

Morris Fishbein can look back on a life of remarkable activity, packed with incident and with medical-political controversy. To be editor for 35 years of the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and its many associated publications would have been a sufficing activity for most people, but in addition Dr. Fishbein wrote literally hundreds of articles on medical subjects for newspapers and magazines, for years contributed a weekly light-hearted column—"Dr. Pepys's Diary"—to *J.A.M.A.*, published more than a score of books, promoted many good causes, relentlessly attacked quackery, and finally constituted himself the fluent mouthpiece of the medical profession in America. Finally,

in 1949 the Board of Trustees of the A.M.A. required Dr. Fishbein to confine his activities to editing the journal, upon which he retired, but not to inactivity. Perhaps he will be best remembered in the future for his untiring opposition on behalf of the A.M.A. to compulsory government health insurance—socialized medicine, as he called it. Many applauded his successful advocacy, but others feel that the proper medical care of the American people has been retarded for years by the A.M.A.'s attitude. Dr. Fishbein's accomplishments have been facilitated by a remarkable physical energy, a fantastic memory, and an ability to read some 1,500 words a minute.

No biographies are easy to write, and, because we know more of ourselves than of others, autobiographies require the most delicate approach. The robust simple egotism and vanity of this one may prove disarming to some but insufferable to others. The wealth of detail in the long book is on the whole tedious detail—long lists of those of varying importance encountered by the author without conveying a pen picture of their characters, the minutiae of journeys, even the menus of dinners, and a lot of rather ingenuous funny jokes. The volume is unlikely to appeal to many British doctors.

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Books noticed here may be reviewed later.

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Carcinogenicity Testing. Vol. 2. Edited by I. Berenblum. (Pp. 56+vi. 16s.) Geneva: International Union Against Cancer. 1969.

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Circulatory and Respiratory Mass Transport. A Ciba Foundation Symposium. Edited by G. E. W. Wolstenholme and Julie Knight. (Pp. 310+x; illustrated. 70s.) London: J. & A. Churchill. 1969.

Correspondence of Pasteur and Thuillier. Concerning Anthrax and Swine Fever Vaccinations. Translated and edited by Robert M. Frank and Denise Wrotnowska. (Pp. 240+xiii. \$7.50.) Alabama: University of Alabama Press. 1969.

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Paramedical Dictionary. By J. E. Schmidt, M.D. (Pp. 423+vi. \$8.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1969.

Essentials of Gastroenterology. By J. Ned Smith, jun., M.D. (Pp. 326+ix; illustrated. 133s.) London: Henry Kimpton. Saint Louis: C. V. Mosby. 1969.

Interpretation and Uses of Medical Statistics. By Geoffrey J. Bourke, M.A., M.D., D.P.H., D.C.H., and James McGilvray, M.A. (Pp. 162+vi; illustrated. 27s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1969.

Anatomy. A Regional Study of Human Structure. 3rd edition. By Ernest Gardner, M.D., Donald J. Gray, Ph.D., and Ronan O'Rahilly, M.Sc., M.D. (Pp. 812+xiv; illustrated. 161s. 6d.) London and Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders. 1969.

Clinical Psychiatry. 3rd edition. By Eliot Slater, F.R.C.P., D.P.M., and Martin Roth, F.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Pp. 870+xvi; illustrated. 120s.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell. 1969.

A Clinical Guide to Intravenous Nutrition. By P. C. Allen, M.B., and H. A. Lee, M.R.C.P. (Pp. 174+xi; illustrated. 45s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1969.

Genetics and Counseling in Medical Practice. By Leonard E. Reisman, M.D., and Adam P. Matheny, jun., Ph.D. (Pp. 215+ix; illustrated. 115s.) London: Henry Kimpton. Saint Louis: C. V. Mosby. 1969.

L.S.D. in Action. By P. G. Stafford and B. H. Golightly. (Pp. 288. 35s.) London: Sidgwick & Jackson. 1969.

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Medical Supply in World War II. Edited by Robert S. Anderson, M.C.U.S.A. (Pp. 662+xxv; illustrated. \$8.25.) Washington, D.C.: Department of the Army. 1969.

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Handbook of Paediatric Cardiology. By L. Jerome Krovetz, M.D., Ph.D., et al. (Pp. 388+xii; illustrated. \$16.50.) London & New York: Harper & Row. 1969.

Virus Diseases and the Nervous System. A Symposium. Edited by C. W. M. Whitty, B.Sc., D.M. (Pp. 259+xii; illustrated. 65s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1969.

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Basic Clinical Physiology. By J. H. Green, M.A., M.B. (Pp. 146; illustrated. Paper cover, 25s.; boards, 40s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1969.

Educational Psychology. By Lee J. Cronbach. (Pp. 706+xxvii; illustrated. 70s.) 2nd edition. London: Staples Press. 1969.

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