The book nevertheless deserves high praise, and the medical world is greatly indebted to the author for its excellence. It contains in addition to pharmacological information much on the toxic effects of substances used in industry. To provide in one volume well-chosen details about the multitude of substances on which experimental work has now been done is all that is possible to-day.

J. H. BURN.

BILATERAL RENAL CALCULUS


This is the book of a surgeon whose real interest and skill are in the management of those difficult cases of bilateral renal calculus—the indications for operation, the timing of operative intervention, and the choice of which side to tackle first. In all these matters the author obviously speaks with the knowledge and wisdom of experience. He has included sections on the causation of renal calculus and the non-surgical methods of treatment, including the various so-called cures by balneotherapy and hydrotherapy. Although he himself has little faith in such methods, he is often uncritical and unscientific in this part of the book.

Altogether there is little that can be called new or original here, and the reader finds with disappointment that he is still no nearer to learning the cause of renal calculus. This is a book which the expert urologist may like to read but which does not open up any new territory.

ROBERT PLATT.

VENereal Diseases


The second edition of this book differs from the first mainly in the addition of two chapters and further details on the use of penicillin, and by a note on Reiter's syndrome. In the introduction it is stated that two years have elapsed since the publication of the first edition, yet the two editions are dated 1944 and 1948 respectively; presumably a considerable period elapsed between the preparation of this edition and its publication. It can be said without hesitation that the book is practical and objective and should be of great value to the general practitioner who treats cases of V.D. and also to the venereologist starting training. The illustrations are excellent, and the coloured plates beautifully reproduced. The author's views are sound and for the most part accord with modern British ideas. He correctly points out the effect of penicillin in cases of gonorrhoea, but, very properly, cautious about its curative effect on syphilis. He seems to be rather sceptical whether the antibiotic is as effectual when given at longish intervals in a delaying base as when given every three hours in a watery solution; most people think there is little to choose between the therapeutic effects, but the former method is much more convenient in the V.D. clinic and in private practice.

The author is hardly a literary stylist, but he generally succeeds in making his meaning clear, though the sentence (p. 296), "Infectious relapse occurs in 95% of cases by the end of the third year," might be taken to mean that relapse occurred in 95% of all cases. Future editions would be improved if they included more detailed information about BAL and a somewhat fuller discussion of false positive serum tests for syphilis, a subject much in the limelight to-day. Such solecisms as magna therapia sterilissanae and flagellae confirm one in the belief that a study of the classics is still a necessary part of a liberal education.

T. E. OSMOND.

Fully half of Mr. J. H. Duggart's Children's Eye Nursing (Henry Kimpton, 8s. 6d.) is devoted to a clinical exposition of the common diseases of the eye in children. This is followed by chapters on non-operative treatment, instruments and dressings, minor operations, and major operations. The concluding chapter is on the care of school-children. The writing is clear and the teaching orthodox. The text is profusely illustrated.

T. E. OSMOND.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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


Notes and diagrams for the identification of insects.


A textbook of physiotherapy.


An account of the chemistry, molecular structure, and morphology of cytoplasts.


Much new material has been included in this edition.


An account of English prisons based on the experiences of Quakers imprisoned during the recent war and since.


Articles on a variety of medical and surgical topics.


An account of their preparation, storage, and therapeutic use, with a discussion of shock.


A general account of the examination of the ear, nose, and throat.


A review of the literature, with discussion and bibliography.


Includes articles by well-known authorities on respiration, cytology, and genetics.


A study of relevant conditions in the U.S.A.


An account of the physical and chemical properties and dermatological action of cosmetic materials.


An illustrated textbook for nurses.


A textbook of neurology and psychiatry for nurses.


Intended to inform the scientist of recent progress in fields other than his own.


