The pattern of the work is unchanged, and consists of 307 contributions by nearly as many authors, each chapter being the expression of the personal practice of the individual physician. This system inevitably leads to repetition and overlap, seen particularly in the section on the respiratory system, where 15 authors contribute 17 articles. Many minor and some major surgical conditions are discussed, but too often on such a superficial plane that one wonders for whom the note has been written. In contrast, acute renal failure is discussed in less than one page, poison ivy dermatitis in two, fistula-in-ano requires nearly five pages of discussion, and haemorrhoids another six. Many important aspects of obstetrics are covered, but it is surprising that only 14 pages are devoted to the neuroses and to the whole of psychiatry in a volume of over 800 pages. A very full account of parenteral fluid therapy in adults is given, which contains much wisdom, but the article is concealed in the section on the digestive system. Some of the therapeutic advice in the endocrine section demonstrates that a few authors unfortunately still fail to see any virtue in thyroxine as a preferable alternative to thyroid U.S.P.

The book gives an interesting insight into current and individual practices in different parts of the United States, and reference to it can occasionally clarify the treatment of obscure conditions. The British reader may feel, however, that a more fully integrated concept of therapeutics is of greater value.

A. G. MacGregor.

SURGERY OF BILIARY PASSAGES


This book on the surgery of the extra- and intra-hepatic biliary passages is one of the Henri Mondor series of surgical monographs which are published by Masson et Cie, of Paris. It is a most attractive book of over 600 pages, yet not bulky. It is well printed on thin paper of good quality. Dr. Claude Olivier himself deals well and thoroughly with the whole subject of the surgery of the biliary passages, with chapters on hydatid disease of the liver by Professor F. Bourgeon and the surgical aspects of neonatal jaundice by Professor G. Laurence. It is clearly written and excellently illustrated, with all pictures drawn to a common pattern by the same artist, giving it a smooth uniformity.

It is divided into seven parts: anatomy, investigation, radiomometry, and so on, constitute Part 1; the surgery of biliary lithiasis Part 2; biliary obstruction Part 3; tumours Part 4; and chronic affections— including stenosing odisitis, hydatid disease, cysts of the biliary passages, and so forth—Part 5. Spontaneous fistulas occupy Part 6, a matter of only 21 pages; and the emergency surgery of the biliary passages the last part.

As a whole, the book is an erudite and complete study of the orthodox and it has been a pleasure to read it. The index, however, is far too brief, details of such operations as sphincteroplasty and transduodenal biliary drainage are inadequate, and guidance in such difficult subjects as related biliary obstruction and portal hypertension is not given. I hope these defects will be repaired in subsequent editions.

Alan H. Hunt.
missed by her circle of friends, colleagues, and patients. Our sympathies and condolences go out to her sister, Mrs. Bendnarcyk, now residing in Vienna.—R. B.

H. M. ROYDS JONES, M.D.
Dr. H. M. Royds Jones, who was until recently a medical officer on the staff of the Shipping Federation Ltd., died some weeks ago in the Royal Free Hospital. He was 64.

Herbert Martin Royds Jones came of a family of doctors and clergymen. After serving throughout the first world war in the medical service of his native County Cork, he entered Middlesex Hospital, qualifying in 1924 and graduating M.B., B.S. in the following year. After holding house appointments at his teaching hospital and at the Brompton Hospital, he became a ship surgeon for many years, mainly with the Orient Line. He joined the Shipping Federation for a few years before retirement. He did some valuable work in connexion with the health of seamen while a ship surgeon and successfully presented his findings for an M.D. thesis in 1935.

G. O. M. writes: “R.J.” represented the older school of practitioners who regarded medicine as a vocation and a prerogative of an English gentleman. His own dapper appearance and quiet firm manner expressed just this. When he gave an opinion it was stated succinctly with a business-like definiteness and simplicity which is so valuable to an employer in industry. He was splendid to work with—gentle, quiet, and conscientious. He was of strictly ethical fibre and he had an engagingly subtle humorous insight into his own amusing bachelor’s foibles which rather endeared him to his younger colleagues. It is a measure of the esteem in which he was held that associates twenty years his junior so much miss being able to write to him or visit him in his retirement. The profession cannot afford to lose practitioners like Royds Jones, who set an example of dignity that is a memeno of better times than the present.

