the review of somatotherapies in schizophrenia. This gives a balanced appraisal of the present status of physical methods of treatment, and describes the decline of insulin-coma therapy, leucotomy, etc., since the introduction of the phenothiazine derivatives.

This is an uneven book, but all in all it is a fair review of the progress which has been made in the last few years in our understanding of schizophrenia, marred only by a weakness most of the authors have for polysyllabic communicational patterns of units.

A. W. BEARD

THE FATHER WILLIAM METHOD


In order the more fully to appreciate a view artists turn away from it, and, bending down, look at it between their legs. The author, who is President of the American Society of Grammatolators and Chairman of the National Association of Standard Medical Vocabulary, applies this device to lexicography. In 1958 he published Reverison: A Medical Word Finder, in which he provided a classical term for every conceivable phenomenon. He now applies the device of inversion to medical discoveries, having in the few intervening months published three other books—a feat that rivals Handel's composition of Messiah in 21 days.

Discovery in medicine and the allied sciences, including “opticianry,” is split up into over 6,000 connected units. These are arranged alphabetically according to the subject, each entry giving in 20 to 60 words the name, nationality, and occupation of the discoverer, the year of his birth, his death, and the publication of his discovery. The book abounds in cross-reference and repetition. In most instances the headings, many of which are complicated, are repeated in the descriptions that follow; in many instances descriptions are repeated word for word under different headings. Shorn of these excrescences, the book, which weighs 3 lb., would be reduced to at least a quarter of its size. The author makes a great feature of eponyms, but he is not always consistent. Adiposogenital dystrophy is called Fröhlich's syndrome in one entry and Babinski-Fröhlich's disease and syndrome in the next. Nor is his spelling consistent. He sometimes writes “ancylo-” and sometimes “ankilo-.”

By his minute and mutilating dissection—there are 25 entries on syphilis and 37 on vitamins—Dr. Schmidt has shorn medical discovery of all its glory and inspiration as effectively as Delilah sheared Samson of his strength. He gives no conception of the relation between different investigations, the steps in the conquest of error and ignorance, or the gradual widening of the intellectual horizon. His book is suitable only for candidates in a 64,000-dollar quiz. The device of inversion has its limitations; the looking-glass must be used with restraint in lexicography no less than in fashion. I assure him that I intend no offence when I ask him the question that was asked of Father William:

“And yet you incessantly stand on your head.
Do you think, at your age, it is right?”

Dr. Schmidt says he found the compilation exhausting. One can well believe it. His ingenuity and industry are worthy of a better cause. FFRANGCON ROBERTS.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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


Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

In Congregation on July 30 the following degrees were conferred:
M.A.—D. J. West, M.D., D.P.M., Assistant Director of Research in the Institute of Geomorphology.
M.D.—R. Smith, D. G. Monteith, A. M. Barrett, T. J. S. Patterson, Judith M. Fitzpatrick.
M.B., B.Chir.—F. C. Shearer, A. J. S. Bacon, W. M. C. Holderness.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

On June 30 the Diploma in Public Health was awarded to Agnes M. Gordon, Irene R. Jamieson, D. Kennedy, Anne D. Lindsay, Caecilia M. Logan, A. Neilson, Elizabeth M. Park, D. J. Reilly, Katherine S. Scott, Norma E. I. Temple.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

Dr. H. B. May has been elected Dean of the Faculty of Medicine in place of Dr. Katharine G. Lloyd-Williams, and Professor J. A. B. Gray, M.B., B.Chir., Dean of the Faculty of Science in place of Professor C. T. Ingold, both for the period October 1, 1960, to September 30, 1962.

The following have been appointed, re-appointed, nominated or renominated as representatives of the University on the governing bodies of the institutions indicated in parentheses:
Dr. C. F. Harris (Birkbeck College); Dr. E. R. Cullinan and Dr. J. Forrest Smith (Guy's Hospital Medical School); Professor F. R. Goldby (King's College Hospital Medical School); Dr. M. I. A. Hunter and Dr. Katharine G. Lloyd-Williams (Royal Dental Hospital of London); Mr. E. G. Slesinger and Professor J. Z. Young, F.R.S. (St. George's Hospital Medical School); Professor G. Payling Wright (Wright-Fleming Institute of St. Mary's Hospital Medical School); Sir Francis Fraser and Dr. C. F. Harris (British Postgraduate Medical Federation); Dr. A. J. W. Beard (King's College School, Wimbledon).