A short profusely illustrated account of British hospitals.
Dr. Legh Richmond Herbert Peter Marshall, who died on July 10, was the only son of the late Dr. Henry Marshall, of Clifton, Bristol. Before studying medicine at Edinburgh University he spent some years abroad tea-planting. He graduated M.B., Ch.B. in 1907 and took his M.D. two years later, being highly commended for his thesis. After graduation he held appointments at the Deaconess Hospital, the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and the Edinburgh City Fever Hospital. Thereafter he settled down in general practice in Peebles and district. At the beginning of the National Health Insurance scheme Dr. Marshall, on principle, declined to enter the service. He retained, however, an extensive practice in the surrounding district. For a number of years he was medical officer to a local old-age welfare clinic. During the war of 1914-18 he served for three years in East Africa, being twice mentioned in despatches and awarded the O.B.E. for his services. Dr. Marshall was a member of the B.M.A. for forty years, and was chairman of the South-Eastern Counties Division in 1931-2. He retired from practice some 12 years ago and resided in Edinburgh to within a few months of his death. During the last war, however, he was active in recruitment medical board work and at an A.R.P. first-aid post. He was a keen churchman, and in particular associated with the executive committee of the Theological College, and the Overseas Mission Board of the Scottish Episcopal Church. The sympathy of all who know her is extended to his widow in her loss.

Dr. G. A. Auden writes: In the obituary notice of Dr. A. L. S. Tuke (June 19, p. 1212) no mention is made of his services in Gallipoli. At the time of the great blizzard and floods of Nov. 26-7, 1915, the Fife and Forfar Yeomanry were in the trenches. The official history of the campaign gives the number of casualties as 270 killed, 600 wounded, and 8,000 evacuated for frost-bite. There was necessarily much confusion, but Tuke worked all night and the following day in the casualities and passing them on to the field ambulance in order to get them out of the line of fire. He is feeling well, on the 27th, cheerful and imperturbable, and quite indifferent to his own physical hardships. This notable service should be placed on record.

Medico-Legal

**DAMAGES FOR LOSS OF SENSE OF SMELL**

*From Our Medico-Legal Correspondent*

The chief clerk of the Cambridge regional petroleum office was thrown from an Eastern Counties bus (in the days when buses were run by companies) through the negligence of one of the company's servants, and his skull was fractured. When he recovered, he was, as 18 men drowned or dead from exposure and Croom-Johnson awarded him £750 damages, remarking that for a gardener of 58 to be unable to enjoy the perfume of the flowers he grows is a serious affliction. Some readers may be more impressed by the handicap the patient himself mentioned in evidence, that he could not now distinguish between the smoke of a cigar and that of a cigarette. Few of us nowadays get the chance to do anything of the sort, but to be deprived of the joy of smoking even cigarettes may for some be more grievous than to be unable to smell a rose.

**UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

Arthur Duncan Gardner, D.M., F.R.C.S., has been appointed Regius Professor of Medicine in succession to Arthur William Mickle Ellis, O.B.E., D.M., F.R.C.P., who has retired.

**UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE**

On July 26 the honorary degree of D.L. was conferred on Thomas Benjamin Davie, M.D., F.R.C.P., Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town.

**QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY, BELFAST**

The following medical degrees were conferred at the summer graduation on July 9:

- M.D.—W. M. Brown, W. M. Johnstone, 2
- M.Ch.—J. T. Shepherd (awarded gold medal).

1 With commendation. 2 In absentia.

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON**

At a quarterly comitia of the College, held on July 29, with the President, Lord Moran, in the chair, the following Fellows were elected for officers for the ensuing year: Censors, Donald Hunter, J. Crighton Bramwell, J. S. Smith, R. V. Christie; Treasurer, W. G. Barnett; President-elect, J. H. Crighton; Registrar, H. F. Bullen; Librarian, Archibald Gilpin; Assistant Registrar, W. D. W. Brooks.

Dr. Geoffrey Marshall was appointed Harveian Orator and Dr. J. G. Seadling Bradshaw Lecturer, both for 1949. The following lectures were also appointed: Lumley (1949), R. D. P. Thomas; Goulstonian (1949), Dr. C. Gavey; Oliver-Salperry (1949), Prof. H. P. Himsworth; Charles West (1949), Dr. N. B. Capon; F. E. Williams (1949), Dr. J. H. Sheldon; Ernestine Henry (1949), Dr. Donald Hunter; Cruonian (1950), Dr. A. E. Clark-Kennedy.

The annual announcement that the diploma in dermatology had been awarded to Mary C. Holt, M.B.; the Moxon Medal to Dr. N. Hamilton Fairley for his contribution to the understanding of the blood pigments and for his work on malaria; and the Weber-Parke Medal to Stephen R. W. Whitehouse, for his work on the morbidity anatomy of pulmonary tuberculosis and its differentiation from diseases due to dust.

Lord Moran was elected the College representative on the governing body of the British Postgraduate Medical Foundation and Dr. A. E. Naismith re-elected to the College representative on the Court of the University of Sheffield.

