

standing work selected includes the results of research carried out in his native Hungary which had not been appreciated previously in the West. The opening chapters cover the basic details of the physiopathology of haemopoiesis. These are then applied to the anaemias, particularly the haemolytic anaemias; the haemorrhagic disorders; and the lymphomas and splenomegalies. In view of the author's particular interests it is not surprising that the climax is reached in the section on therapy.

The book is essentially the record of a learned man's experience and knowledge, which ranges widely over the subject. The style of writing is rather difficult to read in continuity, but it is a delightful work to dip into to be refreshed. A search through its pages should provide many stimuli to those engaged in haematological studies for often the approach is completely new.

W. M. DAVIDSON.

Medicine in the Indo-Burma Campaign

Crisis Fleeting: Original Reports on Military Medicine in India and Burma in the Second World War. Compiled and edited by James H. Stone. (Pp. 423+xiii; illustrated. \$3.75.) Washington, D.C.: Department of the Army. 1969.

In the wake of the fine series of volumes on the American medical history of the second world war, the Surgeon-General has just launched this "vessel of wrath" in the form of a series of intimate diaries maintained by five medical officers—four American and one British—and by a group of American medical aides in the Indo-Burma theatre of war.

Crisis Fleeting has been ably edited and commented on by Professor J. H. Stone, a war historian of repute. These diaries are human documents in which souls are bared, private feelings exhibited, and angry inordinate actions made manifest. We are treated alike to the green-eyed jealousy of a senior medical administrator anxious at all costs to become at least a one-star general, and to the scathing criticisms of their airborne seniors by pack-carrying foot-slogging battalion doctors. The Surgeon-General believes that publication may provide lessons applicable to the present military situation in South-east Asia.

Of special significance at the present time is the note by Major W. S. Jones who was attached to a column of Chinese engineers: "Manpower is the most expendable commodity the Chinese army has; a man must keep up or dogs eat his carcass in a ditch." A major section is contributed by Colonel John Tamraz, medical chief in Delhi of the American service of supply, "whose magisterial pronouncements are mocked by private murmurs" according to the editor. His marked antipathy to his own medical chief—the theatre surgeon—and his fury at the higher rank accorded to British medical administrators spoil an otherwise valuable commentary.

The British Chindit operations are dealt with in a report by Colonel W. J. Officer, R.A.M.C., who, although deputy director of medical services of the special forces under General Wingate, was denied access to the theatre of operations by the commander,

who had a passionate disbelief in hygiene and anything in the nature of malaria discipline. The medical disaster which befell the expedition was inevitable. Colonel Officer severely criticizes the lack of frankness and co-operation between staff planners and senior medical officers responsible for medical arrangements.

The 3,000 malaria-sodden and disease-riddled American troops assembled from the Pacific and other tropical areas when overdue for repatriation and sent to North Burma as "an American presence" with General Stilwell earned undying glory as Merrill's Marauders. With no training in jungle hygiene, they climbed, marched, fought, and marched again without let up for months on end—alternately parched by heat and soaked by monsoon rains, carrying heavy packs till they died where they lay from malaria, typhus, or dysentery. Two angry battalion medical officers wrote frank reports direct to Washington maintaining that only doctors who carried packs and marched with the outfit could testify about the mental and physical fitness of their men. Their unexpurgated writings with comments by the editor and by the judge-advocate general form the most important part of the book.

A tiny footnote reminds the reader that the investigations of Hamilton Fairley and his team at Cairns were as decisive in the war in South-east Asia as was the Manhattan (atom bomb) project. What a pity it had to wait for General Slim to appreciate their findings! This is a fascinating, revealing book to be read with sympathy and understanding.

GEORGE R. McROBERT.

Cataract and Glaucoma

System of Ophthalmology. Diseases of the Lens and Vitreous; Glaucoma and Hypotony. Vol. 11. Edited by Sir Stewart Duke-Elder, G.C.V.O., F.R.C.S., F.R.S. (Pp. 779+xx; illustrated. 220s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1969.

