

Problems in Pathology

Epithelial Tumours of the Salivary Glands. R. Winston Evans, F.R.C.Path., and Alan H. Cruickshank, M.R.C.Path. (Pp. 299; £6.15.) W. B. Saunders. 1970.

This book is the first in a new series of monographs entitled *Major Problems in Pathology*. The authors and their subject have been well chosen and a standard has been set which augurs well for other volumes in the series.

An introductory chapter on the salivary glands of man provides sufficient anatomical and embryological background and explains, for example, the occasional finding of salivary gland inclusions within parotid lymph nodes. It also offers a possible histogenetic basis for

salivary tumours showing sebaceous differentiation. Some details on the incidence of salivary tumours, their association with other conditions, and the scant known facts about their aetiology are included in the second chapter. Each of the remaining chapters is devoted to a particular tumour, and it is gratifying to find a well illustrated account of the quite newly recognized basal cell adenoma. The final chapter deals with the problematical group of lymphoepithelial proliferations. The style is clear and the descriptions are outstanding. While giving credit to differing points of view, the authors do not hesitate to state their own opinions on controversial issues such as the question of malignancy in

mixed tumours. There is a full bibliography at the end of each chapter.

This is essentially a practical book, and its value is enormously enhanced by the numerous photomicrographs, which bring out well the great variety of patterns encountered in salivary tumours. In some instances there is a brief accompanying case history which adds to the value of the picture. There is no doubt that this book will be most helpful to practising histopathologists, to whom it is warmly recommended. One might even predict that it will become the standard work on this subject.

A. G. STANSFELD

Comprehensive Orthopaedics

Textbook of Disorders and Injuries of the Musculoskeletal System. Robert Bruce Salter, M.D., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 551; £9.) Williams & Wilkins. 1970.

This elegantly produced and illustrated book is written by one of the foremost orthopaedic surgeons in North America and is clearly the product of much observation, experience in teaching, and wide reading in orthopaedics and its related disciplines.

The book is addressed specifically to the medical student, and the scope and purpose of a text book are carefully defined. The author then sets out to cover orthopaedics and

accident surgery pretty comprehensively—an ambitious project which succeeds, largely through mastery of the subject and thorough organization of the material.

Naturally, the range of topics covered reflects the heavier demands made in practice on the North American graduate, who often works in greater physical and clinical isolation than is customary in Britain. In consequence, the resulting book runs to well over 500 pages and represents a considerable amount of reading for the average British medical student already hard pressed by the requirements of an over-stuffed curriculum. The style is hortatory in a commendable attempt to break

away from the orthodox methods of presentation and to increase the impression of direct communication with the reader, but it is rather difficult to sustain for 538 pages without becoming at times strained and even self-consciously solemn. Nevertheless, the text is studied with felicitous phrases which combat this and both lighten the going and get the message across with typical transatlantic terseness.

Finally, however, much of the above must pale into insignificance beside the price tag of £9 which will, unfortunately, deter many potential users, to their ultimate loss

J. A. HAMILTON

Head Injury Sequelae

The Traumatic Amnesias. W. Ritchie Russell, C.B.E., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 84; £2.) Oxford University Press. 1971.

To the neurologist head injury presents not only a busy and expanding field of clinical activity, but also an inexhaustible source of information about human cerebral function. Its problems have fascinated the greatest neurologists of the century, and have taxed the conceptual and speculative powers of such clinical philosophers as Wilfrid Trotter, Geoffrey Jefferson, and Charles Symonds. That they continue to exercise the ingenuity of Professor Ritchie Russell 40 years after the publication of his classical Edinburgh studies of the early nineteen-thirties comes as no surprise.

The Traumatic Amnesias consists of more than 20 papers covering a period of 37 years, written by Professor Russell and a succession of collaborators, and presented with a useful and lively commentary. The relation of amnesia is stressed to the acceleration-concussion that follows immediately on the sudden jolt to the head which characterizes most cases of closed head injury, and this is contrasted with the frequent retention of clear consciousness in crushing injuries of the skull and in penetrating head injuries, even where a bullet may have passed right through the skull and brain. Other things being equal, the duration of post-traumatic amnesia is a fair index of the severity of a closed head injury. Retrograde amnesia is probably equally "organic" in

nature, even in the rare cases where it is prolonged. More commonly it shrinks during recovery from post-traumatic confusion to a period of quite brief duration.

Professor Russell summarizes a mass of clinical evidence in support of these generalizations, and concludes his book with an illuminating essay on the physiology of memory and a brief presentation of some of the unsolved problems of this borderland between neurology and psychology. *The Traumatic Amnesias* is a medical classic, and its carefully recorded data will furnish a basis for neurological controversy even half-a-century hence.

HENRY MILLER

SELECTED NEW TITLES

Physiological and Behavioral Temperature Regulation. Ed. James D. Hardy, Ph.D., A. Pharo-Gagge, Ph.D., and Jan A. J. Stolwijk, Ph.D. (Pp. 944; \$75.) Charles C. Thomas. 1971.