The following, having satisfied the Censors' Board, were elected Members of the College:


Licences to practise were conferred upon the following 149 candidates (including 25 women) who had passed the Final Examination in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery of the Conjoint Board and who have complied with the necessary by-laws:

- C. P. T. Alexander, M.J. Allwood, W. B. Asby, R. H. R. Aston, Pamela M. Wiss, J. C. Barker, M. D. Begley, J. R. Bennett, S. Y. Bhagwati, J. M. Bishop,
The Services

Major- General Sir Robert Hay, K.C.I.E., late I.M.S., has relinquished the appointment of Honorary Physician to the King, on retirement.

The following decorations have been conferred by the President of the U.S.A. in recognition of distinguished services in the cause of the Allies:

- Medal of Freedom with Silver Palm.—Colonel (Temporary) G. M. F. Wiseman, R.A.M.C.; and

The Efficiency Decoration of the Territorial Army has been conferred upon Majors (Hon. Lieutenant-Colonels) J. L. Orr, R. Roper, and J. R. Watson, M.C. (T.A.R.O.), and on Majors W. H. Dowell and M. L. Formby.
Northern Ireland Health Services

The present address of the Northern Ireland General Health Services Board is 27, Adelaide Street, Belfast.

Professor T. Pomfret Kilner

Professor T. Pomfret Kilner, Director of the Nuffield Department of Plastic Surgery, University of Oxford, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons.

Standard Sizes for X-ray Films

The British Standards Institution has recently issued B.S.1443, which specifies the size of x-ray film and intensifying screens, together with internal sizes of cassettes, adopted for future use. The Standard was prepared at the request of the manufacturers of x-ray equipment and accessories, who have had to meet the needs not only of medical and industrial users in this country but were also faced with the necessity of producing equipment adapted for metric sizes for the export trade. The committee charged with this work has found it possible to provide satisfactorily for all uses with a range of ten inch-sizes and six metric-sizes, and these sixteen sizes will replace more than thirty formerly in use in this country. The Standard specifies minimum and maximum cutting sizes for x-ray film and intensifying screens, and also provides for a standard minimum size of cassettes. Films and screens of these sizes will be usable in all existing equipment.

Diphtheria and Vaccination Returns

The Ministry of Health has notified local authorities of the number of returns required after July 5. At present there will be two forms of return for diphtheria immunization—six-monthly and yearly. There will also be an annual return stating the number of persons vaccinated during the year. In addition special reports will be required about individual immunized children who die of diphtheria, and about cases of vaccination associated with generalized vaccinia, post-vaccinal encephalomyelitis, and deaths from other complications.

Wills

Dr. Charles Francis Orr White, of Dial House, New Inn Lane, Burpham, Guildford, left £45,569. Dr. Walter Rupert Reynell, of London, W.1, left in estate valued at £27,912.

COMING EVENTS

Mental Health Exhibitions

Throughout the International Congress on Mental Health, which is being held in London between August 11 and 21, two exhibitions are on view in connexion with the session on "Art and Occupational Therapy," at the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1, and "Patients' Libraries and Pictures in Hospitals," at 1, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.I.

Medical Week in Hungary

The Hungarian Medical Trade Union is arranging a Medical Week from Sept. 4 to 12 as part of the celebrations of the Hungarian War of Liberty in 1848. Information may be obtained from the Centenary Congress Committee, Bokay Janos u. 53, Budapest, 8, Hungary.

Venerable Diseases Congress

The International Union against Venerable Diseases will celebrate its 25th anniversary at the General Assembly to be held in Copenhagen on September 6 to 10. The Assembly will consider plans for the international control of venereal disease and human behaviour in relation to its control. Further information may be obtained from Miss Marguerite Troué, Administrative Secretary, Institut Fournier, 25, Boulevard Saint-Jacques, Paris XIV.