The first two sections in this volume of the *System of Ophthalmology* have been written by the editor himself—Sir Stewart Duke-Elder—and the subjects of discussion are diseases of the lens and vitreous. The disease which commands most attention is, of course, cataract, and one of the interesting sub-sections is concerned with its experimental production. When added to this survey is the chapter on the many different clinical types, the reader begins to realize how wide is current knowledge on aetiology, though it has so far resisted subvention to a unified classification. The management of cataract has been modified for the better since this section was first written 30 years ago, and during this time surgical progress has certainly outstripped fundamental research.

Present ideas on glaucoma and hypotony are gathered together. Much work, both laboratory and clinical, has been undertaken during the post-war years on glaucoma, and now would seem an opportune time to collate the results of a world-wide effort. This is evident in the chapters on the primary glaucomas, for at last there appears to be real progress towards successful treatment, particularly in the closed-angle type. The chapter on secondary glaucoma is fas-

cinating in that the associated anomalies are so surprisingly diverse.

Once again ophthalmologists everywhere are in debt to the editor for his immense labour in bringing up to date another volume of his compendium.

STEPHEN J. H. MILLER.

Pre-school Problems

Early Difficulties with Young Families. By Charlotte Himsworth, M.B. (Pp. 186; 45s.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1969.

The author was for 30 years a medical officer in charge of the child welfare clinics of University College Hospital and of clinics in the neighbouring London boroughs of Paddington and Marylebone. In connexion with her routine work she took part in the hospital's well-known antenatal educational programme and maintained close relations with the department of psychiatry. Her theme is the management of difficulties with young children up to five or six years "before these difficulties have developed into behaviour problems."

The book starts with a chapter on the problems which may arise during pregnancy, particularly those of working mothers and unmarried mothers. This is followed by consideration of common physical and emotional difficulties of mothers and infants originating during delivery and the puerperium. The next section deals with the day-to-day care and management of the developing child in successive stages from infancy to the pre-school period, and finally to discussion of the stresses for parents and children which are associated with admission to school. The remaining chapters concern everyday problems of relationships within the family such as only children, new babies, large families, grandparents, homeless and problem families, unavoidable separations, bereavements, adoptions, and parental attitudes. Each chapter ends with a list of books for further reading. There is a useful index.

Every page bears the stamp of the writer's sincerity, wide experience, and good common sense. Family doctors and local authority medical officers and others working in the field of community paediatrics will immediately appreciate its worth. Paediatricians in hospital, particularly those responsible for training students, would be wise to give it careful study.

MARY D. SHERIDAN.

Books Received

Books noticed here may be reviewed later.

Audiometry for the Retarded: With Implications for the Difficult to Test. Ed. Robert T. Fulton and Lyle L. Lloyd. (Pp. 276; 120s.) E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

Studies in Self-Cognition: Techniques of Videotape Self-Observation in the Behavioral Sciences. Ed. Robert H. Geertsma and James B. Mackie. (Pp. 466; 110s.) E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

Principles of Hematology. Alvin E. Lewis. (Pp. 388; 90s.) Butterworths. 1970.

Universities and Colleges

CAMBRIDGE

Appointments.—Dr. M. J. Mitchinson (university lecturer in pathology); Dr. Y. W. Loke (university demonstrator in pathology).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS
OF ENGLAND

At a quarterly meeting of the Council held on 9 April, with Sir Thomas Holmes Sellors, president, in the chair, the election of the following to the Honorary Fellowship was reported: Lord Leverhulme of the Western Isles; General I. Papo, of Belgrade.

The election of Dr. C. F. Scurr as dean, and the re-election of Professor J. D. Robertson as vice-dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists for the year from 17 June, were reported.

The Jacksonian prize for 1969 was awarded to Mr. C. B. T. Adams, of Oxford, for his essay on "Neural Complications of Cervical Spondylosis."

Professor Robert M. H. McMinn, of King's College, London, was appointed the Sir William Collins professor of human and comparative anatomy and conservator of the anatomical museum.

The following were elected to the Fellowship *ad eundem*: Mr. R. S. Garden (Preston, Lancs.), Mr. Clement Grimshaw, (Henley-on-Thames, Oxon.), Mr. Anthony G. Palin (Bristol), Mr. E. W. Somerville (Oxford).