Advances in Carbohydrate Chemistry and Biochemistry. Vol. 25. Ed. R. Stuart Tipson. (Pp. 544; £12.15.) Academic Press. 1970.

Addendum 1971 to the British Pharmacopoeia 1968. Medicines Commission. (Pp. 142; £4.) Pharmaceutical Press. London. 1971.

Progress in Neurology and Psychiatry. Vol. 25. Ed. E. A. Spiegel, M.D. (Pp. 495; \$28.75.) Grune and Stratton. 1970.

Radioimmunoassay. Ed. J. G. Westerman. (Pp. 107; £1.50.) Hospital Medicine Publications. 1971.

The Autonomic Nervous System. 4th edn. J. Harold Burn, M.D., F.R.S. (Pp. 166; £1.50.) Blackwell. 1971.

Medical Resident's Manual. 3rd edn. William J. Grace, M.D., Richard J. Kennedy, M.D., and Frank B. Flood, M.D. (Pp. 439; £2.90.) Butterworths. 1971.

Medicine and Man. Noel Poynter. (Pp. 195; £1.25.) C. A. Watts and Co. 1971.

Hospital Staff Management. Maurice W. Cumming, M.A. (Pp. 247; £2.75.) Heinemann. 1971.

Old World Monkeys. J. R. Napier, and P. H. Napier. (Pp. 660; £9.10.) Academic Press. 1971.

Hormone Assays and their Clinical Application. John A. Loraine, F.R.C.P.E., and E. Trevor Bell, Ph.D. (Pp. 684; £5.) E. & S. Livingstone. 1971.

Synthetic Dyes in Biology, Medicine and Chemistry. Edward Gurr. (Pp. 806; £11.) Academic Press. 1971.

numbers of doctors and patients at each centre, together with information on the ancillary, diagnostic, and treatment services provided. There is also a bibliography of published work describing centres and their work.

Lady Tata Memorial Trust

The trustees of the Lady Tata Memorial Trust for research in leukaemia have made the following awards for the academic year 1971-2: G. B. Rossi, Rome (fellowship, in second year); J. F. Doré, Paris (expenses grant, renewed for third year); T. J. E. Rytomaa, Helsinki, and B. Szafarz, Paris (expenses grants, renewed for second year); T. M. Dexter, Manchester (whole-time scholarship, renewed for second year).

B.M.S.A. Symposium

The British Medical Students' Association will be holding a symposium entitled, "Health Services for Great Britain" at the Medical School, Edgbaston, Birmingham, on the afternoon of Friday, 2 July, and on Saturday, 3 July. Details can be obtained from Mr. A. Murray, Symposium Committee, Q.M.M. Room, The Medical School, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.

Programmed Learning

A second edition of *Programmes in the Health Sciences*, a bibliography listing nearly 300 programmed texts and programmes for teaching machines in the fields of medicine, dentistry, and nursing, has been produced with assistance from the British Life Assurance Trust. The bibliography is available from N.C.P.L. Publications, School of Education, P.O. Box 363, University of Birmingham, Birmingham B15 2TT, price 60p.

People in the News

Mr. Robert V. Cooke, senior vice-president of the Royal College of Surgeons and a past president of the B.M.A., has been made sheriff of Bristol.

Dr. J. Jancar, consultant psychiatrist, Stoke Park Hospital, Stapleton, Bristol, has been awarded the second Burden research medal and prize for outstanding research work in the field of mental subnormality.

COMING EVENTS

Medical Association for Prevention of War.—Conference, "Problems in Communication," 9-11 July, Newnham College, Cambridge. Fee £7-50 (medical and dental students £4), inclusive.

Applications before 23 June and details are obtainable from Mrs. K. MacSorley, 238 Camden Road, London N.W.1.

"Management of the Gravely Ill Cardiac Patient."—Third international symposium on current aspects of cardiology arranged by the Institute of Cardiology, 30 June-1 July, Royal College of Physicians of London. Fee £20. Details from the dean, Institute of Cardiology, 35 Wimpole Street, London W1M 8EX. (Tel. 01-486 3043.)

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.—Talk, "Priorities in Health Care," by Professor T. McKeown, 6 July, 12.15 p.m., London W.1.

Fee £1 (including lunch). Applications to the director, Hospital Centre, 24 Nutford Place, London W1H 6AN.

Biochemical Society.—Meeting, 8-9 July, Oxford University. The programme includes colloquia on "Somatic Cell Genetics," "New Sources of Protein Foods," and "Steroids and Chromatin." Details from the society, 7 Warwick Court, High Holborn, London WC1R 5DP. (Tel. 01-242 1076/7).

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, 21 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. A. Herxheimer: Evaluation of Drugs in Dermatology. INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOTOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., combined consultation clinical meeting.

Tuesday, 22 June

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. E. M. Jepson: Xanthomatosis.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.30 p.m., Mr. R. W. Beard: The Foetus—Parasite and Automation.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—5 p.m., Mr. A. W. F. Lettin: Cervical Spine in Rheumatoid Arthritis.

SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At House of Commons (room 10), 7.30 p.m., teach-in: N.H.S. Dentistry at the Crossroads or in a Cul-de-sac.

Wednesday, 23 June

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Arnott demonstration by Miss Jessie Dobson: An Account of the Life and Work of Percivall Pott.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. R. L. Peters (Los Angeles): Sclerosing Hyaline Necrosis of the Liver.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—2 p.m., Professor F. O'Grady: Interaction of Antibacterial Agents.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—5.30 p.m., Professor T. Symington: A Look at Problems of Endocrine Gonadal Tumours.

Thursday, 24 June

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—5.15 p.m., Mr. D. J. MacRae: Clinical and Endocrinological Aspects of Dysmaturity.

Friday, 25 June

CHARLES BURNS CLINIC, BIRMINGHAM.—At Queensbridge Road, Moseley, 4 p.m., Dr. M. Rutter: Effects of Deprivation in Childhood.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE REGIONAL NEUROLOGICAL CENTRE.—At Newcastle General Hospital, 5.30 p.m., Dr. A. J. McComas, Mr. J. Hankinson, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. A. R. M. Upton: Recent Electrophysiological Studies on the Human Thalamus.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—11 a.m., Research in Progress meeting.

APPOINTMENTS

BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—S. D. Sarker, M.B., F.R.C.S. (consultant traumatic and orthopaedic surgeon, West Bromwich and South Birmingham group); N. E. Brown, M.B., D.O., F.R.C.S. (consultant ophthalmologist, South Warwickshire group); M. Monro, M.D., D.P.M. (consultant psychiatrist, Wolverhampton County Borough Council and the Wolverhampton group); C. Chacon, L.A.H., D.P.M. (consultant psychiatrist, Wolverhampton group); C. Cheyne, M.B., M.Ch.Orth., F.R.C.S., (consultant orthopaedic and traumatic surgeon, North and South Birmingham groups); J. W. Partridge, M.B., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (consultant paediatrician, South Warwickshire and Dudley Road (Birmingham) groups); M. Quasim, M.B., M.R.C.P., D.P.M. (consultant psychiatrist, Burton-on-Trent and Coventry groups); F. P. Vince, M.B., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician (with special experience in clinical endocrinology), Coventry group); P. H. Blackiston, M.R.C.S., F.C.A., R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, Stafford group); J. A. Prosser, M.B., F.F.A., R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, South Worcestershire and South Birmingham groups); J. H. Morris, M.B., D.P.M. (consultant child psychiatrist, South and Mid-Worcestershire groups); G. Kitchen, M.R.C.S., F.F.R., D.M.R.T. (consultant radiotherapist, Dudley and Stourbridge and Wolverhampton groups); A. C. P. Sims, M.B., D.P.M. (consultant

psychiatrist, Dudley Road (Birmingham) groups); L. K. Harding, M.B., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician (with special experience in nuclear medicine), Dudley Road (Birmingham) groups); R. C. Hughes, M.B., M.R.C.P. (consultant neurologist, Wolverhampton and Dudley and Stourbridge groups); Elisabeth A. Tooth, M.B., M.R.C.O.G. (consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist, West Bromwich group); K. J. G. McCourt, M.B., F.F.A., R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, Wolverhampton group); W. G. B. Clark, M.B., F.F.A., R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, North Birmingham group); J. M. Mynors, M.B., Ch.M. F.R.C.S. (consultant surgeon, Coventry group); J. L. Francis, M.B., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician, mid-Staffordshire group); I. A. Harper, M.B., M.R.C.Path. (consultant bacteriologist, Wolverhampton group); G. P. Xifaras, M.D., F.F.A., R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, Dudley Road (Birmingham) group); J. Moore, M.B., M.R.C.P., D.C.H. (consultant paediatrician, North Birmingham groups); J. D. Young, M.B., D.P.M. (consultant psychiatrist, Mid-Staffordshire group); N. Stj. P. Dwyer, M.B., F.R.C.S. (consultant in traumatic and orthopaedic surgery, East Birmingham group); R. F. Gunstone, B.Sc., M.B., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician (with special experience in infectious diseases), Coventry group); B. S. Smith, M.B., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician, West Bromwich group).

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ST. MARY'S GROUP OF HOSPITALS, LONDON.—Mary E. Carter, M.D., M.R.C.P.Ed. (consultant in physical medicine and rheumatology).

UNITED BIRMINGHAM HOSPITALS.—D. R. London, D.M., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician).

UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES

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The following successful candidates have been admitted to the Membership:

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CORRECTIONS

M.R.C.P.

We regret that the name of Dr. Upendra Acharya was omitted from the list of those elected Members of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom (22 May, p. 480).

The Satchel and the Shining Morning Face

In the article by Dr. R. Gibson (5 June, p. 549) we regret a printing error in the penultimate paragraph on page 551. This should have read "... his present moods are transitory."

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