

though at times some expressions may be too technical. Although it avoids discussing distinction between users and addicts, it discusses questions like, "Is the addict a delinquent, a physically sick person, or a mentally ill person?" It gives excellent information on classification of commonly used stimulants and narcotics; it briefly mentions their principal effects. The résumé of the Dangerous Drugs Act and the dictionary of the popular terms used in the drug dependency field are very comprehensive, and so are the statistical tables. Finally, an up-to-date list of treatment and rehabilitation facilities is a valuable addition.

It admirably serves the purpose for which it was written.

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Old People in Three Countries

Interdisciplinary Topics in Gerontology. Vol. 2. Methodological Problems in Cross-National Studies in Ageing. Edited by Ethel Shanas and J. Madge. (Pp. 113+vi. 48s.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1968.

This volume deals largely with studies of old people made along parallel lines in Denmark, Britain, and the United States. It is concerned mainly with sociological aspects of ageing, and with the ageing process as influenced by socio-structural changes. Considering language and other barriers, the establishment of criteria which can be applied equally to different national groups is no simple task.

Dr. Peter Townsend, of the University of Essex, asks whether the generations are becoming increasingly isolated from each other. He discusses three groups of theories, all involving the concept of segregation rather

than integration. The first theory is concerned with the relationships, roles, and attitudes of the aged; the second with contemporary or "structural" relationships between the aged, the middle-aged, and the young; and the third with individual ageing during the life span—involving patterns of socialization and of engagement and disengagement. The studies in Denmark, Britain, and the United States suggest there is less evidence than might be expected of a decline in activities with age, especially when health is held constant.

Another interesting paper, by Dorothy Wedderburn, of Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, deals with cross-national studies of income adequacy, first discussing the conceptual problems involved in the use of that term. There are many parts of the world today in which communities could be said to be in poverty on the old "subsistence" line approach of inadequate dietary, but which, on the basis of accepting deviations from the local "average" as the definition of poverty, would not be so. There is clearly a difference between defining poverty in an objective sense and defining it subjectively. Mrs. Wedderburn found that the methods used in the triple study showed that more than half of the elderly people in Britain and over one-third in the United States, but only 17% in Denmark, said they were now getting along worse than when they were younger. This finding that Danish old people were consistently more cheerful and British old people consistently less cheerful agreed with the relative objective economic data.

A stimulating contribution by Juanita Kreps deals with comparative studies of work and retirement, and there are chapters of a technical nature devoted to problems arising in the analysis and interpretation of cross-national surveys. The book has much of interest for the medical sociologist.

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Brain's Last Edition

Recent Advances in Neurology and Neuropsychiatry. 8th edition. Edited by the late Lord Brain, D.M., F.R.C.P., F.R.C., and Marcia Wilkinson, D.M., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 252+viii; illustrated. 60s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1969.

The fact that forty years have elapsed between the first and eighth editions of this familiar volume indicates the duration, though not the range, of Russell Brain's great contribution to twentieth century British medicine, and the great loss we sustained by his death at the height of his powers at the end of 1966. He planned this eighth edition in its entirety, and we are fortunate that a distinguished pupil, Marcia Wilkinson, has collaborated with his son, Michael Brain, to see it through to completion.

The volume includes some of Lord Brain's last writings, including short accounts of the neurology of memory and of otoneurology. It is also notable for an excellent summary of the neurological complications of cancer (Brain, Peter Croft, and Marcia Wilkinson) and for authoritative accounts of the myopathies (J. N. Walton), of cerebrovascular disease (Brain and R. T. Johnson), and of stereotaxic surgery (John Hankinson). As usual the book is extensively documented and comprises a valuable source of key references. As well as a considerable number of miscellaneous neurological advances, it contains more extended accounts of recent developments in neuroradiology (David Sutton) and in the electroencephalographic investigation of epilepsy (M. R. Driver).

Recent Advances in Neurology and Neuropsychiatry has been an invaluable help to physicians interested in diseases of the nervous system over many years. The present volume fully maintains the standard of its predecessors, and the grateful reader will hope that suitable hands can be found to maintain the continuity of the series.

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