The following were elected Fellows of the College, without examination, as medical practitioners of 20 years' standing: Dr. P. P. P. Clifford (consultant, department of head and neck surgery, Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi), Dr. Lawrence Dulake, (emeritus consultant surgeon, Redhill and Netherne Group), Professor Halim Grace (professor of surgery, Kasr-el-Aini Hospital, Cairo), Air Commodore T. J. G. Price (consultant adviser in ophthalmology, Royal Air Force), Mr. Terence G. Ward (consulting dental surgeon, Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead), Dr. E. W. Meurig Williams (consultant orthopaedic surgeon and director, Welsh Spinal Injuries Unit, Cardiff).

The following were elected Fellows in the Faculty of Anaesthetists without examination: Dr. G. R. Davys (dean of the Faculty of Anaesthetists, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland), Dr. R. S. Peill (senior specialist in anaesthesia, R.A.F. Hospital, Wroughton).

The appointment of Mr. Denys Wainwright, of Newcastle, Staffs., as the Robert Jones lecturer for 1970 was reported.

The appointment of Mr. J. Crawford Adams, of St. Mary's Hospital, as the Watson-Jones lecturer for 1970 was reported.

The appointment of Mr. John Watson, of the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, as the McIndoe lecturer for 1970 was reported.

Dr. S. A. Feldman was appointed Bernard Johnson adviser in postgraduate anaesthetic studies for a further period of three years.

The death of Dr. Norman S. Shenstone (Honorary Fellow) was reported with deep regret.

Diplomas of Fellowship were granted to V. O. Fatunla and A. M. Malik.

The following Diplomas were granted, jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London:

DIPLOMA IN OPHTHALMOLOGY.—A. Abdel Razag, B. K. Akhaury, R. A. Aslam, P. A. Bolliger, M. S. Chadha, I. H. Chisholm, A. Chopdar, E. W. Green, D. K. Guha, D. K. Gupta, J. A. Harding, R. E. Hartley, M. S. Hashmi, Jennifer Hughes, R. H. Kazi, I. Kennedy, M. Z. Khin, R. P. Knowlden, A. L. H. Long, D. A. R. McKay, M. A. Matus-Sequeira, U. Mendis, D. Mishra, E. R. Nkwasiwe, P. J. North, A. S. Obeid, G. R. Patel, A. J. Pechal, S. S. Prasad, K. S. Rajasekhara, P. Shah, R. B. Shah, S. K. Sharma, A. D. McG. Steele, M. A. Walsh.

DIPLOMA IN PHYSICAL MEDICINE.—R. N. Chatterjee, J. E. Davies, Elizabeth A. Hamilton, T. S.

Medical Art Society.—27th Exhibition of paintings, drawings, and sculpture by members, 2-16 May, Mon. to Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-12 noon Chandos House, 2 Queen Anne Street, London W.1.

Marie Curie Memorial Foundation.—One-day symposium, "The Prevention of Cancer," 16 June, at Royal College of Surgeons of England. Details from Assistant Secretary, M.C.M.F., 124 Sloane Street, London S.W.1 (Tel. 01-730 9157).

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, 20 April

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Combined staff consultation clinical meeting.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.—5.30 p.m., Clinical conference.

Tuesday, 21 April

CENTRAL MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—At Iveagh lecture theatre, 12.30 p.m., Dr. E. Huehns: Compensatory Mechanisms in Anaemia.

GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 8 p.m., Mr. M. Tempest: Recent Advances in Treatment of Burns—Illusion or Reality.

LONDON MEDICAL GROUP.—At King's College Hospital Medical School, 5.45 p.m., Dr. M. N. Cox: Cruelty to Children.

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—At College House, Chelsea College, Manresa Road, London S.W.3, 7 p.m., Harrison memorial lecture by Dr. David Jack: Recent β -Adrenoreceptor Stimulants.

ST. CHARLES'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTRE, LONDON.—8.45 p.m., Dr. W. Braude: Aspects of Cardiorespiratory Resuscitation.