J. W. CRAVEN, M.C., M.D.
Dr. J. W. Craven, formerly medical superintendent of the Auckland Hospital, New Zealand, died at Rotorua on July 19. He was 72 years of age.

Joseph Wilfrid Craven was born at Gosforth, Northumberland, on November 22, 1888. Educated at Bede School, Durham, and at the University of Durham, he graduated M.B., B.S. in 1912. After holding house appointments at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, he worked for a time as a ship surgeon for the P. & O. Steam Navigation Company. He had a distinguished career in the first world war, being promoted to lieutenant-colonel in the R.A.M.C., winning the Military Cross, and being appointed a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. He was also mentioned in dispatches. He served throughout with the 1st Northumberland Field Ambulance and later commanded it. Continuing to serve after the war as a Territorial, he received the Territorial Decoration. Demobilization he worked for a time with the Ministry of Pensions in Newcastle and then in general practice.

In 1925 he went out to New Zealand and commenced practice in Birkenhead, a suburb of Auckland. Seven years later he was appointed medical superintendent of the Auckland Hospital and did splendid work in that capacity. His organizing ability and his kind, friendly disposition won him the respect and friendship of the honorary staff and all of who worked in the hospital. At the beginning of the second world war he was appointed to the command of the Queen Alexandra Hospital in Singapore with the rank of lieutenant-colonel, and on the fall of Singapore in February, 1942, he was taken prisoner by the Japanese and for a time was a prisoner of the “C” class—hospital ship. He had a bad time and his health suffered severely. He was returned to New Zealand in 1945 and resumed his duties as medical superintendent of the Auckland Hospital. He had to resign, however, in 1949 owing to ill-health and retired to Rotorua. His resignation was received with great regret.

Dr. Craven was an excellent doctor and a most lovable man. He had a bright, cheerful disposition and radiated happiness all round. In his long last illness he exhibited great courage and fortitude and never complained. We extend our deep sympathy to his wife, who looked after him so faithfully and well, and to his son and daughter.—J. H. B.

R. Y. STONES, O.B.E., M.C., M.D., M.R.C.P.
F.R.C.S.Ed., D.P.H., D.M.R.E.
The obituary of Dr. R. Y. Stones was published in the Journal of October 7 (p. 966).

Sir PHILIP MANSON-BAHR writes: May I pay a tribute to my old friend Robert Stones? I have known him for more years than I like to think of, since we were together as students at the London Hospital and subsequently “on the house.” I have always thought of Stones as a great practising Christian who was so clean and straightforward in his dealings with the sick and also with his fellow men that he gained universal admiration. When anyone was in trouble, be he what he might, Stones was there to help. He was no narrow-minded evangelist, far from it, he was a great human being ever there to grasp the proffered hand. He was a great sportsman and a game, courageous boxer who gave as good as he got, being by no means a poor performer. He was always ready to do his best whatever behave and, above all, he was a staunch and faithful friend. We corresponded regularly at Christmas-time for many years, especially when he moved on to Uganda after the second world war. Stones was indeed a great Christian gentleman whose one aim was to do good to others, and as such I shall always remember him.

Universities and Colleges

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
The following appointments are announced: Dr. H. I. A. Nisbet, Lecturer in Anaesthetics; Dr. G. P. Lewis, Lecturer in Materia Medica; and Mr. R. J. McWilliam and Mr. R. J. S. Smith, Honorary Clinical Lecturer in Ophthalmology at Glasgow Eye Infirmary.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM
In Congregation on September 23, the degree of M.D. was conferred upon L. B. Strang (in absentia) and A. S. Todd.

UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM
The following appointments are announced: Mr. J. C. Gray, Lecturer in the Department of Surgery, from August 1, 1961; Dr. G. Bentley, temporary lecturer in the Department of Anatomy, Dr. G. R. Kelman, Research Fellow in the Department of Medicine, and Dr. W. A. Marshall, Research Fellow in the Department of Anatomy, all from October 1, 1961.

UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
The degree of M.D. was awarded to J. C. Woodrow in September.

