

ever, he is unconvincing when he blames Freud for the tragedy because the latter had been responsible for the termination of Tausk's analysis several months before his death. Roazan believes that Freud's attitude to Tausk and his reaction to his suicide alters the picture posterity has been given of the "father of psychoanalysis." In fact, Freud's reaction was perfectly human. It was a mixture of pity and resentment not uncommon among those close to a person who takes his own life, especially if the suicide is damaging to the image of the group, and if the deceased had proved a great disappointment to it.

E. STENGEL.

Thyroid Tumours

Tumours of the Thyroid Gland: Vol. 6. Edited by Sir David Smithers, F.R.C.S., F.F.R. (Pp. 334 + xv; illustrated. 110s.) Edinburgh & London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

Although the basic problems in the diagnosis and treatment of malignant disease are much the same in all tissues and organs, there are sufficient special factors pertaining to cancers of each individual site to justify the publication of separate monographs dealing with each in turn. This sixth volume in the series *Neoplastic Disease at Various Sites* deals very comprehensively with the particular problems raised by tumours of the thyroid gland. Sir David Smithers, who is the general editor of the entire series, has personally edited this volume and happily has made available his own considerable expertise in several chapters which he has contributed himself.

The amount of information gathered on malignant disease of the thyroid gland is most impressive, and indeed, much of the confusion about classification has been resolved. The awareness of the contributors that such confusion existed in the past and their pains to clarify the subject are very striking. The coverage of the subject is comprehensive, and includes discussion of the several rare but fascinating forms of malignant disease of the thyroid gland. However, a very reasonable perspective is maintained, with most space being devoted to those tumours which occur most frequently in clinical practice.

A masterly review of the mortality statis-

tics from cancer of the thyroid from various countries throughout the world is accompanied by a welcome and helpful explanation of the uses, correctness, and suitability of various statistical approaches, and the several pitfalls in interpretation. In another section there is a panoramic review of the experimental induction of thyroid tumours, and of the various theories which have been expounded on the aetiology of spontaneously occurring tumours in man. Great caution is shown in arguing the pros and cons of these various hypotheses. The chapters covering the diagnosis and treatment of tumours of the thyroid gland range over the topics which would be expected, and clear guidance on the particular indications for one approach compared with another is given. An interesting addition to the section on diagnosis is a chapter devoted to the use of computers to work out the likelihood of correct diagnosis on different sets of observations. This is certain to be developed further in the near future.

This well-produced volume is an up-to-date survey of all the answers which are at present available on this subject, and it also lists the most important questions for the future. It will be consulted repeatedly by all those interested in this important disease, and it will be quoted often.

IAIN E. GILLESPIE.

Brief Guide to E.C.G.s

Principles of Clinical Electrocardiography: 7th edn. Mervin J. Goldman (Pp. 400; 67s.) Blackwell 1970.

The very fact that this is the seventh edition of a book which was first published in 1956 is evidence of its popularity and success; examination of the book shows that both are well deserved. The text is concise and admirably clear. The contents cover all the essential points, while trivialities and rarities are excluded or allowed only the brief mention they deserve. The illustrative records are good and well reproduced and the various diagrams are well drawn.

In this edition the sections on electrophysiology have been expanded to provide a better basis for understanding the mechanisms of the arrhythmias, the depolarization of the heart, and the intra-ventricular conduction defects. There is an admirably short and helpful chapter on spatial vectorcardiography. A brief and useful list of books

and key references is included at the end.

The text is printed in rather small fine type which is not very attractive; rather confusingly the figures are not numbered, and the legends are printed without identification in the same type as the text. The binding is of the "paperback" type. Such features may account for the remarkably low price, which is another very good reason for recommending this book to anyone seeking a sound introduction to electrocardiography.

D. DEUCHAR.

Study of an Isolated Community

Serendipity in St. Helena: A Genetical and Medical Study of an Isolated Community. Ian Shine. (Pp. 187; 75s.) Pergamon Press. 1970.

This charming and extremely readable book combines in its 200 pages a vivid personal account of a unique community, the results of a very thorough medical and genetical survey, and a thoughtful treatise on medical genetics in general. It describes how a clinician visited St. Helena, fell in love with the islanders and with medical research, and so decided to become a clinical geneticist.

The author is one of those relatively few people who have realized that in its manifestations no disease is solely congenital and none is solely acquired. Thus he can turn naturally from studies of ischaemic heart disease and hallux valgus to brachydactyly and albinism. His book is a rich compendium of precise genetical and demographic data on a well-defined isolate. It will be an indispensable basis for any future study of the same population. It ought, therefore, to be in the libraries of all laboratories of genetics and of human biology.

