In Miss Bowley's practical work as a psychologist she has made considerable use of Raven's controlled projection test, in which the interview with the child is systematized without being made inhuman. While the child is drawing he is asked to help tell a story, and in this way he expresses his conscious joys, fears, hopes, imaginings, and his remembered dreams. Those in charge of a group of children who read this book may wonder at the relatively superficial picture that tests give, and the author might have included an explanation that psychologists do tests for the purposes of research and teaching and the presentation of material, and that these things have value as well as the actual care of the children. The glossary needs to be rewritten. For example: “Guilty feeling—a technical psychological term indicating a sense of shame which is largely repressed.” Either guilt feeling means something quite evident, or else it means repressed guilt, or guilt in respect of repressed ideas or feelings. The word shame simply waters the concept down without adding anything useful. Again: “Psychiatric, the art of healing the mind,” and “Prophylactic—preventive.” If preventative (or preferably preventive) is clearer, why not use it in the text? “Oral—relating to the mouth, anal—relating to the anus.” This explanation is quite useless unless the whole theory of erogenous zones is presented. And so on. Such criticisms do not, however, detract from the value of this and all books written to gather together and present the results of a piece of field work.

D. W. WINNICOTT.

DISEASES OF THE BREAST


This is a plain straightforward account of most of the conditions affecting the breast. It is of course impossible within the compass of 128 pages to give anything like a full account of diseases of the breast, but the author has wisely put due emphasis on the more serious lesions. Nevertheless he has to a certain extent been handicapped by two limitations—the absence of illustrations and the failure to draw more freely upon his own great experience. A good illustration may teach more surely and more quickly than a long description, particularly when discussing affections of the breast. A few well-chosen pictures would greatly enhance the book's usefulness. The author gives many references, but we could spare some of them for an account from his ripe experience of personal cases or statistical results. However, it will no doubt be possible to remedy both these defects in a future edition.

ZACHARY COPE.

YOUNG WOMEN


In the words of the preface, the theme of this book is “the process by which women conceive and bear children, its variations and some of the harmonies and disharmonies linked to this process.” It was written because the author “felt that young women need a book about themselves.” There are chapters on anatomy, menstruation, normal pregnancy and childbirth, disordered function in pregnancy and labour, sterility, abortion, and disorders in middle age. A mere enumeration of the subjects could not fill the book, however, little idea of the quality and interest of the contents. The author has an enviable gift of readable exposition and omits to consider none of the necessary facts, illustrating them from personal experiences and with accounts from medical history of the Dionne quintuplets, anaesthesia, puerperal fever, the first ovariotomy by the father of abdominal surgery, and others that make the whole into an interesting story. Seldom indeed has the reviewer read a book of its kind that can be recommended more unreservedly. Every young woman should read it. To alter slightly the modest concluding sentence of the preface, while the book is primarily for those between 17 and 30, parents, teachers, and others will find it both interesting and of value.

F. J. BROWNE.

BOOKS RECEIVED

[Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received]


Accorded the B.M.A. Sir Charles Hastings Clinical Essay Prize


This edition has been largely rewritten and references are now included.


A simple introduction to human anatomy.


On the estimation of renal function in clinical practice.


Chapters by various authorities on modern radiology.


The physiological and medical aspects of flying, with extensive bibliography.


A biography.


A monograph on the chemistry and pharmacology of the sulphonamides.


A manual of diagnosis and treatment, with references.


Intended for the student and general practitioner.

Curative Education. By Isabel Newrit. (Pp. 83. 2s. 6d.) London: Anthroposophical Publishing Co. 1942.

The education of backward and abnormal children based on the teachings of Rudolf Steiner.


An account for the intelligent layman.


The book has been rewritten to incorporate recent knowledge.


A spiritual approach to world conflicts.


An account of the "enlightened isle." San Domingo.


Relates clinical signs to anatomy and physiology.


Intended for medical students.
SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

Monday

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.—July 12, 6.30 p.m. "Natural Defences and Disorders of the Respiratory Tract in Infancy" to be introduced by Dr. A. W. Proetz and Prof. R. J. V. Pulvertaft.

Tuesday

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.—July 13, 5 p.m. The Bertram Louis Abrahams Lecture: "Curare and Curarimimetic Drugs," by Dr. J. W. Trevan, F.R.S.

Friday

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London, W.C.1—"Growth and Development from the Clinical Aspect of Orthodontics." Charles Tomes Lecture by Prof. A. F. Jackson (Professor of Orthodontics, Temple University, Philadelphia).

Saturday

NUTRITION SOCIETY.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W. July 17, 10.30 a.m. The Nutrition of Athletes. Whole-day conference.

APPOINTMENTS

Duncan Ballantine, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., M.R.C.O.G., has been appointed Gynaecologist to Rotherham (Yorkshire) Hospital and Consultant Obstetrician to the Municipal General Hospital, Rotherham.

Dr. J. K. Craig, of Donnybrook, Dublin, has been granted a Colonial Service Medical Officership in Kenya.

Dr. James A. Harbison, Dublin County Medical Officer of Health since 1931, has been appointed Deputy County Medical Officer.

Robert John Harrison, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., has been appointed Senior Physician at Fulham Hospital.

Isaac Hunter Maclver, M.B., Ch.B., has been appointed a member of the Scottish Health Services Council.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

MARRIAGES


DOUGLAS, D. M., M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., Assistant Physician, Royal Edinburgh Hospital, for Sick Children, Edinburgh, M.D., A.A.C.P., D.P.H.


FLEMING, H. S., M.R.C.S., Assistant Surgeon, Rotherham General Hospital, Rotherham.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—Honorary Surgeon to Out-patients, A. E. Williams, F.R.C.S. Honorary Physician in charge of Physiotherapy Department, A. J. Martin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.M.

KENDON AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-physician, Beryl G. Castell, M.B., Ch.B. Casualty Officer, J. Hubert Herbert, M.B., Ch.B.

NICHOLSON, W. F., M.B.E., M.D., M.Ch., F.R.C.S., Honorary Assistant Surgeon, Manchester Regional Infirmary.

PARKMAN, T. H., M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Hastings.

REED, J., M.D., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Joint Medical Officer for Retford Borough, Retford Rural District and Assistant County Medical Officer Notts County Council.

ZOO, MAX, M.D., M.R.C.P., First Assistant to Cardiological Department, Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C.

BIRTHS

KINSHALI—Chamberlain.—On June 22, at Kinshali, the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, West Derby Village, Liverpool, Raymond Ynodt Kinshali, M.B., Ch.B., to Vera Chamberlain.

DEATHS


Forrest.—On June 22, 1948, suddenly, Alexander Robb Forrest, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Hardie.—On June 26, 1948, at 45, Belgrave Road, Birmingham, John Arthur Hardie, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., aged 79.

Hodson.—On July 7, 1948, at a nursing home, Thomas Barrett Hodson, M.D., D.P.H., of Dagmar, Market Hill, St. Aubins, Jersey, aged 68.


Ross.—On June 28, 1948, Thomas Lawrence Ross, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

Tierney.—On July 3, 1948, at 46, Gloucester Place, London, W., Thomas Tierney, M.D., aged 79.

Tindal.—On June 22, 1948, at Strachts Hospital, suddenly, David Duncan Tindal, M.D., Ed., M.B., C.M.