

Post-Graduate Medical Journal

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Cardiac Problems.

This month we publish two articles both dealing with cardiac problems.

DR. PARSONS-SMITH'S article might be regarded as an appreciation of the present position with regard to acute rheumatism and its related cardiological effects. It is indeed an astonishing thing how selective is the action of rheumatic fever in producing infection of the heart valves. The fact that it is said that there are 40,000 cases of rheumatic heart disease in elementary schools is a pointer to the devastating effect so created. We now have certain heart hospitals partially devoted to this problem, and rheumatic clinics, but it seems that their effect on the incidence of heart disease is not dramatic. Apart from the heart, rheumatic fever seems to bear most hardly on the joints, but the fleeting character of this invasion is in striking contrast to the permanence of the cardiac lesions. It is indeed perhaps the almost solitary outstanding problem where a basis was stated over forty years ago, and where there is still indecision as to the pertinence of the observations then made.

DR. JENNER HOSKIN deals with an entirely different problem. He speaks of the reference of recruits for a second opinion in regard to their ability to serve, and he gives a frank and definite judgement as to how the various lesions discovered could be assessed. It is almost the first complete statement which has been made on this subject, and those of us who deal at all extensively with the soldier after his enlistment will appreciate the value of the article, and will wish that more borderline cases were referred for a second opinion. It is no uncommon thing to-day to find men in the ranks with cardiac lesions which quite obviously prohibit them from carrying out the duties of a modern soldier. We therefore hope that this article will be widely read, and DR. HOSKIN'S comments noted.

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NEUROLOGY COURSE. By DR. C. WORSTER-DROUGHT and DR. NORMAN HULBERT, at the West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, at 3 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, May 19th to June 12th, 1942 (no classes on June 2nd and 5th). Fee: to Members of the Fellowship of Medicine, £2 2s. 6d. and to non-Members, £2 12s. 6d.

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