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mation about lectures, conferences and courses and to provide a monthly review of all branches of medicine.

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Books received

- Year Book of Endocrinology 1966-67.* By T. B. SCHWARTZ. Pp. 396 illustrated. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. Chichester: John Wiley. 1968. 94s.
- Year Book of Pathology and Clinical Pathology 1966-1967.* Edited by W. W. WARTMAN. Pp. 440 illustrated. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. Chichester: John Wiley. 1968. 76s.
- Fertility and Contraception in the Human Female.* By J. A. LORAIN and E. T. BELL. Pp. 384 illustrated. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1968. 55s.
- Neurology in Orthopaedics.* By P. H. SANDIFER. Pp. 63. London: Butterworths. 1967. 16s.
- Physiology of Connective Tissue.* By MILOŠ CHVAPIL. Pp. xiii + 417 illustrated. Prague: Czechoslovak Medical Press. London: Butterworths. 1968. £5 10s.
- Guide to Steroid Therapy.* By PICTON THOMAS. Pp. 223. London: Lloyd-Luke. 1968. 37s. 6d.
- New Editions**
- The Doctor, His Patient and the Illness.* By MICHAEL BALINT. Pp. 395. Second Edition. London: Pitman Paperbacks. 1968. 30s.
- Orthopaedics: Principles and Their Applications.* By S. L. TUREK. Second Edition. Pp. xx + 996 illustrated. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott. London: Pitman Medical. 1968. £12 10s.
- Bailey and Love's Short Practice of Surgery.* Fourteenth Edition. Revised by A. J. HARDING RAINS and W. MELVILLE CAPPER. Pp. xi + 1270 illustrated. London: H. K. Lewis. 1968. £4 4s.

Book reviews

Persistent Persecutory States of the Elderly

By FELIX POST. Pp. ix + 100. Oxford: Pergamon Press. 1966. 25s.

The conditions named in the title cover a range of symptoms from persistent hallucinatory illness to a syndrome generally recognized as schizophrenia. Dr Post finds that despite certain differences in symptomatology these syndromes constitute a group whose members differ little in background, evolution of illness and prognosis. The outlook has however been strikingly changed by the use of phenothiazine drugs. Dr Post's material covers the period before and since the introduction of these drugs in a series of ninety-three carefully studied patients. He reports that phenothiazines had an excellent effect on the disordered mental state of well over half the patients treated. The book is important for the clear, systematic way in which this useful finding is established and contrasted with the situation before the drugs were introduced, when recovery was exceptional. It is also important as a contribution to the understanding of the schizophrenias. The difficulty in research in psychiatry is three-fold. Firstly, conditions are hard to define being often variable and intangible. Secondly clinical observations by their nature are often particularly difficult to repeat and thirdly such observations are most open to influence by observer bias. The achievement is then all the greater when the skilled clinician makes a sound contribution as does the author in this short volume. The only fault is the garish dust jacket.

Methods in Psychophysiology

Edited by CLINTON C. BROWN. Pp. xi + 502 illustrated. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1967. £6 14s.

This review comes admirably close to achieving the editor's stated aims. The field of instrumentation in psychophysiology is very complex; the problems of standardization are often immense and many of the more thorough investigators become daunted by them and start to ponder whether the direct study of the psyche itself can be any more difficult. This book

starts from such an awareness. The editor has gathered together nearly twenty contributors, each eminent in the field about which he writes and also able to communicate his subject clearly. A basic knowledge of physics and electronics is essential for the reader. Given this he will find valuable chapters devoted to measurement of skin activity, respiratory activity and cerebral activity. Also chapters on techniques of plethysmography, measurement of blood flow and blood pressure, measurement of salivation and telemetric techniques. Towards the end of the book chapters on classical and operant conditioning lead on to consideration by other authors of computer techniques and processes. All the authors are American but there is some attention to the relatively small amount of work now going on in the field of psychophysiology in this country.

Psychiatry

By E. W. ANDERSON and W. H. TRETOWAN. 2nd edn. Pp. viii + 319. Concise Medical Text Books Series. London: Bailliere, Tindall & Cassell. 1967. 25s.

The production of a second edition of this book so soon after the first edition is probably a fair measure of its popularity. This edition has a second author and the contents well reflect their wide experience and the sensible eclectic positions of the two university departments concerned. It is suitable both as a textbook for students and as a primer for trainee psychiatrists. It is clinically oriented, concise and yet fairly comprehensive. The good and relatively lengthy initial chapter on descriptive psychopathology is retained. The second chapter on methods of psychiatric examination is followed by a brief description of some aetiological factors in mental disorder. Reference to dynamic psychopathology is slight both here and throughout the book and this is the present reviewer's main criticism of it. The next twenty or so chapters are devoted to careful descriptions of the whole range of psychiatric disorder. Two chapters on treatment, mainly social and psychopharmacological aspects, are followed by two concluding and useful chapters devoted to social and legal aspects of psychiatry, respectively.