Speech Therapy Conference

A Conference on Speech Therapy, arranged by the College of Speech Therapists (68, Queen's Gardens, London, W.2), will be held at the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W., from Sept. 20 to 24, with morning and afternoon sessions every day. Members of the medical profession making contributions to the conference are as follows: Dr. Leopold Stein, "The Emotional Background of Stammering"; Dr. Macdonald Critchley, "Speech Disorders arising from Head Injuries"; and Dr. Eleanor M. Creech, "The Role of Emotional Problems in Producing Disorders of Speech." Prof. Henry V. Hicks, Prof. Geoffrey Jefferson, and Dr. W. Russell Brain will be in the chair at three of the sessions. In the evening of Sept. 20 there will be a Government Reception at Lancaster House, St. James's, London, S.W.; the conference dinner will be held on Sept. 21; and in the evenings of Sept. 22 and 23 there will be meetings of the conference committee of the College with representatives of the public and with representatives to discuss an International Federation of Speech Therapists. Full particulars of the conference may be obtained from the secretary of the College at the above address.

Sulphur Congress

An International Sulphur Congress will be held on Sept. 13-15, under the presidency of Prof. M. Loep, at Cauterets, Hautes Pyrénées. Sulphur in relation to the endocrine glands, rheumatism, neurological and liver, etc., will be discussed. Information may be obtained from: Dr. Docteur Bernard Mothe, Secrétaire Administratif, Président, Directeur Général de l'Union Thermale Pyrénéenne, 12, rue Duplau, Pau (Basses Pyrénées).

SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

Friday

EDINBURGH POSTGRADUATE BOARD FOR MEDICINE.—At Assembly Lecture Theatre, Edinburgh University, August 20, 3.30 p.m. "Some Aspects of Urine Secretion," by Professor E. B. Verney.

APPOINTMENTS


WILSON, H. D., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Stirling County Council.

WRIGHT, E. M., B.M., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer for the City of Salisbury and Assistant Medical Officer for Wiltshire County Council.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

Lambah.—On June 25, 1948, at the Elspeth Nursing Home, Waverhampton, to Margaret (nee Lacy) and Dr. Ian Lambah, R.A.M.C., a son—Richard.

McCready.—On July 26, 1948, at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, to Dr. Margaret (nee Laycock) and Mr. Kenneth McCready, a daughter—Elizabeth.

Mayne.—On June 24, 1948, at Leinster Private Hospital, Dublin, to Anne, wife of Brian Mayne, M.C.P., a son—Richard.

Orford Smith.—On July 25, 1948, at Mary, wife of Dr. E. S. Orford Smith, of Norwich, a son.

Partington.—On Aug. 3, 1948, at Lynton Nursing Home, Bexhill-on-Sea, to Phyllis Joan (nee Fox), wife of Dr. A. C. Devonish Parsons, a son for Hugh and Guy.

Settner.—On July 31, 1948, at the Cavendish Nursing Home, Bognor Regis, to Pat (nee Rank), wife of Captain J. P. Scrivener, a son—James John.

Vine.—On Aug. 4, 1948, at the County Hospital, Cambridge, to Denise (nee Waiden), wife of Dr. Maudsley Vine, a son.

Watkinson.—On Aug. 2, 1948, at Hospital, Davyshume, Lascashire, to Margaret Jean (nee Jones), wife of Dr. J. L. K. Watkinson, of 161, Urmston Lane, Stretford, a son—Peter.

MARRIAGE


DEATHS

Atkinson.—On July 29, 1948, at Prince of Wales Hospital, Plymouth, Alexander Gardiner Atkinson, M.B., Ch.B., a son.


Andrew.—On July 29, 1948, at 5, Montpelier Crescent, Brighton, George Andrew, M.D., F.R.C.S., aged 96.

Cunningham.—On July 29, 1948, at the Hall House, Reluate, Joseph Cunningham, F.R.C.S., F.R.A.C.S.

Esson.—On July 25, 1948, at Penang, William Henry (Krump) Esson, J.P., of the Penang and Penang Road Hospital, and wife of Miss Isabel Taylor (formerly Dr. Taylor Walsh, Preston, Lancs.), a son.


Frost.—On July 15, 1948, near Vernon, B.C., Canada, as the result of a motor accident, William Finlayson, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.


Kennedy.—On July 26, 1948, at The Red House, North Bovey, Devon, Charles Matheson Kennedy, M.B.E., F.R.C.S.

Manson.—On Aug. 1, 1948, at Chichester House, Chichester Road, London, S.W., Edward Lionel MacFarren, B.M., a son.

Stone.—On July 31, 1948, at Robert Dudley Algeo Stone, L.R.C.P. & S. of 98, Queen's Road, Dover, aged 85.


Walcott.—On July 30, 1948, at 266, Dewsbury Road, Leeds, Wilfred Ernest Walcott, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Ilford, aged 52.