

in most instances there is no simple solution to the control of mosquito-borne disease. The biological realities of these complex diseases must be fully appreciated and an integrated approach using the most modern weapons, including computers, will be required to achieve eventual success.

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Understanding the Patient

The Psychiatric Examination. By Ian Stevenson, M.D. (Pp. 234+x, 60s.) London: J. & A. Churchill, 1969.

Professor Stevenson is well equipped to teach the young psychiatrist how to examine and how to understand his psychiatric patients. Rightly he insists that training shall include an introduction to psychopathology. While the technique of the examination may be taught objectively, as in other branches of medicine, psychopathology is equivocal. Consequently Stevenson is compelled to set it out in general terms describing emotions, the meaning of a particular patient's behaviour, and some of the common psychiatric syndromes. The significance of unconscious motivation is referred to indirectly rather than precisely, perhaps to save space; but the student may unwittingly dismiss dreams as unimportant when he reads that hallucinations have an "important kinship" with dreams.

Success in examining a patient, we read, requires the development in the patient of trust in the psychiatrist. Consequently it is surprising that a scrutiny of the competence and aptitude of the young psychiatrist to practise his chosen branch of medicine has not been suggested. This is of importance in many countries, such as the United Kingdom, where increased specialization has

made specialist registration a matter for urgent consideration.

There is an excellent chapter on psychological tests. Although these are the responsibility of the clinical psychologist, the psychiatrist can often learn new facts about his patient from the test results, and he should know the advantages and limitations of the tests, and how and why they are given. A physical examination with a history of the physical symptoms is essential in making an evaluation of each psychiatric patient. Many are oversensitive about their bodies, or may even have mistaken ideas about particular parts of their bodies, and probably they have concealed symptoms from their family doctor.

This well-written and well-arranged book summarizes information of the highest importance to the trainee, and indeed to the senior psychiatrist.

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Surgery of the Head and Neck

Operative Surgery: Head, Neck, and Lymph Nodes. Edited by Maurice Ewing, F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S. (Pp. 254+xi; illustrated. Vols. 1-6, subtitle General Surgery, £50. Full 14-vol. set, £97.) London: Butterworths, 1969.

"Books are the compasses and telescopes and sextants and charts which other men have prepared to help us navigate the dangerous seas of human life" (Jesse Lee Bennett). Guides of this calibre are certainly necessary in carrying out the more intricate operations in the head and neck, and the surgical trainee or experienced surgeon will not look in vain at the contents of this particular book.

The surgery of the head and neck is attracting an increasing amount of attention

throughout the world today; will it soon be widely recognized as a specialty? There is certainly plenty of scope here and the work is rewarding. Already there are associations whose members are focusing their attention on these organs and structures. And several special texts have already appeared to help them, but among them this book is outstanding. Here 24 contributors from an international background have combined to treat us to their experience. With clear diagrams we are shown the steps of an operation and short explanations solve the difficulties. Details of pre- and postoperative management are included, and indications for the operations are given.

I was disappointed to find no chapter describing operations on the larynx, for I think it should be here. The problems of laryngectomy are closely connected with those of removal of the hypopharynx and cervical oesophagus. In the chapter on carcinoma of the pharynx there is much valuable advice about methods of reconstruction, though there is no mention of gastric or colonic replacement of the hypopharynx. Some of the reconstructions are done for what appears to be very extensive pharyngeal resections. But the techniques of the various types of partial pharyngectomy, laryngo-pharyngectomy, and laryngo-oesophago-pharyngectomy are omitted. A chapter devoted to tracheostomy would have been valuable, since this operation is being more widely used today.

The rectification of these omissions in a future edition will enhance the reputation of this text. It is invidious, I feel, to pick out authors for special mention for excellence in a book where such a high standard of operative work is maintained throughout. I have enjoyed going through it, admiring the craftsmanship of the authors, who do not overlook the importance of taking care with all the details of a surgical procedure.

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Books noticed here may be reviewed later.

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Clinical Disorders of Hemoglobin Structure and Synthesis. By T. F. Necheles, M.D., D. M. Allen, M.D., and H. E. Finkel, M.D. (Pp. 220+x; illustrated. 90s.) London: Butterworths, 1969.

Modern Treatment: Vol. 6, No. 4. Psychiatry in Medical Practice. Edited by E. T. Lisansky, M.D., and B. R. Shochet, M.D. (Pp. 280. \$6.) New York: Harper & Row, 1969.

Advanced Gastrointestinal Cancer: Clinical, Management, and Chemotherapy. By C. G. Moertel, M.D., M.S., and R. J. Reitemeier, M.D., M.S. (Pp. 218+xvii; illustrated.) New York: Harper & Row, 1969.

The Biology of Degenerative Joint Disease. By Leon Sokoloff, M.D. (Pp. 162+ix; illustrated. 59s.) Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1969.

Experience with Human Heart Transplantation. Proceedings of the Cape Town Symposium, 13-16 July 1968. Edited by Hillel A. Shapiro, F.R.S.S.Af. (Pp. 290; illustrated. 135s.) London: Butterworths, 1969.

Simpson and Syme of Edinburgh. By John A. Shepherd. (Pp. 288+xv; illustrated. 42s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1969.

Adolescent Nutrition and Growth. Edited by Felix P. Heald, M.D. (Pp. 258+xiv; illustrated. 110s.) London: Butterworths, 1969.

Venereal Diseases. 2nd edition. By Ambrose King, T.D., F.R.C.S., and Claude Nicol, T.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 319+xiv; illustrated. 75s.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell, 1969.

Illustrated Handbook in Local Anaesthesia. Edited by Einar Eriksson, M.D. (Pp. 152; illustrated. 84s.) London: Lloyd-Luke, 1969.

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Current Concepts of Ophthalmology. Vol. 2. By Bernard Becker, M.D., and Ronald M. Burde, M.D. (Pp. 267+x; illustrated. 189s.) London: Henry Kimpton. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby, 1969.

The Ciba Collection of Medical Illustrations. Vol. 5. On the Normal and Pathologic Anatomy and Physiology, Embryology, and Diseases of the Heart. By Frank H. Netter, M.D. (Pp. 295+xvi; illustrated. 246s.) Horsham, Sussex: Ciba, 1969.

Human Schistosomiasis. By Peter Jordan and Gerald Webbe. (Pp. 212+xii; illustrated. 42s.) London: William Heinemann, 1969.

Doctor and Patient. By P. Lain Entralgo. (Pp. 253; illustrated. 35s.) London: Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1969.

Biochemical and Clinical Aspects of Alcohol Metabolism. Edited by V. M. Sardesai, Ph.D. (Pp. 319+xiii; illustrated. \$27.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, 1969.

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Engineering in the Heart and Blood Vessels. By George H. Myers and Victor Parsonnet. (Pp. 198+xiii; illustrated. 140s.) Chichester, Sussex: John Wiley, 1969.

Ciba Foundation Symposium: Gas Chromatography in Biology and Medicine. Edited by Ruth Porter. (Pp. 213+ix; illustrated. 60s.) London: J. & A. Churchill, 1969.