Vital Statistics

Admissions to Scottish Mental Hospitals
During 1960 the number of certified patients in ordinary mental hospitals in Scotland fell by nearly 1,000 to 12,958, while the number of voluntary patients increased by 575 to 6,960, the total of 19,918 representing a net decrease of 358 compared with the 1959 figures. This was the fourth successive year for which there has been a reduction in the mental-hospital population of Scotland. Nevertheless the number of admissions continues to increase—from 5,764 in 1948 to 12,760 in 1960. The large increase in the number of voluntary admissions during the past years has been

St. Thomas’s Hospital Old Students’ Dinner.—November 17, 7 p.m., Savoy Hotel, London (entrance, Victoria Embankment). Chairman: Mr. J. F. RYAN. Details and tickets (4s5) from honorary secretary, Mr. W. J. D. BRADFIEL.

National Association for Mental Health.—Residential week-end course for general practitioners, “Psychiatry for the General Practitioner,” November 17-19, Waverley Hotel, Southend-on-Sea, London. Details from Education Secretary, National Association for Mental Health, 39 Queen Anne Street, London W.1.

Refresher Course for Consultant Ophthalmologists.—February 19-23, 1962, Courage Laboratory, Royal Eye Hospital, St. George’s Circus, London S.E.I. Visits included to Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases and Royal College of Surgeons, Applications to Professor A. SORSBY at the Courage Laboratory by December 1, 1961.

Cambridge University Postgraduate Medical School.—Symposium, “Pain,” December 9, 10.30 a.m.; Addenbrooke’s Hospital, Cambridge. Details from Secretary, Medical School, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge, before December 2.

NEW ISSUES OF SPECIALIST JOURNALS
The Journals listed below are obtainable from the Publishing Manager, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London W.C.1.

BRITISH HEART JOURNAL
Factors in the Aetiology of Atrial Septal Defect. Maurice Campbell and P. E. Polani.
Corrected Transposition of the Great Vessels. W. Beck, V. Schirle, L. Voepel, M. Nellen, and A. Swamepocpt.
The Influence of Atrial Site and Elasticity on the Left Atrial Pressure Tracings. Kenneth F. Fairley.
Cardiographic Patterns in Systolic and Diastolic Overload of the Left Ventricle. Ludwik Sedziw and John Shillingford.
Uses and Failures of Intracardiac Electrophotos at the Pulmonary Vatue, R. K. Darcy and M. J. Gandhi.
Pulmonary Arterial Developing after a Shunt Operation for Fallot’s Tetralogy. P. F. Flicker.
The Exercise Electrocardiogram in Patients with Cardiac Pains. H. G. Lloyd-Thomas.
Cardiovascular Involvement in Tuberculosis. Rustom Jay Vakil.
Atrial Septal Defect with Pulmonary Hypertension. Edwin Bexerman.
Cor Triatriatum Obliterated with Subdivision of the Right Ventricle. D. C. Waterer and L. Wymter.
Volume 23, No. 5. (Bi-monthly; £4 4s. annually.)

GUT
Primary Crohn’s Disease of the Colon and Rectum. J. S. Cornes and Meste Stecher.
Difficulties in the Diagnosis and Management of Unsuspected Tuberculous Infections in Children. E. J. Moran Campbell.
Recent Swellings of the Parotid Gland. R. S. Bruce Pearson.
The Effect of Antihistaminic Drugs on the Electrotropic Content of Gastric Juice. D. J. Dunlop and Miriam Gordon.
Non-fatty Fatty Acids and Lipoprotein Lipase Activity in Patients with Chronic and with Liver. C. Chiayenka and Peter Harris.
The Measurement of Intestinal Sounds in Man and Their Relationship to the Serum vomitamine and Miriam Gordon.
The Cardiac Spleneter in the Cat. C. G. Clark and J. R. Vane.
Serum Copper and After Administration of Vitamin A and Vitamin A Alcohol. Oliver Fitzgerald, James J. Fennelly, and Daniel J. Higgin.
Methods and Techniques: The Measurement of Small Intestinal Surface Epithelium in Coeliac Disease and in Idiopathic Steatorrhoea. Marjor Shiner and M. S. Birbeck.
Volume 2, No. 3. (Quarterly; £3 annually.)

