

An excellent chapter on modern control of malignant disease by R. Raven is supplemented by Winston Evans on such topics as asbestos tumours, immunoglobulins in myeloma and allied syndromes, and the latter subject comes up again under Hodgkin's disease. Renal transplantation is treated only very briefly, and there is little about malabsorption syndromes apart from a brief paragraph in the section on geriatric medicine.

Selection of topics is inevitable, and within the limits of alphabetically arranged subjects each author has done a good job. Lord Cohen's wide knowledge and scholarship have made him the ideal editor.

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Gynaecology from a Surgical Standpoint

Clinical Surgery. Gynaecology and Obstetrics. Edited by D. W. T. Roberts, M.A., M.Chir., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 209 +ix; illustrated. £3 12s. (red binding), £4 10s. per volume in complete set (blue binding).) London: Butterworths. 1967.

This volume is one of the *Clinical Surgery* series, a sequel to the highly successful *Operative Surgery* series. The consultant editor, D. W. T. Roberts, with the help of seven contributors, covers most of the obstetrical and gynaecological conditions likely to be met by general surgeons, and a few unlikely ones. The result is a compact book up to the high standard of its companion volumes.

The nine chapters cover many topics of surgical importance—for example, pelvic infection, ovarian tumours, and surgical aspects of obstetrics. There is an excellent account of appendicitis in pregnancy. In addition specialist interest is catered for in chapters on diseases of the vulva, uterine carcinoma, and infertility. That so much is achieved in just over 200 pages is due to frequent use of subtitles and an economy of style which leads to easy reading. Apart from discussion

of ovarian tumours in pregnancy in two chapters, repetition is avoided. The book is well produced and the print clear, and the illustrations, although few, are relevant. References are liberally supplied at the end of each chapter. Criticisms of the text are so few and trivial as to be not worthy of mention.

While not written primarily for trainee gynaecologists, it will be difficult to find more concise modern views on such important subjects as amenorrhoea, intersex, infertility, pelvic malignancy, and vulval diseases, the latter so simplified as to be readily understandable. *Gynaecology and Obstetrics* will be read by general surgeons, especially Fellowship candidates. Gynaecologists sitting higher examinations will find it a useful and painless revision both in their specialist field and in the borderland with surgery.

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Wartime Suffering—20 Years After

Norwegian Concentration Camp Survivors. Edited by Axel Strøm, M.D. (Pp. 186. N.kr. 58.) Oslo: Universitetsforlaget. New York: Humanities Press. 1968.

Concentration camp survivors were exposed to extremes of physical and mental stress. Although they present a highly selected group, if only by the fact of their survival, the study of the after-effects of their experiences is of general importance. It is also of practical significance because of the survivors' claims for compensation. The Norwegian Association for the War Disabled suggested a systematic examination of former political prisoners from the war period 1940 to 1945. The Oslo University Institute for Social Medicine undertook the work, which was carried out between 1957 and 1963, and is now reported in this book.

The team of investigators consisted of the editor and his deputy, a general physician, two psychiatrists, a neurologist, a neuro-

radiologist, and a clinical psychologist. By the time of their examination most of the victims had reached late middle age, and it was sometimes far from easy to distinguish between the after-effects of their wartime sufferings and the kind of physical or mental illnesses common in their respective age groups. Occupational and social disabilities were the reasons for referral of 227 former prisoners. Many of them had developed symptoms only after a period of well-being following their liberation. The most important finding was the so-called "KZ (concentration camp) Syndrome," consisting of increased fatigability, memory impairment, emotional lability, disturbances of sleep, headache, various vegetative symptoms, and neurological signs indicative of encephalopathy. The authors regard this syndrome as the result of organic brain damage caused by injuries, under-nourishment, and infections. Its occurrence and severity were related to the degree of physical and psychological 'traumatization' the prisoner had been exposed to. The results of the Wechsler test pointed in a large majority of cases to intellectual deterioration similar to that found in a control group with severe cerebral atrophy. Premature ageing was typical, and there was evidence of an increased incidence of physical illness in this group. Diarrhoea and peptic ulcers were very common, especially among those who had shown emotional disturbances in the postwar period. Cardiovascular diseases, too, were frequent, but it was not possible to determine their relationship to the hardships of imprisonment.