For anyone who wishes to learn about the relevance of genetics to clinical medicine this book is the ideal hors d'oeuvre to the rather heavier fare of Ford, Fraser Roberts, and Clarke, and I wish that I could recommend every clinician, and indeed every medical student, to buy a copy. But the price of 75s. for a book of this size makes this impossible. In setting the price so high the publishers have assuredly deprived a wide potential readership of a great deal of pleasure and instruction and themselves of a substantial profit.

A. E. MOURANT.

Books Received

Books noticed here may be reviewed later.

Hypertension: Causes, Consequences and Management. George Pickering, F.R.C.P., F.R.S. (Pp. 115; 35s.) J. & A. Churchill. 1970.

An Introduction to Neurosurgery: 2nd edn. W. Bryan Jennett, F.R.C.S. (Pp. 365; 70s.) Heinemann. 1970.

Systemic Effects of Skin Disease: Sam Shuster, F.R.C.P., and Janet Marks, M.R.C.P. (Pp. 137; 40s.) Heinemann. 1970.

Modern Trends in Paediatrics: Vol. 3. Ed. John Apley, C.B.E., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 347; 84s.) Butterworths. 1970.

Diseases of Bone and Joints: Louis Lichtenstein, M.D. (Pp. 228; 158s.) Henry Kimpton. 1970.

Leukemia and Lymphoma: Ed. James F. Holland, M.D. et al. (Pp. 185; \$12.75.) Grune & Stratton. 1970.

Radiation Protection in Schools for Pupils up to the Age of 18 Years: A report by Committee 3 of the International Commission on Radiological Protection. Adopted by the Commission in May 1968. (Pp. 7. 7s.) Pergamon Press. 1970.

Morals and Medicine: Five Discussions from the B.B.C. Third Programme. (Pp. 123; 30s.) B.B.C. 1970.

Oncogenic Viruses: 2nd edn. Ludwik Gross, M.D., F.A.C.P. (Pp. 991; 250s.) Pergamon Press. 1970.

Diseases of the Liver: 3rd edn. Ed. Leon Schiff, M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 1102; 395s.) Blackwell. 1970.

Advances in Ophthalmology Vol. 22: Microsurgery in Glaucoma. 2nd Symposium on Microsurgery held at Burgerstock, 1968. Ed. G. Mackensen et al. (Pp. 288; 196s.) S. Karger. 1970.

Epidemiology: Man and Disease. John P. Fox, M.D. et al. (Pp. 339; 110s.) Macmillan. 1970.

Fluoride in Medicine: Ed. Thomas L. Vischer, M.D. (Pp. 192; DM.38.) Hans Huber. 1970.

L'Actualité Rhumatologique: 1969. Under the direction of S. de Seze. (Pp. 286; No price given.) L'Expansion Scientifique. 1969.

Coming Events

Royal College of Nursing.—Series of non-residential two-week courses for those with five or more years' experience at middle management level, "Multidisciplinary Middle Management (Hospital) Appreciation," to be held between 7 September 1970 and 19 March 1971. Details from the Director of Education, R.C.N., 1A Henrietta Place, Cavendish Square, London W1M 0AB.

Children at Risk.—A day conference organized by York branch National Association for Welfare of Children in Hospital is being held at 10 a.m. on 12 September 1970 at the University of York. Applications for tickets, 25s., to Mrs. J. Sloan, 25 Grange Garth, Fulford Road, York.

Hospital's 150th Anniversary.—The Essex County Hospital, Colchester, celebrates its 150th anniversary on 21 September 1970 when a week's historical exhibition will be held.

The Migraine Trust.—A day symposium orientated towards general practice, chaired by Dr. MACDONALD CRITCHLEY in the morning, and Dr. RAYMOND GREENE in the afternoon, will be held on 11 September at the Institute of Child Health. Applications for tickets to the Migraine Trust, 23 Queen Square, London W.C.1.

"Tape in Medical Teaching."—Third conference by the Medical Recording Service Foundation of the Royal College of General Practitioners. 14 October, at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. Fee £3 3s. (including lunch). Details from Dr. Graves, Kitts Croft, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex. (Tel. Writtle 316.)

"The Scope of General Practice."—Extended course intended for young doctors within their first two years in general practice and to help them to prepare for membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners. Tuesdays, 10.15 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., 16 October-6 March (excluding 22 and 29 December). Applications to the Administrative Secretary, R.C.G.P., 14 Princes Gate, London S.W.7

"Diseases of the Heart and Lungs."—Weekend course for general practitioners, 10-11 October, Salisbury Infirmary. Details and application forms from the Clinical Tutor, Postgraduate Medical Centre, General Infirmary, Salisbury, Wilts.

Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.—Scientific meeting, "Methods for Steroid Hormone Assays and their Significance in Obstetrics and Gynaecology," 23 October. Fee £3 3s. Details from the Secretary of the College, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London N.W.1.