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

Monday, October 16

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Tallow Restaurant, 64 London Wall, E.C. 2, 7 for 7.30 p.m., dinner-meeting; 8.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. Cecil Waleke: Chemistry of Cancer. INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte’s Hospital, 9.45 a.m., Professor John Scowen (Stockholm, Sweden): Treatment of Fistula in Irritated Tissues.

TRAINING POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—4 p.m., Dr. S. Truelove: Treatment of Ulcerative Colitis.

Tuesday, October 17

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 5.30 p.m., Lord Cohen of Birkenhead: “... the elements: So mad in him...” A study in Human Constitution and Disease.

St. Mary’s Hospital Medical School.—5 p.m., Dr. Bruce Eton: Cause of Onset of Labour.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF ADULTS.—At Medical Society of London, 8 for 7.30 p.m., annual general meeting or followed by Kelby Memorial Lecture, by Dr. Gunnar Lundquist (Sweden): Treatment of Alcoholism in Sweden. WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NEUROLOGY AND NEUROSURGERY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. Helen C. Grant: Chronic Meningitis.

Wednesday, October 18

BIRMINGHAM MEDICAL INSTITUTE: MIDLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY SECTION.—7 for 7.30 p.m., annual dinner; 8.45 p.m., address by Sir David Campbell, F.R.S.; The General Medical Council—Its Powers and Its Work over a Hundred Years.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON.—8.15 p.m., Dr. J. A. Scott and Miss A. R. Read: Social Services in Illness.

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. N. S. Plummer: Actinomycosis and Necrotising of the Lung.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY—SOCIETY.—At Senior Committee Room, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 2.45 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. A. C. T. Perkins: Is Life a Joke?

WOLSELEY GENERAL HOSPITAL MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Department of Physical Medicine and Rheumatism, 8.30 p.m., Mr. H. Omear-Clarke: Pain in the Neck and Arm.

Thursday, October 19

BRITISH INSTITUTE OF RADIOLoGY.—8 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. F. G. Spear: Questioning the Answers.

BRITISH POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL FEDERATION.—At Beveridge Hall, Senate House, London University, W.C. 3, 5.30 p.m., Professor A. S. Parkes, F.R.S.: External Factors in Mammalian Reproduction.

LEWISHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—5.45 p.m., Dr. J. N. Hunt: Assessing Gastric Function.

NORTH WESTERN THORACIC SOCIETY.—At Clinical Sciences Building, York Place, Manchester, 4.30 p.m., Presidential Address by Dr. E. Rutter: 1761 and all that.


ST. THOMAS’S HOSPITAL.—5.15 p.m., Dr. J. Hamilton Paterson: Postgraduate demonstration in neurology.

Friday, October 20

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. J. Smart: Clinical demonstration.

INSTITUTE OF LABYRINTHOLOGY AND OTOLOGY.—(1) 1.30 p.m., clinical discussion for general practitioners. (2) 4.30 p.m., Annual Address by Mr. J. P. Stewart: Cholesteatoma Pattern of Acute Mastoiditis.

LEEDS UNIVERSITY: FACULTY OF MEDICINE.—3.15 p.m., Inaugural lecture by Sir John Wolfenden: Crime and Sin.

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF LONDON.—(1) 10 a.m., Mr. Patrick Clarkson: Some Problems in Modern Surgery of the Hand, (2) 4 p.m., Dr. R. H. Girdwood: Investigations of Disease of Small Intestine.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

BIRTHS
Rabett.—On September 27, 1961, at Central Middlesex Hospital, London N.W., to Jane (formerly Straight) wife of Dr. Robert J. Rabbet, a son—Simon James.

DEATHS
Kemp.—On September 20, 1961, at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, David Kemp, M.B., M.R.C.S., Ch.B., D.P.H., of 17 Pepford Road, Caversham, near Reading, Berks, aged 58.

Mann.—On September 16, 1961, at Jackson Road, Newbridge, Worcestershire, Joseph Mann, aged 51.

Madden.—On September 19, 1961, at St. Bartholomew’s Hospital, London E.C., Mrs. George Madden, M.B., of 7a Devonshire Road, London N.W. 1.


Weiler.—On September 17, 1961, at Aldbro’ House, Thaxted, Essex, Charles Alexander Weiler, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.