Views on health education are curiously mixed. While full and accurate accounts of the significance of illness to the patient appear one after another it is still thought necessary to deny to a young woman with multiple sclerosis knowledge of the name of her illness—"because she might read up something about it...and cause herself unnecessary alarm." The doctor evidently wishes to preserve some of the mystery of medicine, and he has a habit of "babying" and talking down to adult patients in conversation which may make some readers feel positively uncomfortable.

All will wish that circumstances could provide Dr. John with a secretary-receptionist to operate an appointments system and help with his office work, and he would be the first to appreciate the value of a separate examination room next to his consulting-room. In a book written to introduce general practice an account of the practice accommodation, and the use to which it is put, is a curious omission.

The book shows, above all else, the breadth and range of general practice and the way in which the family doctor has to switch his mind from one problem to another as completely unselected clinical material passes through his hands. The ability of the doctor to encompass such diverse subjects as orthopaedics, psychiatry, and obstetrics in consecutive consultations is well shown, and the student will see how this is combined with the essentially personal approach of the family doctor.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

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


*Schizophrenia.* By F. J. Fish, M.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Pp. 190+x; 32s. 6d.) Bristol: John Wright and Sons, Ltd. 1962.


Report for 1961. Subscription income amounted to £201,058—an increase of £16,493 over 1960, and £168,488 was paid or outstanding in claims—an increase of £12,969. The claims ratio to the subscription income was 80%—the same as in 1960. The address of the W.P.A.'s head office is Royal London Buildings, 42 Baldwin Street, Bristol 1.

Controlling Mosquitoes in Great Britain

One or more cases of malaria have occurred in more than half the counties of England since the end of the first world war, thus showing that under certain conditions English anopheline mosquitoes can become infected and transmit malaria. The revised edition of the Ministry of Health's Memorandum on Measures for the Control of Mosquito Nuisances in Great Britain. The booklet gives details of anti-mosquito measures against the 33 species which have been recognized in Great Britain, less than one-third of which are serious pests. (H.M.S.O., price 2s. 6d. net.)

Nestlé and Guizou Fellowships

Details of the Nestlé and Guizou Fellowships (of NF 10,000 each) for physicians who wish to do a year's work in the field of nutrition may be obtained from the International Children's Centre, Château de Longchamp, Bois de Boulogne, Paris 16, France. The closing date is March 1, 1963.

In Brief

The United Kingdom Committee for the World Health Organization launched a national appeal on August 19 for funds to support the Malaria Eradication Campaign.

The Pakistan Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics was founded recently. It hopes in due course to compile a pharmacopoeia for Pakistan.

The film on childbirth, "To Janet, a Son?" made by Eothen Films in association with the Royal College of Midwives, has won the Chris Certificate Award in the Mental Health Category at the Seventh Annual Columbus (Ohio) Film Festival.

Tenders are being called for by the New Zealand Stores Department for the supply of safety belts to be fitted to all Government vehicles. Approximately 6,000 cars, vans, and other vehicles will be fitted over a period of a year.

People in the News

Mr. L. T. Wilkins, deputy director of research in the Home Office Research Unit, has been awarded a Ford Foundation Fellowship to spend a year in the United States with the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency in Washington. He will study and advise on youth programmes in Boston, Philadelphia, New Haven, St. Louis, Cleveland, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Oakand, and will also act as informal consultant to federal, state, city, and Foundation officials dealing with youth problems.

COMING EVENTS


Liverpool University.—Extension course, "Genetic Factors in Disease," beginning October 2, Tuesdays 8-9.30 p.m. Details from Director of Extra-mural Studies, 9 Abercromby Square, Liverpool 7.

Centenary of Czech Medical Association, Prague.—Medical congress, Prague, November 12-17. Theme: "The Scientific and Conceptual Foundation of the Czechoslovak Health Service." Foreign guests invited. Details from Czechoslovak Medical Society, J. E. Purkyne, 31 Słodolsk, Prague 2, Czechoslovakia.

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

MEDICAL AND BIOLOGICAL ILLUSTRATION

The contents of the July issue are as follows:

Frontispiece.

The Risks of Life: Sylvia Treadgold.


Illustrations of Insect Anatomy from the Beginning to the Time of Culver.

R. B. Freeman.

Illustrations as Analogues: R. M. Alexander.

Audi Parum Alterum.

Equipment and Methods:

Breanco-Tulch.

Gosses Lenses.

Infra-Red Microscope.

Camera Intensifier.

Automatic Microscope Camera.

Plastic 4 x 5 in. Film Holder.

Standing.

Facility Photo File.

Fujisfilm Attachment for Slide Mounting Press.

Time-lapse Control Unit.

Abstracts.

Book Reviews.

Motion Pictures.

Reports and Proceedings.

Volume 12, No. 3. (Quarterly; £3 yearly.)

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked * a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Application should be made first to the institution concerned.

Wednesday, August 29

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: SCHOOL OF CLINICAL RESEARCH AND POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL TEACHING.—3 p.m., clinical demonstration in dermatology by Dr. B. Woods: Creams, Ointments, and Pastes.

Friday, August 31

INSTITUTE OF DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—5 p.m., Dr. K. M. Christ: clinical demonstration.

APPOINTMENTS


NATIONAL HOSPITALS FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.—J. N. Blair, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., and C. C. J. Gaulter-Smith, M.D., M.R.C.P., Consultant Physicians, jointly to the National Hospital for Neurosyphilis, Queen Square, and Maid's Well Hospital; A. P. H. Randle, M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.P.I., D.Phys.Med., Consultant Physician in Charge of Department of Physical Medicine, the National Hospital, Queen Square, and Maid's Well Hospital.

BIRTHS

Craig.—On August 4, 1962, at Brussels Maternity Hospital, to Patricia (formerly O'Sullivan), M.B., B.S., and Kevin Craig, F.R.C.S., a son.


DEATHS


Bennett.—On July 27, 1962, at Salisbury General Hospital, Southern Rhodesia, Vincent Bennett, M.B., B.Ch.

Broderick.—On August 5, 1962, at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, Arthur Brodribb, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of That Cottage, Bishcoley, Berkshire.

Churchill.—On August 5, 1962, at Berkhill Hospital, Spencer Churchill, M.B., B.Chir., of 13 Beulahroose Road, Berkhill-on-Sea, Berkshire.


Shepherd.—On August 2, 1962, at his home at Great, Pullohill, Sudbury, Thomas Scott Shepherd, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.Ed., in his 89th year.

Thomson.—On August 9, 1962, at an Edinburgh nursing-home, Margaret Helen Torrance Thomson, M.B., widow of Dr. Henry Torrance Thomson, in her 91st year.

Travers.—On August 8, 1962, peacefully after a long illness, Moira Travers (formerly Dannaher), M.B., B.Ch.

Weatherhead.—On August 8, 1962, at Galashiels Hospital, William Andrew Weatherhead, M.B., Ch.B.