

another choice of essays, all of which merit rereading. This is the purpose and the strength of this notable papercover.

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Swinging Worms

The Worm Re-Turns. The Best from *The Worm Runner's Digest*. Edited by James V. McConnell. (Pp. 182+xxv; illustrated. 21s.) London: George Allen & Unwin. 1966.

"One of the last Palinuran joys of civilized middle age," says Mr. Arthur Koestler in his introduction, "is to sit in front of the

log-fire, sip a glass of brandy, and read *The Worm Runner's Digest*." Worm runners? They are neither smugglers of illegal bait, undersized sprinters, self-screwing curtain rails, nor ailing greyhounds. The title is self-inflicted on psychologists who experiment with worms, particularly the flatworm. This little creature made the newspapers through its ability, when sliced, not only to regenerate the missing bits but to "remember" the experience of a crowded and painful laboratory life equally well *via* head or tail. The *Digest* is a sort of recurrent rag mag. of the psychology department of Michigan University, who run to worms as joyfully as Mr. Jorrocks ever rode to hounds. Of these thirty-odd reprinted scientific send-ups,

even the flattest have a deadly likeness to genuine learned papers. Through the best whisper the ghosts of Thurber and Stephen Leacock. Can you express in a formula how one scientist with four secretaries is more valuable than four scientists with one? Do you know how Newton discovered gravitation despite opposition by the apple lobby? Or of the peculiar and horrific body rituals among the Nacirema? The worm runners will tell you. Science in Michigan perhaps needs stronger antidotes to pomposity than in the labs. of swinging London, but here's guaranteed entertainment for the civilized middle-aged British professor sitting in front of the radiator sipping a cup of tea.

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Books Received

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

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Stigma. The Experience of Disability. Edited by Paul Hunt. (Pp. 176+x; illustrated. 25s.) London: Geoffrey Chapman. 1966.

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The Medical Annual. 84th Year. 1966. Edited by Sir Ronald Bodley Scott, K.C.V.O., M.A., D.M., F.R.C.P., and R. Milnes Walker, C.B.E., M.S., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S.(Hon.). (Pp. 667+xxxv; illustrated. 52s. 6d.) London: Longmans, Green. 1966.

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Operational Research and the Social Sciences. Edited by J. R. Lawrence. (Pp. 669+xxxiv. £5 5s.) London: Tavistock. 1966.

Femina. A Manual of Sex Hygiene. By Eric J. Trimmer, M.B., B.S. (Pp. 159. 25s.) London: MacGibbon & Kee. 1966.

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The Quest for Absolute Zero. The Meaning of Low Temperature Physics. By K. Mendelssohn. (Pp. 256; illustrated. 25s. Paper 12s. 6d.) London: World University Library. 1966.

Handicapped Children. 2nd edition. By John D. Kershaw, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Pp. 304+vii. 32s.) London: William Heinemann. 1966.

The Essentials of Neuroanatomy. By G. A. G. Mitchell. (Pp. 111; illustrated. 15s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1966.

Physical Fitness for Busy Men. By I. J. MacQueen, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 31; illustrated. 6s.) London: Institute of Directors Medical Centre. 1966.

A New Look at Nursing. By Elsie Ensing, S.R.N. (Pp. 87+viii; illustrated. 10s.) London: Pitman. 1966.

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