assumed that every second Indian believes in astrology. . . Horoscope-agreement must precede match-making in most Hindu marriages." Statements of this type are provided in abundance, but from them it would be rash to draw conclusions. Indeed the authors make it plain that the book is based for the most part on impressions gained chiefly from informed persons in the countries concerned. Unfortunately Dr. and Mrs. Mace were not able to cross the frontier of Communist China, but they have collected and now present a substantial amount of well-attested information about marriage and family life under the Communist regime.

E. A. BENNET.

SCOTTISH DOCTOR

A Doctor Remembers. By Kenneth Fraser, M.D. (Pp. 175; illustrated. 12s. 6d.) Dumfries : Robert Dinwiddie and Co. Ltd. 1961.

The author of this book of reminiscences has lived an interesting and useful life, and here relates many of his experiences as a son of the manse, as medical student and houseman at Edinburgh, as ship’s medical officer, as medical officer in the R.A.M.C. during the war of 1914-18, and as Assistant Medical Officer and later County Medical Officer for Cumberland. The incidents he recounts are interspersed with many good stories, and he is certainly brave to tell many which are against himself, especially the almost incredible practical joke related on pages 162 and 163. If a second edition were called for we would ask the author to consider expanding the last chapter, which deals with his forty-four years’ work in the health service. It would be of great historical interest to have a detailed and authentic account of the impact upon a country district of the unprecedented changes in the public health services during the last fifty years. Some other parts of the book could easily be spared to provide more room for such a first-hand account.

A few wartime poems are added at the end; I liked best the two quatrains on “Big Ben.”

ZACHARY COPE.

COAGULATION INHIBITORS


In this book the literature on natural inhibitors of blood coagulation is reviewed. Following this there is an experimental study of inhibitors in normal blood and of inhibitors in the blood of patients with various haemorrhagic states. The author presents evidence for the presence in normal blood of a heparin-like anticoagulant and studies anticoagulants in the blood of many haemophilic and other types of patient.

The approach is more experimental than critical and will be of interest only to those actively engaged in the study of coagulation inhibitors. For these workers the wealth of new experimental evidence produced in this book is invaluable. For the general physician and pathologist not actively engaged on coagulation research the book is too specialized and will not provide the concise summary of available evidence that such readers might desire.

ROSEMARY BIGGS.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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


COMING EVENTS


Chester Beauty Research Institute.—Symposium, organized by half of Unesco, on "Cellular Basis and Aetiology of Late Somatic Effects of Ionizing Radiations," March 27-30, 1962, Chester Beauty Research Institute, Fulham Road, London S.W.3. Details from Dr. P. ALEXANDER at the Institute.

Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland.—Scientific meeting open to junior anaesthetists up to and including those of senior registrar status, March 30, 1962, Manchester. Details from Honorary Secretary, Association of Anaesthetists, 47 Lincoln’s Inn Fields, London W.C.2.

Central African Medical Association.—With support of Faculty of Radiologists (Eng.), conference in two sections, "Radiodiagnosis" and "Radiotherapy," Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, by May 1-4, 1962. Details from P. E. S. PALMER, P.O. Box 958, Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia.


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 JOURNAL OF PREVENTIVE AND SOCIAL MEDICINE


Maternal Health in Early Pregnancy and Conceptual Defect. A. D. McDonald.


Social Class Migration and Chronic Bronchitis. A Study of Male Hospital Patients in the London Area. S. H. MacCraw.


An Assessment of Lung Cancer in Under 60. P. M. Biiss.


Volume 15, No. 4. (Quarterly: £3 annually.)

BRITISH HEART JOURNAL


Intracardiac Aerythelioma Infusion and Left Heart Dynamics in Rheumatic Heart Disease. P. S. Samet, W. H. Berstein, and R. S. Litwak.

The two-atheros Technique in Indicator-Dilution Cardiovascular Studies. E. G. Dimond, A. Benchmark, and E. W. Crow.


A Full Description of the Total Outward Cardiac Dilope Stiffness. M. R. J. Barer and E. J. Fischmann.

Vector Analysis of the QRS Pattern in Lead V5. P. Schweitzer.

Electromechanical Means of Preserving Cardiac Pain. William Evans.

The Third Heart Sound in Mitral Regurgitation. P. G. F. Nixon.

Myocardial Responses to CHEST. Alfred Soffer, Tali Tobihara, and Akaan Sayman.

A Simple Instrument for Recording Dye Diffusion Curves from the Cerebrospinal Fluid. Anthony D. Jose and George Latham.

Trispectrum Arrhythmia and its Prognosis with and without Surgical Treatment. Maurice Campbell.


Gustav Nylin. K. Shirley Smith.


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Volume 23, No. 6. (Bi-monthly; £4 4s. annually.)

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