

the contributions of so many highly skilled medical scientists. Yet the enormous mass of detailed information has disadvantages, for the book is difficult and uninteresting to read. Its main value will be as a source of information and an authoritative expression of modern views of the problems of hypertension secondary to renal disease. It contains sections on the role of renin, angiotensin, and aldosterone in the production of hypertension, renoprival hypertension, renal artery stenosis as a cause of hypertension in man, and the relationship of hypertension and vascular changes. Well over 1,600 references are quoted, many of them in languages other than English.

This monograph is a worthy successor to the classical book with an identical title produced by Braun-Menéndez and his associates over 20 years ago. The editors, sub-editors, and contributors are to be congratulated on the immense amount of detailed work inherent in the production of a work of this scientific quality, and the contributors on their self-sacrifice in allowing their work to be published in near but not complete anonymity.

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General Practice Observed

The New General Practice. Articles Collected from the *British Medical Journal*, with an introduction by Lord Platt. (Pp. 189+xi. 15s.) London: British Medical Association, 1968.

No section of a profession has been so public in its introspection as has general medical practice in the fifties and sixties, but it was still possible for the Gillie Committee¹ to lament the lack of factual information on the content and conduct of this branch of medicine.

These collected papers, introduced by a thoughtful appraisal from Lord Platt, show the general practitioner both as a doctor and as an observer and recorder of his own behaviour and that of his patients. Those who help him to provide modern standards of medical care are discussed, and a wide range of subjects are covered. These include examination of work-load problems, the need and nature of training for general practice, and the extent to which use is made of services which are provided by hospital special departments. The contributors are recog-

nized authorities on the aspects of practice that they discuss.

It is certain that this book will be widely read by general practitioners and will, no doubt, be passed from partner to partner and principal to staff in many practices, until its rather inadequate covers show clear evidence of that passage. What is more important, however, is that the book should be read by others outside general practice, particularly those who teach. No one who has considered these papers can in honesty retain, and pass on to students, the image of the "new" general practitioner as a professional dropout. Perhaps, too, the stimulus to self-examination may induce those in other sections of medicine to study their work objectively in order to increase the effective use of medical skills. Doctors are not in short supply only in general practice. Perhaps the *B.M.J.* may offer us another symposium entitled *The New Hospital Practice* before very long.

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