Some Clinical Problems in Adoption Practice.—A day conference organised by the medical group of the Association of British Adoption Agencies will be held on 14 October 1970 at the Royal Society of Medicine. Admission by ticket only, details from Dr. C. E. Cooper, 3 Kenton Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 4NB.

The Stoke Mandeville Hospital Postgraduate Medical Centre.—The centre has issued its programme for September to November 1970. Among the events arranged is a 3-day refresher course for general practitioners from 20 to 22 October. Applications for the course should be made to the postgraduate secretary, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, Bucks.

First European Congress of Endoscopy.—12-16 October 1970, Munich. Details from Dr. R. Ottenjann, Medizinische Universitätsklinik, 8520 Erlangen, Krankenhausstr. 12, W. Germany.

7th International Congress of Allergy.—12-17 October, Florence. Details from the Congress Secretariat, Istituto di Patologia Medica dell'Università Viale Morgagni, 50134 Florence, Italy.

Polish Society of Internal Medicine.—Twenty-fourth meeting, with international participation, 15-17 October, Poznan. Details from the Organizing Committee, 2nd Department of Internal Medicine, Medical Academy of Poznan, Poznan, Przybyszewskiego 49, Poland.

Radcliffe Infirmary Bicentenary.—Celebrations are being arranged for 18 October 1970. Persons interested in attending them are invited to write soon to the Honorary Organizing Secretary, Mr. Ronald Macbeth, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE.

European League of Mental Health.—20th Annual meeting, 15-17 October, Majorca. Details from B. Mestre, Secretary-General, Clinica Mental de Jesus, Apartado 85, Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Appointments

BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—T. V. Hingorani, M.B., F.R.C.S.Glasg. (consultant ear, nose and throat surgeon, the Burton-on-Trent group); J. D. Anderson, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, the Burton-on-Trent group); J. Cottam, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. (consultant general surgeon, the Dudley Road (Birmingham) group); J. B. Hawkins, M.B., M.R.C.P., D.C.H. (consultant physician with special interest in renal diseases) to the East Birmingham group; A. F. Duke, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., F.R.C.S.Ed. (consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist to the Mid-Staffordshire group); J. T. Styles, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S. (consultant anaesthetist, the Wolverhampton groups); H. Lautch, L.R.C.P., D.P.M. (consultant psychiatrist, the Dudley and Stourbridge and Mid-Worcestershire groups); D. P. C. Williams, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., D.L.O. (consultant ear, nose, and throat surgeon, the Dudley Road (Birmingham), South Birmingham and Mid-Worcestershire groups); W. M. Steel, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed. (consultant orthopaedic surgeon, North Staffordshire group); J. E. Woodyard, M.B., F.R.C.S. (consultant traumatic and orthopaedic surgeon, Mid-Staffordshire group); Elizabeth M. D. O'Brien, M.B., D.P.M. (consultant child psychiatrist, Dudley Road (Birmingham) group); M. H. B. Carmalt, M.D., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician, South Birmingham group); M. J. T. Peaston, Ph.D., M.B., M.R.C.P. (consultant physician, Mid-Worcestershire group).

MANCHESTER REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD.—P. Fielden, M.B., D.M.R.D. (whole-time or maximum part-time consultant radiologist, Blackpool and Fylde group); D. G. Maurice, M.B., F.R.C.S. (whole-time or maximum part-time consultant plastic surgeon, Preston and Chorley group); P. G. Lynch, B.M., M.R.C.Path., D.Path. (whole-time or maximum part-time consultant morbid anatomist/neuropathologist, Preston and Chorley group); B. K. Mandal, M.B., M.R.C.P.Ed. (whole-time or maximum part-time consultant physician with special experience in communicable diseases, Monsall Hospital, Manchester).

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.

Tuesday, 1 September
WEST SUFFOLK HOSPITALS POSTGRADUATE CENTRE.—1.15 p.m. Dr. R. H. Campion: What and What Not to Put on Skin. (Lunch 12.30 p.m., Drummond Hall).

Wednesday, 2 September
ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. Patricia Wilkinson (Australia): Medical Aspects of Alcoholism.

Thursday, 3 September
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—2.30 p.m. Dr. R. L. Hodge: Renin-producing Tumours of the Kidney.

Corrections

Pulmonary Lesions in Sickle Cell Anaemia

Drs. G. Serjeant and M. C. Petch write: "We should like to draw attention to an error in our paper (4 July, p. 31). The findings on electrophoresis should of course have read "... the diagnosis was based on the findings of only Hb S, F, and A₂ on electrophoresis" not Hb A as stated. The presence of Hb A unless attributable to recent transfusions would, of course, have immediately excluded the patient from such a series."

Lieutenant-Colonel A. I. Cox, I.M.S. (Ret.)

In the obituary notice (22 August, p. 470) South Africa was erroneously mentioned in the first paragraph. Line 22 should have read "... he would speedily distinguish himself in South India ...".

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