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—4 p.m., Mr. P. L. C. Digory: Induction of Labour.

Wednesday, 22 April

GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 2.15 p.m., gynaecology and obstetrics meeting; 2.15 p.m. medical meeting; 7 p.m., surgical meeting by Anaesthetic Department: Respiratory Problems in Surgery.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. G. Ettlinger: Cerebral Commissures—Behavioural Evidence of their Functions.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Miss Jessie Dobson: Comparative Study of Character and Achievements of William and John Hunter.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. H. Howat: Current Views of Chronic Pancreatitis.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Kent and Sussex Hospital board room, 12.45 p.m., Dr. C. W. J. Ussher: Presenting Symptoms in Geriatrics.

Thursday, 23 April

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 2 p.m., Mr. V. R. Tindall: Liver Function in Pregnancy. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London, S.W.) ●

LONDON MEDICAL GROUP.—At St. George's Hospital Medical School, 6 p.m., symposium: Abortion.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—4 p.m., Alexander Welsh memorial lecture by Professor H. Kravynbuhl (Zurich): Microsurgical Approach to Cerebrospinal Lesions.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Meyerstein Lecture Theatre, 5.15 p.m., clinicopathological conference by Dr. P. A. Emeson.

Friday, 24 April

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Mr. E. J. Radley Smith: Fractures of the Base of the Skull.

KINGSTON UPON THAMES MEDICAL CENTRE.—8.15 p.m., Abbott lecture by Dr. G. Neale: Investigation of Small Bowel Disease.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10 a.m., Research in progress: Department of Surgery.

Saturday, 25 April

NUTRITION SOCIETY: SCOTTISH GROUP.—At College of Domestic Science, Park Drive, Glasgow, 11.15 a.m., meeting: Future of Animals as Sources of Human Food.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.—10.30 a.m., Therapeutics by Dr. M. Morris: Treatment of Asthma.

Hattersley, D. H. Lawton, I. U. Malik, P. Rigby, B. D. O. Smith, Phyllis M. Taylor.

DIPLOMA IN TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—S. K. Ahmad, F. K. Buckland, W. Holmes, W. B. James, M. A. A. M. Memon, A. C. Miller, F. P. Thoresby.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIO-DIAGNOSIS.—B. M. Adams, G. A. Akinhanmi, M. F. Anderson, S. T. T. Aung, C. I. Bartram, J. M. Blomerus, L. B. Cannell, C. T. C. Carroll, S. P. Cooper, M. S. Dey, K. N. S. Diwakar, T. S. G. Eakins, Juliet A. Egginton, P. H. Frank, R. L. Gilkes, R. L. Golding, Janine H. Hall, M. A. Ismail, P. A. James, E. W. Jones, F. M. Kelvin, M. Z. Khorasani, P. T. King, D. A. Legge, E. Levine, C. F. Lian, H. W. C. Loose, P. S. Low, J. S. Manners, A. L. P. Martin, M. V. Merrick, R. H. Miller, C. W. Morris, I. F. Moseley, W. Newey, D. A. Roxburgh, C. V. Sankaran, B. M. Sethna, C. J. Sinclair, G. W. Stevenson, Araghian A. Tahmassebi, B. A. Udoakang, M. L. Wastie, B. R. J. Williamson, M. K. Wolverson, A. Zanko.

DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL RADIOTHERAPY.—K. R. Durrant, Anne Huggins, J. P. Mercier, M. J. Morgan, T. J. Mott, C. R. H. Penn, K. J. Shah, P. J. Winter.

DIPLOMA IN ANAESTHETICS.—B. H. A. Syed.

DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.—W. K. Ahlajah.

After the meeting the Cecil Joll lecture was delivered by Professor A. W. Kay on "Research in Medicine: the Surgeon's Opportunity, Commitment and Contribution"

DEATHS

Hammond.—On 5 April, 1970 at Guy's Hospital, John Anthony Jasper Hammond, M.B., B.S., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. of Frenshams, Four Throws, Hawkhurst, Kent, aged 58.

Oates.—On 28 March, 1970, at his home in Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, Geoffrey Eugene Oates, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H., aged 75.

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