

educationalists make is that they confound a mental trait with a Mendelian unit character. . . . We have no definite biologic standards for determining whether the undesirable attributes of an individual are hereditary or acquired. We know as yet of no immutable laws of inheritance of human characteristics. . . . Human sterilization is not by any means the solution of the problem of the feeble-minded or the mentally diseased. Instead, it creates new problems."

The sections in which Dr. Landman enlarges upon these and many other similar statements are of extreme interest; and in particular there is a passage on pages 267 and 268—unfortunately too long for quotation—which should be brought to the notice of every physician, social worker, legislator, administrator, or scientific eugenicist before he makes any pronouncement on the question with which it deals—namely, "Institutionalization *versus* sterilization." Though they are quite different in character, we should couple this book with Lancelot Hogben's recent volume on *Genetic Principles in Medicine and Social Science* as perhaps the two most useful publications on the general subject of eugenics in relation to biology and social procedure.

### NOTES ON BOOKS

Addresses for the occasion usually perish with the occasion, and not even their authors desire for them a prolonged existence. Now and again, however, the speaker attempts both a wider audience and a more enduring fame, and the event may or may not justify his ambition. It is to this trial that Dr. E. G. DRU DRURY comes with his *Choosing a Wife and other Essays*,<sup>6</sup> and for our own part we cordially welcome his decision, as we find in his pages much sensible thinking and literary charm. Doubtless a few of the topics discussed relate to South Africa rather than to Great Britain, but in the majority of instances the appeal is universal, and may well be listened to by all those interested in medicine, in literature, and in life. Dr. Drury looks with his own eyes, and leans to an independent judgement; he has the gift of the happy phrase and the sense of what is appealing and emotional in human affairs. Many of his illustrations are too technical for the layman, and it cannot be said that his book is light reading. Indeed, it asks decidedly for careful reading; however, to those who grant this request it promises both interest and refreshment, and it may well number among its triumphs permanent impressions on the minds of those who find new points of view in its pages.

All who are engaged in health and social work will welcome the new and revised edition of the *Directory of District Nursing and Streets List for London*, issued by the Central Council for District Nursing in London. It lists the names of some 20,000 streets and places in the administrative county, together with their locality, postal district, and borough. A number or letter in bold type indicates (by reference to the index inside the back page of the cover) the name and address of the district nursing association or parish nurse working in any particular street. Copies of the Directory may be obtained from the offices of the council, 12, Whitehall, S.W.1 (4s. 4d. post free).

The first volume of the forty-second series of *International Clinics*<sup>7</sup> is divided into three parts, the first containing clinical papers of medical, surgical, orthopaedic, and dental interest by various well-known American authorities, the second consisting of reviews of recent progress in medicine, treatment, and paediatrics, and the third being the account of a new method for microscopical study of cells and tissues in the living mammal. Among the papers in the second part attention may be drawn to

<sup>6</sup> *Choosing a Wife and other Essays*. By E. G. Dru Drury, M.D., B.S. London: H. K. Lewis and Co., Ltd. 1932. (Pp. viii + 276; 6 plates. 8s. 6d. net.)

<sup>7</sup> *International Clinics*. Edited by Henry W. Cattell, M.D. Vol. i. Forty-second series. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1932. (Pp. viii + 307; illustrated: £2 10s. set of 4 vols., 12s. 6d. per vol.)

those on hyperinsulinism and dysinsulinism, by Seale Harris of Birmingham, Alabama; spontaneous rupture of the heart with electrocardiographic studies, by Harold L. Stewart of Philadelphia; so-called idiopathic choledochus cyst, with a review of the literature, by J. H. Clark of Philadelphia; non-operative treatment of pelvic pain in women, by Walter T. Dannreuter of New York; and the modern treatment of digestive diseases, by J. Friedenwald and T. H. Morrison of Baltimore.

An authoritative medical directory is rendered increasingly necessary by the growth of the profession in India. *Thacker's Indian Medical Directory*<sup>8</sup> supplies lists covering not only private practitioners and members of the Indian Medical Service and Indian Medical Department, and Royal Army Medical Corps throughout India and the Native States, but also dentists and dental surgeons, hospitals, chemists and druggists, Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, nurses, midwives, and medical missions. It is to be hoped that it will soon be found possible to publish this useful handbook annually.

*The Text-Book of Massage and Remedial Gymnastics*,<sup>9</sup> by Miss LOUISA DESPARD of Dublin, has now reached a third edition. The chapters dealing with the treatment of sprains, dislocations, fractures, and of paralysis have been largely rewritten, and there is now a new chapter on the re-education of muscles. Further additions are two chapters by Miss Hester Angrove, sister-in-charge of Guy's Hospital massage department, on the treatment by massage and exercises of diseases of the respiratory organs and of the cardiovascular system.

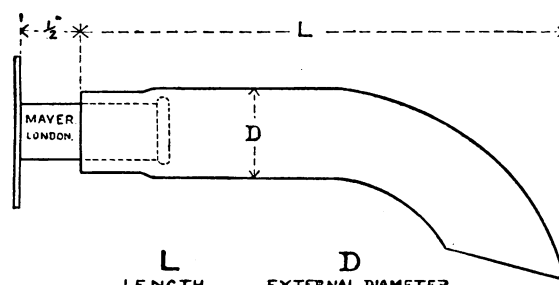
<sup>8</sup> *Thacker's Indian Medical Directory*. Eighth edition, 1931. Calcutta: Thacker's Press and Directory, Ltd.; London: W. Thacker and Co. (Pp. 530; 9s.)

<sup>9</sup> *Text-Book of Massage and Remedial Gymnastics*. By L. L. Despard. With two chapters contributed by Hester S. Angrove. Third edition. London: Milford, Oxford University Press. 1932. (Pp. xxiv + 474; 222 figures. 22s. 6d. net.)

### PREPARATIONS AND APPLIANCES

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	LENGTH	EXTERNAL DIAMETER
No 1	2½ INCHES	½ INCH
" 2	3 "	5/8 "
" 3	3½ "	5/8 "
" 4	3½ "	¾ "
" 5	4 "	¾ "
" 6	4 "	1 "
" 7	4½ "	1 "

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