

HANDBOOK OF MEDICAL ELECTRICITY AND RADIOLOGY.

By JAMES R. RIDDELL. Edinburgh: E. and S. Livingstone. 1926. Pp. 239. 8s. 6d. net.

The author, holding official positions at the University and the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, has a very large experience and has produced an excellent book. The first 50 pages treat of medical electricity, then follow 150 on the production, action, diagnostic application, and therapeutic uses of X rays. The last three chapters are concerned with radium, light, and carbon dioxide snow. The text is very clear; it is illustrated by over 100 pictures. The book will be invaluable to anyone who feels he does not know much about the subject and wishes to have put before him the chief points about it in a concise way. Thus we imagine it will be a popular text-book for those who are beginning their study of a difficult department of medicine. Those holding the post of clerk or assistant in the electrical or radiological department of a hospital will be wise to get it as their first book.

RADIOTHERAPY IN RELATION TO GENERAL MEDICINE.

By FRANCIS HERNAMAN-JOHNSON, M.D. London: Humphrey Milford, Oxford University Press. 1926. Pp. 211 5s. net.

This admirable little book is stuffed full as an egg with good matter. On p. 111 the author hints that he may appear to wander somewhat from his subject; this is true, but we forgive him for his wanderings are very interesting and stimulate our thought. He opens with an excellent account of the physics of radiation and its effect on normal cells. Then there is a discursive chapter on the general nature of disease and the action of remedies. The rest of the book—that is to say, considerably more than half—is clinical. This work is not a text-book for experts; it is an attempt to give the ordinary medical man an account of the objects, the action, the possibilities, and limitations of radiotherapeutics. We think the author has succeeded in his task, and anyone who, not being a specialist, wishes to be aware of how and to what extent radiotherapy will help him is strongly advised to read this book.

EDITORIAL NOTES

SPECIAL COURSES.

DURING the month of September the Fellowship of Medicine provides a varied choice of special courses to suit the increasing needs of practitioners for post-graduate medical study. Particulars of these can be obtained from the Secretary of the Fellowship at 1, Wimpole-street, W. 1, who will also supply the list of the remaining special courses for 1926. Taking the courses in order of date:—

From Sept. 6th to Oct. 2nd the honorary staff of the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital will provide clinical teaching in the afternoons from 2 o'clock in the out-patient department, as well as give lecture-demonstrations on the more important diseases of the eye. An operative surgery class will be held by arrangement for an additional fee.

Dr. PORTER PHILLIPS, the superintendent, and the medical staff of the Bethlem Royal Hospital will give a series of lecture-demonstrations on Psychological Medicine from Sept. 7th to Oct. 2nd. The demonstrations are held bi-weekly at 11 A.M., so that, if desired, it is possible to undertake other post-graduate study simultaneously. In connexion with the Bethlem Royal Hospital a diploma course continuing for three months is held from the beginning of September. Entrants for the course who pay a composition fee of 15 guineas may, if due preliminary notice is given, attend either Part A or Part B of one course and postpone taking the remaining course until the next session. The fee for one part only is 10 guineas. Tickets for this course are issued by the Fellowship of Medicine which can also supply copies of the prospectus and time-table.

There will be a special course at the Infants Hospital, under the direction of Dr. ERIC PRITCHARD, for medical officers of welfare centres and others. This course occupies the afternoons only and is of a most comprehensive character, and opportunities are afforded to visit the Nursery Training School at the Hampstead Garden Suburb, the V.D. centre at Thavies Inn, Holborn, and the Blind Babies Home at Chorley Wood.

Four lecture-demonstrations on treatment by Electrotherapy will be given on successive Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 22nd, at the Royal Free Hospital by Dr. C. B. HEALD. Although this course is intended primarily for general practitioners desirous of familiarising themselves with the recent advances in medical electrical treatment, it is possible that it may appeal to many others wishful of becoming familiar with the subject and with the popular sunlight treatment now advocated by so many medical advisers to the community. A new light department is in running order at the hospital.

