

An endoscopic photograph or a series can profitably form part of a patient's case record dossier. Those who are considering such a practice should turn to this atlas in the hope of emulating the high standard it sets.

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"A Tentful of Scientists"

Reflections on Research and the Future of Medicine. A Symposium and Other Addresses. Edited by Charles E. Lyght, M.D. (Pp. 209+vii; illustrated. 81s.) London: McGraw-Hill. 1967.

This book is the record of a two-day colloquium on the occasion of the dedication of new research buildings at the Merck Sharp and Dohme research laboratories at Rahway, New Jersey, in May 1966. The speakers on the first day were Sir Macfarlane Burnet on autoimmune disease, E. L. Tatum on molecular biology and nucleic acids, F. O. Schmitt on molecular dynamics and brain function, and Sir George Pickering on degenerative diseases. On the second day W. H. Stewart spoke on research and public responsibility, M. Tishler on the challenge of pharmaceutical research, E. B. Chain on the quest for new biodynamic substances, H. W. Gadsden on the role of research at Merck, and Sir Henry Dale looked back to similar occasions at Merck in 1933 and 1953.

Americans have a particular affection for ceremonies of commencement, graduation, dedication, and rededication, which are of the nature of corporate acts of homage to education, science, or research as the case may be. The ceremonies are inspiring to the participants, but accounts of them, like other *Festschriften*, do not make particularly good reading.

Björck some years ago demonstrated by actual experiment how difficult it is even for young men to predict the future of medicine, and the speakers at Rahway were all senior. One of the photographs with which the book is illustrated is entitled "A Tentful of Scientists at the Rahway Dedication Ceremonies," and that is perhaps a good description of the book as a whole.

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Disabled Children — Speech and Vision

Assessment of Cerebral Palsy. Vol. 2. By K. S. Holt, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., and J. K. Reynell, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Pp. 187+viii; illustrated. 40s.) London: Lloyd-Luke. 1967.

This Volume 2 is an excellent and authoritative yet easily read guide to the assessment of vision, hearing, language function, and intelligence in disabled children. As such it provides a useful reference volume to all the lay and professional workers involved in this important field.

It must be emphasized that apparently normal children may require assessment in their early years lest they should be victims of some slight perceptual or other disability which interferes with psychological development. For this reason teachers, social workers, and also parents should look through this book.

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Doctor in India

Doctor Sahib. By Stephen Kerry. (Pp. 204. 30s.) London: Cassell. 1967.

In the late nineteen thirties, with the Government of India Act on the stocks and with independence apparently just round the corner, the Secretary of State for India announced the creation of new clinical civil posts in India reserved for European members of the Indian Medical Service, and started a recruiting drive for high quality officers with a promise of only brief military service in pleasant stations of the applicant's own choosing. This extraordinary appeal was most successful; a number of highly qualified "registrar types" from Great Britain, Canada, and Australia responded, and the I.M.S. had an intake of as high a quality as it ever had in its heyday.

Those of us who, as senior teachers, had for many years been training Indian doctors to take over the highest posts were somewhat disconcerted, and Indian political leaders and the entire Indian medical profession responded with anger and indignation at this apparent *volte face*. This move, in fact, hardened the

determination of leading Indian statesmen to abolish an all-India medical service when independence was achieved. They did so—a fact which some of them regret today.

One of this group has published his autobiography under the pseudonym of Stephen Kerry, and the account of his short prewar service in a popular hill station at a Gurkha battalion headquarters, and later as a civil surgeon in Bihar, makes compelling reading. The book has been deservedly acclaimed in the British press as eminently readable, fascinating, and absorbing, and is so well written and slanted to interest and to titillate the non-medical reader that one suspects the collaboration of a skilled professional writer.

The accounts of the investigation and control of an outbreak of cholera in a remote village in the Himalayas is very well done indeed, and the scene of famine and epidemic on the plains of Bihar are only too topical today. One of the better aspects of our work in India was the control of jails by medical men. As a young man devoted to a surgical career Kerry detested his jail duties, and the gallows is used inevitably with great effect in this para-autobiography.

One need not accept every incident as factual, but the general picture painted represents its period accurately; the busy absorbing life of a civil surgeon and district medical officer in India is skilfully depicted. *Doctor Sahib* is a moving but unsensational story of the life of a young introspective idealist in full sympathy with Indian aspirations. It is certainly the best of the "doctor" books published since the war.

GEORGE R. McROBERT.

In his latest novel, *The Facemaker*, Richard Gordon recounts the fortunes of a plastic surgeon up to the outbreak of the first world war. Though at once self-assertive and griggish, the hero, Graham Trevoze, often engages the reader's sympathy owing to the prejudice that he meets from professional colleagues and social acquaintances. Forsaking the comic vein from which he dredged *Doctor in the House* and many irreverent successors, the author presents his characters now in a serious if no less recognizable setting. *The Facemaker* is announced as the first of a trilogy, and is published by Heinemann (pp. 244: 25s. net).

Books Received

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

Bedsore. By B. N. Bailey, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 130+vii; illustrated. 50s.) London: Edward Arnold. 1967.

The Physiological Clock. 2nd edition. By Professor Erwin Bünning. (Pp. 167; illustrated. 24s.) London: Longmans, Green. 1967.

Marriage Difficulties. By Dr. Paul Tournier. Translated by John S. Gilmour. (Pp. 63. 6s.) London: SCM Press. 1967.

Decompression of Compressed Air Workers in Civil Engineering. Proceedings of an International Working Party, London, 1965. Edited by R. I. McCallum, M.D.(Lond.). (Pp. 329+xxi; illustrated. 42s.) Newcastle: Oriel. 1967.

Integration in Internal Medicine. Proceedings of 9th International Congress of Internal Medicine, Amsterdam, 1966. Edited by A. J. Dunning. (Pp. 559+xv; illustrated. £9 7s. 3d.) Amsterdam: Excerpta Medica Foundation. 1967.

The Diabetic ABC. 14th edition. A Practical Book for Patients and Nurses. By R. D. Lawrence, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P.(Lond.), Hon.L.L.D. (Toronto). (Pp. 91+x. 7s.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1967.

Time of One's Own. Leisure and Young People. By Pearl Jephcott. (Pp. 165+xii; illustrated. 30s. Paper 18s.) Edinburgh: Oliver & Boyd. 1967.

Ultrasonics in Ophthalmology. 20th International Congress of Ophthalmology, Munich, 1966. Edited by A. Oksala and H. Gernet. (Pp. 240; illustrated. £5 19s.) Basel and New York: S. Karger. London: Academic Press. 1967.

The Doctor Shortage. An Economic Diagnosis. By Rashi Fein. (Pp. 199+xi. \$2.50. Washington: Brookings Institution. 1967.

Neurologie. Für Ärzte und Studenten. By Marco Mumenthaler. (Pp. 383+xii; illustrated. DM. 9.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1967.

The Pharmaceutical Industry. A Personal Study. By Wyndham Davies, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.I.H. (Pp. 240+viii. 63s.) Oxford: Pergamon. 1967.

The Hospital Chaplain. By the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board. (Pp. 33.) Available from B.R.H.B., Arthur Thomson House, 146 Hagley Rd., Birmingham 16. 1967.

Glaucoma. Tutzing Symposium, 20th International Congress of Ophthalmology, Munich, 1966. Edited by W. Leydecker. (Pp. 265; illustrated £6 17s. 6d.) Basel and New York: S. Karger. London: Academic Press. 1967.