

The second part of the book is based on the author's wide experience of various forms of arrhythmias. Heart block and bundle branch block are fully dealt with and the nature of these disorders is well discussed. Special praise must be given to the section devoted to the various forms of atrial arrhythmias. Good documentation of the lesions giving rise to these disturbances of impulse formation are scarce, and the author has not only examined the nodal tissue but has focused his attention on the intrinsic nerve plexuses, which have in the past been sadly neglected. For each altered cardiac rhythm he has given the mechanism of formation, experimental evidence, electrocardiographic diagnosis, and clinical data. These data are set out in both tabular and detailed forms. In addition, Dr. Rossi has stated firmly his own opinion at the end of the discussion of each section. The book ends with an excellent account of the pathology of the Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome and briefer mention of some rare lesions which may affect the sinuauricular node—for example, tumour of the heart.

The illustrations are numerous and of excellent quality, and the references are up to date. Unfortunately, the author's English is at times a little difficult to understand, particularly in the first part of the book. The meaning, however, is clear, though at times it becomes necessary to reread odd sentences. This is a minor criticism and should not detract too much from the excellence of this book. In the preface the author

states that he endeavours to harmonize anatomical with clinical and physiological knowledge. I think he has succeeded.

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## Medical Missionary

**Get Up and Go.** The Autobiography of a Medical Missionary. By G. H. Pearson. (Pp. 191; illustrated. 35s.) London: Epworth Press. 1969.

Biographies of medical missionaries are at present out of fashion, but this one deserves to be read. Dr. George Pearson has probably packed into his 78 years more personal experience of revolution in three continents than anyone else.

After qualifying in Liverpool in 1914 he worked throughout the first world war with a Quaker relief unit in a village in central Russia dealing with hordes of refugees fleeing from the Germans. He experienced the inadequacies of the Tsarist regime and the chaos of the succeeding Bolshevik state, enduring famine, pestilence, and the long bitter winters in Russia. That war over, he was posted with his wife as a Methodist missionary in Hunan in remote central China. They devoted the best years of their lives to work among the poorest Chinese surviving—but only just—the era of the battling war

lords, the Japanese invasion, the Chiang Kai-shek take-over, and the Red revolution. At no time were they safe from flying bullets. Pearson built hospitals only to see them washed away by floods; his motives were suspect; he was forbidden to receive "dirty imperialist money," and currency inflation was a constant nightmare. Despite all this his medical skill was appreciated, but he had to endure trials by people's courts and to pay heavy fines for "offences" of which he knew nothing.

Since his return to "retirement" in England—having reached the age limit—he has been whisked off by the Methodists as a *locum tenens* in Ghana, then recalled to the Far East, where in Hong Kong he organized medical relief in a converted mill. Back in England again he accepted an invitation to give medical aid in Kenya in an area just recovering from Mau Mau activity. His last assignment, so far, was to Nigeria to a hospital to which Ibadan medical school sends batches of students for the study of rural medicine.

It is not easy to follow the chronology in this book with its recurring flashbacks, but the dogged persistence of the author evokes admiration. This is a record of a devoted Christian at all times fully stretched but ready for more. He wishes to pass on to young doctors the divine injunction to St. Paul "Get up and go," but by a curious error attributes it to Luke 22, 10 instead of to the Acts of the Apostles.

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## Books Received

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**Chromosomes Today.** Vol. 2. Edited by C. D. Darlington and K. R. Lewis. (Pp. 285 + x; illustrated. 70s.) Edinburgh: Oliver & Boyd. 1969.

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**Myasthenia Gravis.** Edited by Raymond Greene, F.R.C.P. (Pp. 162 + vi; illustrated. 35s.) London: William Heinemann. 1969.

**Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products.** 3rd edition. Acute Poisoning. By Marion Gleason, M.Sc., et al. (Pp. 1428 + xi. 230s.) Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. 1969. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone.

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**Scoliosis.** Edited by P. A. Zorab, M.D. (Pp. 87 + xii; illustrated. 35s.) London: William Heinemann. 1969.

**Handbook of Physiology. Section 6. Alimentary Canal.** Vol. IV. Motility. (Pp. 768 + xxiv; illustrated. 350s.) Vol. V. Bile, Digestion, Ruminal Physiology. (Pp. 549 + xxiv; illustrated. 280s.) Edited by Charles F. Code. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. 1969. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone.

**Die Infektionskrankheiten des Menschen und ihre Erreger.** Vols. 1 and 2. Edited by A. Grumbach and W. Kikuth. (Pp. 1–1976; illustrated. DM. 370 each.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1969.

**Radioactive Isotopes in the Localization of Tumours.** Proceedings of the International Nuclear Medicine Symposium. Chief editor, N. G. Trott. (Pp. 180 + xii; illustrated. 80s.) London: William Heinemann. 1969.

**Les Hépatites Virales.** By André Varay and Jacques Berthelot. (Pp. 247 + vi; illustrated. 65 F.) Paris: Masson. 1969.

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**Symposia Series in Immunological Standardization.** Vol. 9. International Symposium on Pseudotuberculosis. Edited by R. H. Regamey. (Pp. 386 + xviii; illustrated. 120s.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1969.

**Essays on Tropical Dermatology.** Edited by R. D. G. Ph. Simons and J. Marshall. (Pp. 283 + vii; illustrated. 167s.) Amsterdam: Excerpta Medica. 1969.

**Cytotoxic Drugs in the Treatment of Cancer.** By Evelyn Boesen, M.B., and Walter Davis, Ph.D. (Pp. 208 + ix; illustrated. 60s.) London: Edward Arnold. 1969.

**Fundamentals of Immunology: For Students of Medicine and Related Sciences.** By Russell S. Weiser, Ph.D., et al. (Pp. 363 + xvii; illustrated. 88s.) Philadelphia: Lea & Febiger. 1969. London: Henry Kimpton.

**Selected Papers on the Pathogenic Rickettsiae.** Edited by Nicholas Hahon. (Pp. 369 + xxiii; illustrated. 115s.) Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1969.

**American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons Symposium on Sports Medicine.** (Pp. 217 + xii; illustrated. 135s.) Saint Louis: C. V. Mosby. 1969. London: Henry Kimpton.

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**The Spectrum of Pain.** By Richard Serjeant. (Pp. 176; illustrated. 42s.) London: Rupert Hart-Davis. 1969.

**Ultrasoft X-Rays.** By Mark B. Hollander, M.D. (Pp. 197 + xii; illustrated. 95s.) Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. 1969. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone.