

## A GREAT WORKER IN PUBLIC HEALTH

*Selected Papers of Haven Emerson, A.M., M.D., D.S.M.* Published on the occasion of his 75th birthday, October 19, 1949, by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Battle Creek, Michigan. (Pp. 507. \$3.)

On October 19, 1949, Haven Emerson, one of America's greatest practitioners of public health, celebrated his 75th birthday. The occasion was marked by the most sincere expressions of appreciation from his many friends and colleagues and by the publication of thirty-five well-selected papers from more than one hundred and fifty written by him during his long life.

He is not the first great worker in the field of public health to have forsaken a most promising career as a physician for the less obvious attractions of preventive medicine and to have distinguished himself subsequently in epidemiology and medical administration. His rarity lies not only in his clear and able scientific work but in his constant awareness of its deeper social significance.

This book can be recommended to readers in Britain on three accounts. First, such papers as that on "The Prevention of Heart Disease" and "The Place of Mental Hygiene in the Public Health Movement" are as worthy of study now as when they were written. Secondly, many papers are concerned with the relation to each other of voluntary and official bodies and their proper place in the promotion of community health. These are the considered opinions of a man of great intelligence and experience, and should be closely examined at this critical time in the development of our health services. Thirdly, those interested in the growth to maturity of the human personality will find fascination in the study of these papers, taken as they are chronologically, and representative of the main stages in the life of an outstanding man.

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## ASPECTS OF UROLOGY

*Essential Urology.* By Fletcher H. Colby, M.D. (Pp. 580; 342 figures. £3 1s. 6d.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1950.

The title of this work is apt to mislead. To most people the essentials of any specialty are those broad principles which should guide the medical man in his practice of it and should form a sound basis for diagnosis and treatment. But in this work the emphasis is on the embryology, anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the genito-urinary organs. The author considers that methods of treatment change so rapidly and are so soon out of date that it is difficult to include them in a book meant primarily for students. But, although he does not claim that this book is a comprehensive work on genito-urinary surgery, and discusses treatment only secondarily, he throws light on many of the practical problems with which the genito-urinary surgeon is concerned. For example, the book includes an excellent table which allows the reader to see at a glance the respective advantages and disadvantages of the various methods of carrying out prostatectomy. It also gives statistical data by which the mortality rate, and therefore the risks attached to these operations, can be assessed. The book can therefore be looked upon as being an excellent means of supplementing other reading on this subject. It can claim to deal with essentials in so far as anatomy, physiology, and pathology are the foundation subjects on which all surgery rests. Like almost all medical works coming from the U.S.A., this book is very well illustrated.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received

*Human Sex Anatomy.* By R. L. Dickinson, M.D., F.A.C.S. 2nd ed. (Pp. 145. 76s. 6d.) London: Baillière, Tindall and Cox. 1949.

*Domestic Science and Dietetics.* Choice of Careers: New Series No. 13. (Pp. 40. 9d.) London: H.M.S.O. 1950.

*Manual of British Water Supply Practice.* Compiled by the Institution of Water Engineers. Edited by A. T. Hobbs, M.I.C.E., and J. E. Hobbs. (Pp. 910. 50s.) Cambridge: Heffer. 1950.

*Vision: Its Development in Infant and Child.* By A. Gesell, M.D., and others. (Pp. 329. 42s.) London: Hamish Hamilton. 1949.

*Transactions of the American Goiter Association, 1949.* (Pp. 460. 77s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. N.D.

*Cytologic Diagnosis of Lung Cancer.* By S. M. Farber, M.D., and others. (Pp. 80. 45s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

*Lip Reading.* By J. H. Burchett. (Pp. 192. 6s. 6d.) London: National Institute for the Deaf. 1950.

*Communicable Diseases.* Edited by R. L. Pullen, A.B., M.D., F.A.C.P. (Pp. 1,035. 140s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950.

*A Manual of Bandaging, Strapping, and Splinting.* By A. Thorndike, jun., M.D. 2nd ed. (Pp. 148. 14s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950.

*Feeding Mothers and Babies.* By N. Heaton and G. Daynes, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.C.H. (Pp. 214. 7s. 6d.) London: Faber. 1950.

*Psychic Pitfalls.* By S. Desmond. 2nd ed. (Pp. 271. 15s.) London: Rider. 1950.

*Food Poisoning.* By E. B. Dewberry, M.B.E. (Pp. 318. 17s. 6d.) London: Leonard Hill. 1950.

*Manual of Massage and Movements.* By E. M. Prosser, T.M.M.G. 3rd ed. (Pp. 388. 15s.) London: Faber. 1950.

*Cerebral Angiography.* By P. A. Lima. (Pp. 221. 45s.) London: Geoffrey Cumberlege. 1950.

*Practical Post-Mortem Technique.* By E. G. Poynter, R.M.P., S.E.A.N. Edited by L. L. Griffiths, M.A., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H. (Pp. 118. 9s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1950.

*General Clinical Counseling in Educational Institutions.* By M. E. Hahn and M. S. MacLean. (Pp. 375. 30s.) New York, Toronto, London: McGraw-Hill Book Company. 1950.

*Some Relations between Vision and Audition.* By J. D. Harris, Ph.D. (Pp. 56. 11s.) Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

*The Cerebral Circulation in Health and Disease.* By C. F. Schmidt, A.B., M.D. (Pp. 78. 15s.) Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

*Simmonds's Disease.* By R. F. Farquharson, M.B., F.R.C.P.C. (Pp. 93. 15s.) Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

*The Use of Chemical Tests for Alcohol in Traffic Law Enforcement.* By G. C. Forrester, Ph.D. (Pp. 91. 15s.) Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1950.

*Atlas of Human Anatomy, Descriptive and Regional.* By M. W. Woerdeman, M.D., F.R.N.A.Sc. Vol. 2. (Pp. 642. 63s.) London: Butterworth. Amsterdam: Wetenschappelijke Uitgeverij. 1950.

*Gedenboek der Koninklijke Nederlandsche Maatschappij tot Bevordering der Geneeskunst.* (Pp. 308. No price.) Amsterdam: De Bussy. 1949.