The honorary staff of the National Orthopaedic Hospital have consented to give a second course this year from Sept. 20th to Oct. 2nd. To those who followed the one in April this will be welcome news, as it is many years since a special course of instruction was available at the hospital. Lecture-demonstrations are arranged throughout the week on the various deformities and disabilities of this particular branch of surgery. The entire clinical practice of the hospital is open to those enrolling for the course, and a visit to Brockley Hill Country Hospital is included in the programme, where opportunities for seeing cases of surgical tuberculosis are afforded.

For the general practitioner and others desirous of renewing their acquaintance with modern hospital practice the Westminster Hospital will provide an intensive course from Sept. 20th to Oct. 1st. The sessions are from 10.30 A.M. to 5.30 P.M. each day, and the work provided will include instruction in such subjects as general medicine, surgery, ophthalmology, laryngology, gynaecology, chest and X ray work, &c. A visit will be made to a mental institution connected with the hospital.

It must not be overlooked that the City of London Maternity Hospital provides weekly courses throughout the year in Obstetrics and Child Welfare. The course is limited to four graduates in any one given week and *personal* application for permission to attend the course must be made to the Secretary of the Fellowship. Practical courses

in the administration of anæsthetics can also be arranged by the Fellowship of Medicine.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

The Fellowship of Medicine has arranged the following special courses for October: Cardiology at the National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart (intensive course *limited to 16 only*); combined course in Diseases of Children at the Paddington Green Children's Hospital, the Victoria Hospital for Children, and the Children's Clinic; Diseases of the Throat, Nose and Ear at the Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital—clinical and operative; Gynæcology at the Chelsea Hospital for Women; Tropical Medicine at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; and Urology at St. Peter's Hospital for Stone.

The National Hospital, Queen-square, will hold a two months' post-graduate course from the beginning of October in Neurology, consisting of clinical lectures and demonstrations, teaching in the out-patient department, and lectures on the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the nervous system. Copies of the syllabus can be obtained from the Fellowship office at 1, Wimpole-street, W. 1.

The Fellowship of Medicine announces that it has arranged for the winter session an interesting series of lectures on Emergencies in Medicine and Surgery, to be delivered in the Lecture Room of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos-street, W. The lecture hour is fixed at 5 o'clock, and the opening one, entitled *Some Emergencies in General Medicine*, will be given by Sir THOMAS HORDER on Oct. 14th. The other two lecturers for October are Mr. HERBERT J. PATERSON, *Gastric emorrhage and Perforation of Ulcers*; and Mr. ARTHUR CHEATLE, *Emergencies in Aural Disease*. The complete syllabus will be forwarded on application.

Last month, in our Editorial Notes, we referred to the Post-Graduate Hostel. We are informed that much cheaper accommodation than that mentioned is now available, for there are several hotels affiliated to and near the Imperial at which Post-Graduates may stay at terms varying from 35s. a week for bed, bath and breakfast. All inquiries should be made to the Manager, Imperial Hotel, Russell-square, W.C. 1. We hope to announce and describe the various discussions which take place at the Hostel.

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A difficulty which has made itself felt of late is in obtaining, from the affiliated hospitals, returns of the post-graduates attending. This is due chiefly to inadvertence on the part of the post-graduate, who forgets to sign the attendance book. It is impossible for the hospitals to keep an official for the purpose of checking attendances, and post-graduates are requested to assist the hospital authorities by signing the attendance book each time they visit the hospital.

It is now some two years ago since it was first suggested that the Fellowship of Medicine should, on request, send lecturers to provincial medical societies, or physicians or surgeons to provincial hospitals to conduct out-patients' clinics or ward visits in connexion with the local medical society. The idea was warmly welcomed in a few towns, but nothing has come of it. We know that in many provincial towns there are hospitals well equipped and doing good work, which yet do not open their doors to post-graduate students, with the result that excellent material for teaching purposes is lost. We would ask medical societies in towns containing hospitals which are not at present open for teaching purposes to consider the question, and if any scheme seems possible, to communicate with the Fellowship of Medicine.