The investigations were carried out with great thoroughness, and the findings were interpreted with caution. In view of the unique composition of the group the provision of an adequate control series proved unfeasible. The observations reported in this book are bound to be of great help to those who have to evaluate claims for compensation by concentration camp survivors. Is it too much to hope that these studies will have no further clinical application in the future?

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Books Received

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

The Rescue Ships. By Vice-Admiral B. B. Schofield, C.B., C.B.E., and Lieutenant-Commander (SP) L. F. Martyn, R.N.V.R. (Pp. 172 +xvi; illustrated. 30s.) Edinburgh and London: William Blackwood & Sons Ltd. 1968.

Brain Function. Vol. IV. Proceedings of the Fourth Conference, November 1964. Brain Function and Learning. Edited by Donald B. Lindsay and Arthur A. Lumsdaine. (Pp. 364 +xiii; illustrated. 142s. 6d.) London: Cambridge University Press. 1968.

Modern Problems of Pharmacopsychiatry. Vol. I. Clinical Psychopharmacology. Edited by F. A. Freyhan, N. Petrilotich, and P. Pichot. (Pp. 284; illustrated. 130s.) Basel: S. Karger. London: Academic Press. 1968.

Practical Automation for the Clinical Laboratory. By Wilma L. White, B.A., Marilyn M. Erickson, B.S., and Sue C. Stevens, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (Pp. 401 +x; illustrated. 130s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1968.

Advances in Tuberculosis Research. Vol. 16. Edited by Georges Canetti. (Pp. 232 +vi; illustrated. 126s.) Basel: S. Karger. London: Academic Press. 1968.

Advances in Microcirculation. Vol. I. Edited by H. Harders. (Pp. 160; illustrated. No price given.) Basel: S. Karger. London: Academic Press. 1968.

My Brother's Keeper? By Monnica C. Stewart, M.B., B.S., D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 152. 25s.) London: Health Horizon. 1968.

A Hundred Years of Medicine. Edited by Wyndham E. B. Lloyd, M.A.(Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Pp. 352. 42s.) London: Gerald Duckworth & Co. Ltd. New York: Humanities Press. 1968.

World Health. 2nd edition. By Fraser Brockington, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Pp. 373. 48s.) London: J. & A. Churchill Ltd. 1967.

Chemical Biology of Inflammation. Proceedings of a Conference held 31 May to 2 June 1967 at Brook Lodge, Augusta, Michigan, U.S.A., under the sponsorship of the Upjohn Company. Edited by John C. Houck and Bernard K. Forscher. (Pp. 337 +xi; illustrated. £6 6s.) Oxford: Pergamon Press. 1968.

Encyclopedia of Psychoanalysis. Editor-in-chief, Ludwig Eidelberg, M.D. (Pp. 571 +xxxvii. 265s.) New York: The Free Press. London: Collier-Macmillan Ltd. 1968.

A Guide to Better Breathing for Health and Fitness. By Z. Henryk Hrehorow, M.C.S.P., B.T.A. (Pp. 52; illustrated. 10s. 3d.) The Civil Service Sanatorium Society, Kent. 1968.

Clinical Radiation Pathology. Vols. I and II. By Philip Rubin, M.D., and George W. Casarett, Ph.D. (Pp. 1057; illustrated. £19 2s. 6d.) London: W. B. Saunders Co. Ltd. 1968.

Industry and Tropical Health. Vol. II. Proceedings of the Sixth Conference of the Industrial Council for Tropical Health, Sponsored by the Harvard School of Public Health, 25-27 October 1966, in Boston. (Pp. 214; illustrated. \$10 (professional rate \$5).) Published by the Harvard School of Public Health for the Industrial Council for Tropical Health, Boston. 1967.

Atlas of ABC Electrocardiography. By E. R. Trethowie. (Pp. 71 +vii; illustrated. 80s.) Basel and New York: S. Karger. 1968.

Sex and Its Problems. Edited by William A. R. Thomson, M.D. (Pp. 90 +v. 15s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1968.