CHRONIC RHEUMATIC DISEASES.


These reports are the last to be issued by the British Committee as in future the Empire Rheumatism Council will be responsible for certain similar reports issued under their aegis.

With each year the reports have improved and the editor is to be sincerely congratulated on the present number. Professor Stanley Davidson thinks that Government help is necessary if the chronic rheumatic diseases are to be dealt with efficiently, as he feels that the voluntary hospitals are unequal to the task.

Philip Hench gives his usual painstaking and thorough review on the problem of arthritis and rheumatism in the U.S.A., and a feature is the synopsis on sciatica. This is dealt with from the neurological and orthopedic aspect, and Kersley gives a useful resume of the causation and treatment of sciatic pain. Mr. Mitchell contributes a useful chapter on rheumatic diseases in the horse and although the lessons to be drawn here are probably limited, it is an innovation which might be followed up with profit. Schlesinger deals with acute rheumatism and Warner gives a chapter on vaccine therapy and rheumatism, and very rightly emphasises that small doses only must be used. Gaskin gives the result of his researches into gold salts and gold platelets in rheumatic diseases, and Ellman and Lawrence have tried to assess the value of gold therapy with control experiments. Lastly, Sir Leonard Hill gives a critical analysis of the physiological action of some forms of physical treatment.

The reports are valuable and should be studied by all who are interested in rheumatism, but we doubt whether they can really be properly assessed by anyone who is not au fait with the subject.

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The Fourth Edition of Aids to Public Health has been re-written by Dr. Llywelyn Roberts. A book of this size can be used only as a primer or for the purpose of rapid revision before an examination. A proper judgment by the author of the relative importance of the many subjects now included under public health is therefore of fundamental importance. This small manual is nicely balanced in this respect. It is clearly written, the material is up-to-date and provides a good outline of the main facts of the subject.

It can be strongly recommended for students attending the Public Health class and for practitioners who want to have a working knowledge of preventive medicine.

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