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We gladly notice the syllabus of a Post-Graduate Course conducted recently under the auspices of the Faculty of Medicine of the McGill University of Montreal. It lasted one month and was given on alternate weeks in the Royal Victoria Hospital and in the Montreal General Hospital. The work began each day at 9 A.M. and continued with necessary rests for meals and breathing time until 5 P.M. In type the syllabus was much on the lines of the vacation courses provided for close on 20 years by the North-East London Post-Graduate College. We sent our felicitations to our fellow workers over the Atlantic.

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Our readers will be interested to learn that plans for extra-mural post-graduate instruction in Canada under a grant from the Sun Life Insurance Company are working very smoothly and with great satisfaction. Their announcement was first made to the annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association at Regina last year (as intimated in the *British Medical Journal*, August 1st, 1925, p. 229), the amount of the grant being 30,000 dollars and the scheme being an extension of one inaugurated some years previously by the Committee on Education of the Ontario Medical Association.

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We have received through the courtesy of Mr. RUSSELL COOMBE, of Exeter, a specimen copy of the scheme of lectures and demonstrations for panel practitioners drawn up for the Northumberland Panel Committee last year by the Armstrong College. The scheme lasted a fortnight, and covered a wide range of practical subjects. Mr. COOMBE asks whether there are any similar schemes in London. Unfortunately no such scheme is available in London. We are informed that there are no funds available to pay locum tenentes if the panel practitioners took time off for such a course, but if it is possible in Northumberland it should not be impossible in London. The Fellowship of Medicine would gladly consider any suggestion of the Ministry of Health whereby the unrivalled material at the affiliated hospitals should be available for instruction of panel practitioners.

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SPECIAL COURSES.

SEPTEMBER.

Medicine, Surgery, and the Specialities	Sept. 20 to Oct. 2—Westminster Hospital.
Diseases of Infants	Sept. 13 to Sept. 25—The Infants Hospital.
Electro-Therapy	Sept. 22 to Oct. 13—Royal Free Hospital.
Ophthalmology	Sept. 6 to Oct. 2—Central London Ophthalmic Hospital.
Psychological Medicine.. .. .	Sept. 6 to Oct. 2—Bethlem Royal Hospital.
Orthopædics	Sept. 20 to Oct. 2—National Orthopædic Hospital.

OCTOBER.

Cardiology	Oct. 4 to Oct. 15—National Hospital for Diseases of the Heart.
Diseases of Children (Combined Course)	Oct. 18 to Oct. 30—Paddington Green Children's Hospital, Victoria Hospital and Children's Clinic.
Diseases of the Throat, Nose and Ear..	Oct. 4 to Oct. 23—Central London Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital.
Gynæcology	Oct. 18 to Nov. 6—Chelsea Hospital for Women.
Tropical Medicine	Oct. 5 to Oct. 28—London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
Urology	Oct. 18 to Oct. 30—St. Peter's Hospital.

NOVEMBER.

Medicine, Surgery, and the Specialities	Nov. 1 to Nov. 13—Hampstead General Hospital.
Medicine, Surgery, and Gynæcology ..	Nov. 15 to Dec. 4—Royal Waterloo Hospital.
Dermatology	Nov. 15 to Dec. 11—St. John's Hospital.
Diseases of the Chest	Nov. 29 to Dec. 11—Victoria Park Hospital.
Neurology	Nov. 22 to Dec. 18—West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases.
Proctology	Nov. 22 to Nov. 27—St. Mark's Hospital.
Venereal Diseases	Nov. 1 to Nov. 27—London Lock Hospital.
General Practitioners	Nov. 29 to Dec. 11—London Temperance Hospital.
(4.30-6 P.M.)	

DECEMBER.

Diseases of Infants	Dec. 6 to Dec. 18—The Infants Hospital.
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NOTE.—Practical Courses in Anæsthetics can be arranged at any time, and information on Clinical Assistantships in London Hospitals given.

Copies of the Syllabuses of above Courses and tickets of admission can be obtained from the Secretary to the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole-street, W. 1.

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