The following have been recognized as Teachers of the University in the subjects indicated in parentheses:
King's College Hospital Medical School, Dr. J. A. Pedler, F.D.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Dental Surgery (Oral Pathology)).
Guy's Hospital Medical School, Dr. P. E. Polani (Children's Diseases)
London Hospital Medical School, Dr. P. L. Williams (Anesthesiology), Institute of Urology, Dr. R. C. B. Pugh (Pathology).
University College Hospital Medical School, Dr. S. Ridley (Pathology).
Institute of Genetics and Gynecology, Dr. Merton Sandler (Chemical Pathology).
St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, Dr. William Hewitt (Anatomy).
Buckingham Hospital Medical School, Dr. A. R.Boydell (Pathology).
Institute of Urology, Dr. A. R. Harrison (Medicine (Urology)).
Institute of Dermatology, Dr. Arthur Tickner (Chemical Pathology).
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Dr. C. H. Wood (Occupational Health).

The Sir William Dunn Scholarship for 1960–1 has been awarded to Mr. R. H. T. Edwards (Middlessex Hospital Medical School); the Mary Scharlieb Research Studentship for Medical Research for 1960 to Dr. K. A. Porter (St. Mary's Hospital Medical School); and the William Fellowship for Medical and Scientific Research for 1960 to Mrs. Pamela E. Aylott, M.B., B.S. (Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine).

The Rogers Prize, of the value of £100, will be offered by the Senate in 1962 for an essay or dissertation on "The Causes and Results of Arterial Thrombosis in Man." Entries must be delivered to the secretary to the Scholarships Committee, University of London, Senate House, W.C.1, not later than April 30, 1962.

The following degrees were awarded in July:
M.S.—O. Danell, A. J. Harrold.

ROYAL FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

The following candidates, having passed the examination, have been admitted Diplomates in Child Health: B. K. Basu, D. Bagchi, Keong Aik Ch'ng, J. Gohain, R. F. B. Lees, K. E. Le Page, Stephen Wing-Chiu Leung, M. T. Marashi, B. G. Mehrotra, P. L. M. Mohanamba, N. A. McC. Somervile, N. V. A. Wickramasinghe.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON

The following candidates, having completed the final examination, have been granted the diploma of L.M.S.S.A.: J. G. Shores, T. Tut, D. E. Alder, J. Reuvrs, K. C. D. De Silva, J. H. Romano, S. R. Meadow, R. S. Cornack, B. Ibrahim, I. Honey, R. W. D. Gomes, R. G. Gibson.

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Industrial Health: J. W. R. Batram, S. Boydell, M. M. El-Atta, P. R. Gilbert, D. J. Havard, S. J. A. Luckas, A. D. McIntyre, T. Myint, J. F. Taylor, J. D. Thomas.

Vital Statistics

Road Accidents, June, 1960

There were 537 deaths as a result of road accidents in June, 4 fewer than in June, 1959. The total number of casualties in the month, 31,320, was 390 more than in June a year ago, an increase of 1%, though the volume of traffic in the month was 12% higher than in the previous June.

In the first six months of 1960 casualties on the roads of Great Britain totalled 155,700, an increase of about 8,300, or 5.6%, compared with the first half of 1959. The volume of traffic increased by 9% over the same period. Deaths increased by 12%, from 2,657 in the first half of 1959 to 2,999 in the first half of 1960. The greater part of this increase occurred in the first three months of the year, when fatal casualties were 25% higher than in 1959. In the second quarter the increase over last year had narrowed to 3%. All groups of road users had more fatalities except child cyclists. The fall in the rate of increase during the second quarter was most marked in the case of pedestrian, motor-cyclist, and moped-riding fatalities.

Infectious Diseases

Areas where numbers of notifications were high in the latest two weeks for which figures are available

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Graphs of Infectious Diseases

The graphs below show the uncorrected numbers of cases of certain diseases notified weekly in England and Wales. Highest and lowest figures reported in each week during
Changes of Address
The new address of the National Society for Clean Air is Field House, Breams Buildings, London E.C.4. (Tel. CHA 5040.)

The address of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children is now 125 High Holborn, London W.C.I. (Tel. CHA 8395–7.)

