Klinische Untersuchungen im Säuglings- und Kindesalter.** By Dr. Ervin Paraicz and Dr. Jozsef Szenasy. (Pp. 163; illustrated. DM. 36.) Stuttgart: F. K. Schattauer. 1966.

**Lymphographische Untersuchungen über das Zervikale Lymphsystem.** Advances in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology. Vol. 14. By U. Fisch. (Pp. 196 + vi; illustrated. sFr./DM. 55.) Basel and New York: S. Karger. 1966.

**Hypnosis of Man and Animals.** 2nd edition. By Ferenc Andras Völgyesi. (Pp. 216 + xiv; illustrated. 75s.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell. 1966.

**Modern Trends in Surgery—2.** Edited by W. T. Irvine, B.Sc., M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.(Ed.). (Pp. 383 + ix; illustrated. 85s.) London: Butterworth. 1966.

**A Textbook of Health Education.** By Denis Pirrie, B.A., M.B., B.Chir., D.P.H., and A. J. Dalzell-Ward, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., F.R.S.H. (Pp. 314 + ix. 35s. Paper 18s.) London: Tavistock. 1966.

**Man and Motor Cars.** An Ergonomic Study. By Stephen Black. (Pp. 373; illustrated. 63s.) London: Secker & Warburg. 1966.

**The Harvey Lectures.** Series 60. Delivered under the Auspices of the Harvey Society of New York. 1964–1965. (Pp. 314 + xiv; illustrated. 76s.) New York and London: Academic Press. 1966.

**Karyotype, Meiosis and Spermatogenesis in a Sample of Men Attending an Infertility Clinic.** By B. Kjessler. (Pp. 74 + appendix. sFr. 23.50.) Basel and New York: S. Karger. 1966.

**The Addictive Drinker.** A Manual for Rehabilitation. By Joseph Thimann, M.D. (Pp. 159 + xviii. 30s.) London: Peter Owen. 1966.

**Hand Surgery.** By J. Edward Flynn, M.D. (Pp. 1,095 + xvi; illustrated. £15 8s.) Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1966.

**A Textbook of Clinical Pathology.** 7th edition. Edited by Seward E. Miller, M.D. (Pp. 999 + xvi; illustrated. £6 16s.) Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1966.

**Existential Child Therapy.** The Child's Discovery of Himself. Edited by Clark Moustakas. (Pp. 254 + xii. 45s.) London: Basic. 1966.

**Normality.** Theoretical and Clinical Concepts of Mental Health. By Daniel Offer and Melvin Sabshin. (Pp. 253 + xii. 35s.) London: Basic. 1966.

**Hospital Infection.** Causes and Prevention. 2nd edition. By R. E. O. Williams, R. Blowers, L. P. Garrod, and R. A. Shooter. (Pp. 386 + xii. 45s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. 1966.