recommended. The book is well produced and illustrated and gives an interesting view of present-day radiotherapy in Vienna.

WALTER M. LEVITT.

NEUROLOGICAL BASIS OF BEHAVIOUR


In 1957, the centenary of the birth of Sir Charles Sherrington, the Ciba Foundation arranged this symposium, which was attended by 34 distinguished scientists and at which the 19 papers published in this volume were delivered. The majority dealt with experimental work on animals, but Penfield discusses the role of the temporal cortex in recall of past experience and interpretation of the present on the basis of cortical stimulation studies in man, and there is a fascinating chapter by Magoun on the early history of ideas relating the mind and the brain. Much of the book is difficult reading for one not engaged in neurophysiological research, but the effort is worth while, for there is collected here the experimental results and stimulating ideas of many of the leading workers on a subject of increasing contemporary importance—the organic basis of behaviour. After each paper there is in small type a verbatim report of the discussion, and in some cases this is as interesting as the papers themselves.

J. W. ALDREN TURNER.

SUPERFICIAL


It is perhaps unfair to complain of Professor Pear’s latest book that it is superficial; for it is the superficial appearances of mankind—the dress, the face, the hair, the voice, the laugh, the accent, the speech—with which his book is concerned. Personality, he defines as “the effect upon others of a living being’s appearance, behaviour, etc., so far as they are interpreted as distinctive signs of that being”—a Berkeleian definition neither elegant nor convincing, since if there is no observer personality disappears, unlike Monsignor Knox’s tree, which “Continues to be Though no one’s about in the quad.”

The method of the book is descriptive and observational, as will be seen from these quotations: “A doctor whose special subject concerned facial appearance said, ‘I must always wear a bowler because of my lowborn face.’” And, “Possessions can be signs of personality. A medical specialist buys a large car, because a small one might embarrass the G.P. who has asked him to visit a private patient.” And again, “The new National Health Service had sent to spectacle-makers thousands of women who bought rims of different colours to fit the same pair of spectacles and to match their dresses. Soon jewels were set into the rims, and the shape of the lenses altered to suit or call attention to the face.” Such observations provide no yardstick for the measurement of personality.

How is it that sociological and anthropological data which are interesting enough when they describe inhabitants of Bali or Tahiti make tedious reading when they depict ourselves?

D. V. HUBBLE.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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

Cultivos Celulares en el Diagnostico de las Enfermedades Virales. By Dr. Luis Baquerizo Amador. (Pp. 84; illustrated.) Guayaquil: University of Guayaquil. 1958.


Hernias Diagrieamaticas. (En el Adulto y en el Niño.) By Dr. Alfredo J. F. Cesarelli and Dr. Juan Jose Borelli. (Pp. 344; illustrated.) Apartado de las Actas de la Asociación Argentina de Cirugía. 1958.

Thursday, March 19

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLOGY.—8 p.m., Dr. D. A. Wilson: Some Aspects of Clinical Diagnosis by X-Ray Examination.

ROYAL FOUNTAIN HOSPITAL.—5.30 p.m., Professor W. H. WorK of the Theatre, Physiology Department; 6.15 p.m., Dr. T. E. Hewitt, B.S., F.R.C.S., Resident in Otorhinolaryngology; 7 p.m., Dr. W. T. Atwell, M.B., B.S., F.F.R., D.M.R.T., Senior House-physician.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—At Royal Army Medical College, Addenbrooke’s, S. W., 7.30 p.m., laboratory meeting.

Friday, March 20

BIOCHEMICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Biochemistry, South Parks Road, Oxford, 11 a.m., 38th meeting.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—5 p.m., Dr. N. C. Oswald: clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF PHARMACY AND TOXICOLOGY.—(1) 3.30 p.m., clinical discussion for general practitioners, Mr. W. McKenney: Advances in the Treatment of Diabetes; (2) 5.15 p.m., Dr. A. C. Thackray: Salivary Gland Tumours of the Palate.

LEICESTER CHRISTIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Leicester Royal Infirmary, 1.30 p.m., Dr. R. A. P. North: The Use of Star Staff House.

ROYAL MEDICO-CHRU RGICAL SOCIETY OF GLASGOW.—At Royal Hospital for Sick Children, S. W., 3.30 p.m., clinical visit.