In Brief
The French budget for 1961 includes a rise in investment in health and medical research of 160%; most of the increase will be used for new hospitals.

People in the News
Mr. Harry Hookway, Ph.D., assistant director of the National Chemical Laboratory, has been appointed director of the United Kingdom Scientific Mission in Washington, D.C., and Scientific Attaché at the British Embassy there.

Dr. F. P. Guess, university lecturer and demonstrator in physiology, Oxford, has been awarded an M.S. Hope chest research grant by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, United States of America

COMING EVENTS
Day Conference on Medical Records.—Brighton, September 24. Details from Mr. E. S. Beauchamp, Queen Mary’s Hospital, Sidcup, Kent (Foots Cray 3014).

4th Oliver Bird Lecture.—Dr. Albert Tyler (California Institute of Technology): “Immunological Approaches to Fertility Control,” September 26, 5 p.m., Large Lecture Theatre, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1. Chairman: Dr. A. S. Parkes, F.R.S. Without fee or ticket.

School of Pharmacy, Brighton Technical College.—Course of six lectures on the corticosteroids, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, September 27–November 1, Main Hall of College, Richmond Terrace, Brighton 7. Scope of lectures will include chemistry, physiology, and pharmacology of this class of drug; clinical aspects—systemic and topical uses; pharmaceutical production of corticosteroid preparations. Fee for course, £1. Details from Dr. J. C. Parkinson, School of Pharmacy, Technical College, Brighton 7.

Biochemical Society.—298th meeting, Department of Biochemistry, The University, Glasgow W.2, September 29, 10 a.m., colloquium on “Biosynthesis of Nucleic Acids”; September 30, 10.30 p.m., original communications.


University of Liverpool.—Eight-week university extension course for qualified practitioners: “Basic Neurology,” October 12–November 30, Wednesdays, 8–9.30 p.m. Fee for course £2 5s. Details from Director of Extra-Mural Studies, 9 Abercromby Square, Liverpool 7.


NEW ISSUES

SPECIALIST JOURNALS AND ABSTRACTS

The journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

BRITISH JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

Recording of the Ocular Lobe Response in Man after Light Stimulation.

A. T. van Ralen and H. E. Henkes.

Situational Cysts of the Chicken Eye.—E. L. Davidson.


Significance of Eccentric Fixation in Squint. K. W. Bay and B. Thatcher.

Lumbar Sensory Relationship in Appendicitis: S. A. Arora and R. Downey.

Isolation of Virus from Embryonated Eggs inoculated with Material from a Case of Trachoma in Western Australia. D. Perrot and I. Mann.

FREE SYNCHRONIZATION IN OCULO-PALPEBRAL MOVEMENTS. N. S. Jain.

Reviews

NOTES

Ophthalmic Literature and Index, £9.00

SOCIEITIES AND LECTURES

A fee is charged or a ticket is required for attending lectures marked . Application should be made first to the Institution concerned.

Wednesday, September 21
RS. FREE HOSPITAL, Gray’s Inn Road, London W.C.1. 5.15 p.m. Dr. A. G. Bearn (New York): Genetics in Medicine.

Friday, September 23

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. G. Simon: clinical demonstration.

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS.—5 p.m., William Meredith Fletcher Shaw Memorial Lecture by Mr. Thomas P. Corrall: New Zealand’s Debt to British Obstetrics.

APPOINTMENTS


JAMES ANDREW A., M.D., M.R.C.P.O.G., Assistant Professor, Wayne State University College of Medicine, and Assistant Chief in Obstetrics, Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.


BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS


Leavesley.—On August 30, 1960, at Perth, Western Australia, to Gwen (formerly Claydon), and Dr. James Leavesley, a sister for David and Mark—Anne.

Mitchell.—On August 29, 1960, to Drs. W. P. and Jane Mitchell (formerly Hison), of Hugh Street, Belton, Doncaster, Yorks, a second son.

DEATHS


Newton.—On August 7, 1960, at 70, Mathew’s Nursery, Northampton, Margaretta Jane Newton, M.B., Ch.B.


Richmond.—On August 11, 1960, at J. Darel Road, Caversham, Reading, Arthur Richmond, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Rooney.—On August 12, 1960, by drowning, Daniel Rooney, M.B., Ch.B., aged 43.