

welcome, even though it has meant that approximately 100 pages are taken up in this way. The substantial nature of the reviews justifies the purchase of this volume, despite its price, by medical libraries.

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Sensation in Man

Sensory Inhibition. By Georg von Békésy. (Pp. 240+xxv; illustrated. 81s.) Princeton University Press. London: Oxford University Press. 1968.

Preaching is usually to the converted, but is none the worse for that. *Sensory Inhibition*, by Georg von Békésy, will be read mainly by neurophysiologists, but this is not to say

that its message is irrelevant to a wider range of readers. It contains much of concern to neurologists, audio-engineers, and experimental psychologists; advanced students of physiology should peruse (but selectively) its pages. It will become an established if minor source book for the medical historian, and even the general reader could delve interesting and amusing fragments from its generally weighty text. This is not surprising.

Dr. Békésy has devoted 40 years to the study of sensation, especially in man, and to all of us sensation and its resulting emotion provide much of the value of living. Although Békésy's researches may now seem old-fashioned, since they raised rather than solved problems, and the solutions to the problems are now being provided in the flourishing laboratories of electroneurophysiology, *Sensory Inhibition* confirms the

justice of the Nobel Prize awarded to him in 1961. The considered assessment by a great scientist of his life's work will always be a source of value and a provision of inspiration, and this book is both. But it is neither an easy nor a flawless book. It is difficult to read not because the experiments are complex or the concepts it describes are obscure, but because of deficiencies in contextual organization, in lucid communication, and in orientation of subject in relation to other recent studies in sensory physiology. These defects are regrettable in published lectures on a topic of a current biological significance which could be transmitted to a large scientific audience. But even if *Sensory Inhibition* is read only by a small and specialized group, those who do so will rate it highly.

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

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