Saturday, March 21

ASSOCIATION OF BIOCHEMISTS.—At Department of Biochemistry, South Parks Road, Oxford, 10.30 a.m., joint meeting with Biochemical Society. Scientific papers, including symposium on Biochemical Aspects of Hereditary Metabolic Diseases. 4.30 p.m., general meeting.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Radiotherapeutic Centre, Addenbrooke’s Hospital, symposium on Hypothermia. Morning Session, 10.30 a.m., Dr. W. R. Keating and Dr. G. R. Guest: Physiological Aspects of Hypothermia. Afternoon Session, 2.30 p.m., Dr. I. C. W. English: Hypothermia in Cardiac Surgery. Dr. Sheila M. Anderson: Use of Hypothermia in Neurosurgery.

FLESTOMY ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN: LONDON DIVISION.—At B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C., 2.30 p.m., Mrs. B. R. Stanton and Dr. F. A. Jolly: Vesiculectomy and Ileostomy.

KENT PEDIATRIC AND CHILD HEALTH SOCIETY.—At Maidstone Technical School for Girls, 11 a.m., 3 p.m., President’s Address by Dr. Wilfrid Sheldon: Difficult Children.

Sunday, March 22

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Radiotherapeutic Centre, Addenbrooke’s Hospital, symposium. 2 p.m., Dr. D. McCleary: Unilateral and Total Oedema. 2.45 p.m., Mr. A. S. H. Walford: Ear in General Practice. 3.45 p.m., Dr. A. P. Dick: Diarrhoea. 4.40 p.m., Dr. E. M. Cheffins: Pulmonary Tuberculosis—The Present Position.

APPOINTMENTS


ROYAL COLLAGE OF SURGEONS.—J. B. H. Hewitt, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., D.P.M., Consultant Pathologist, giving a half-day per week in the Department of Pathology at the Liverpool Regional Hospital.

ROYAL COLLAGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.—R. P. McKenna.—On February 19, 1959, at his home, 231, Ewell Road, Surry, aged 57.

ROYAL COLLAGE OF SURGEONS.—W. M. Howard and J. B. H. Hewitt: In the Department of Pathology at the Liverpool Regional Hospital.


BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS


Costabadie.—On February 14, 1959, at Singmore Farm, Stoner, Newton Abbot, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., of Vineyard, Plymouth, aged 37.

Houghton.—On February 21, 1959, in North Wales, the result of a climbing accident, Eric Alfred Howson Houghton, M.B., Ch.B., of Naliosa, Somerset, aged 31.

Lancashire.—On February 15, 1959, at his home, Y Wenn, Llanfairfechan, Ceredig, Lloyd Hughes Houghton, M.B., Ch.B., aged 74.


King.—On February 18, 1959, at Newton Abbot Hospital, Collin G. King, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.G.P., of Clyst St. Mary, Devon, aged 62.

Lancashire.—On February 21, 1959, at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, William Lawrence, M.B., B.Ch., of Acton, West London, aged 57.

Livingstone.—On February 3, 1959, at Glencairn, Dunblane, Perthshire, William Henderson Bruce Livingston, T.D., M.B., Ch.B.

Lynch.—On February 3, 1959, at Cork, Eire, Evelyn Lynch (formerly Abbot), M.B., B.S., D.P.H., of Cork, aged 66, and sister for Mrs. Dana Mary Lynch, of Cork, aged 70.


Mckenzie.—On February 9, 1959, at 238, Manley Road, Chorton cum Hardy, Manchester, Patrick McKenna, L.R.C.P. & S., & L.M., aged 57.

Meadow.—On February 18, 1959, at 311, Ewell Road, Surry, Munro Meadowander, M.B., Ch.B., formerly of Glasgow, aged 57.

Millard.—On February 20, 1959, at his home, 47, Blasdell Road, Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset, Horace Macaulay Mills, M.B., B.S., D.P.M., of London, aged 57.


Slater.—On February 20, 1959, at Scarborought Hospital, Staffs, Mary Slater, M.B., Ch.B., of New York, Yorktown, New York, aged 47.


Tennent.—On February 21, 1959, at the west of the property in the Town of Yaxley, Steel, M.B., B.S., of Penrhyn Lodge, Gloucester Gate, London, N.W., aged 70.


Wright.—On February 12, 1959, at House for the Aged, 3, Eastleigh, Surry, Emma Taylor, L.R.C.P. & S., L.R.F.P.S., aged 85.

Thom.—On February 19, 1959, at the home of her son, Fairfield, Glos., Arthur Charles King Turner, M.B., C.M.


Wallersley.—On February 5, 1959, at the National Hospital, London, W., Mary Wallersley, aged 68, and sister for Dr. Claude Dudley Wallersley, of Oldham, aged 66.

Waldock.—On February 16, 1959, at Chiswick House, Pinter, Middlesex, Horace Walter, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 72.

Wright.—On February 15, 1959, at Hove Hospital, Edward Wright, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., of Ch. Avenue, Hove, Sussex, aged 79.