Postgraduate news

FELLOWSHIP OF POSTGRADUATE MEDICINE

The Fellowship usually holds the following courses each year (approximate dates and times in parentheses):

Medicine (M.R.C.P.)

General Medicine. Connaught, London Chest, Whipps Cross Hospitals (four weeks, twice yearly, April/May, October/November), St Stephen's Hospital (evenings, four weeks, twice yearly). Whittington Hospital (evenings, five weeks, twice yearly, May/June, October/November). Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End (weekend, twice yearly, June, December). Ashford Hospital, Middlesex (two Saturdays, twice yearly, May, November).

Infectious Diseases. Hither Green Hospital (weekend, twice yearly, March/November).

Paediatrics (D.C.H.). Princess Louise Kensington Hospital (weekend, twice yearly, March, September/October).

Surgery (F.R.C.S.)

General Surgery. Connaught Hospital (weekend, twice yearly, April, September/October). Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End (weekend, once yearly, February). Royal Marsden Hospital (twice yearly, March, September).

General Surgery and Orthopaedics. Fulham Hospital (three weeks, evenings, twice yearly, March/April, September/October).

Orthopaedics. Rowley Bristow Hospital, Pyrford (three alternate weekends, twice yearly, March/April, September/October).

Plastic Surgery. Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton (weekend, twice yearly, February, September).

Clinical Attachments. A limited number of clinical attachments in General Medicine will be available shortly at Bethnal Green Hospital for periods of up to 2 months, fee 4 guineas per week. Further details available from the secretary.

CURRENT COURSES

General Medicine (M.R.C.P.) Connaught, London Chest and Whipps Cross Hospitals. 10 June to 5 July. Fee 35 guineas.

General Medicine (M.R.C.P.) Ashford Hospital, Middlesex. Two Saturdays, 18 and 25 May. Fee £5 5s.

Rheumatology (M.R.C.P.) St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham. Weekend 7, 8 and 9 June. Fee £7 7s.

Please note that instruction arranged by the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine is open only to Associates (annual subscription, 21s). Detailed syllabuses are published approximately 4-6 weeks before courses begin and are circulated to all Associates. No entries to courses can be accepted in advance of the syllabus being published,

Information regarding courses can be obtained from the office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mondays to Fridays (Telephone 242-6900), or by writing to the Secretary, Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine, 9 Great James Street, London, W.C.1.

THE COMMONWEALTH AND INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL ADVISORY BUREAUX

The Bureaux are maintained by the British Medical Association to provide a personal advisory service to doctors visiting the United Kingdom from all parts of the world. General information, as well as that on postgraduate education and accommodation is given.

All enquiries should be addressed to the Medical Director, Commonwealth and International Medical Advisory Bureaux, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

CAMBRIDGE

Cambridge University Postgraduate Medical School

A summary of postgraduate facilities available at Addenbrooke's Hospital from October to July can be obtained from the Secretary of the Medical School. Arrangements can be made for practitioners to attend the practice of the Teaching Hospital Group for short or long periods.

Postgraduate Courses

At Cambridge:

A 6-day course 'Progress in the Biological Sciences in Relation to Dermatology' will be held from 23 to 28 September 1968 in the Chemical Laboratory Lecture Theatre, Lensfield Road, Cambridge.

One-day courses will be held at Addenbrooke's on Saturday, 11 May: Malignant Diseases

Two 1-week Refresher Courses for General Practitioners will be held at Addenbrooke's Hospital from 1 to 6 July and 8 to 13 July 1968. Accommodation will be available in Downing College.

Lunch time Forums, 1.15-2.15 p.m., preceded by buffet lunch, 12.30-1.15 p.m., are held at Addenbrooke's Hospital on the first and third Thursday of the month.

At Ipswich: at the Angelsea Road Wing, East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital, Clinical Society Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month at 8.30 p.m.

'Friday Club' Discussion Groups for General Practitioners take place on the first and third Fridays each month until 21 July between 1.45 and 2.45 p.m., preceded by buffet lunch.

At Bury St Edmunds: Clinical Meetings, Lunch time forums, and Medical Film/Discussions are held regularly at the West Suffolk General Hospital. One-day course in 'Coronary Artery Disease' will be held on Sunday 26 May 1968 at 10.00 a.m. Detailed timetables may be obtained from the Clinical Tutor.

At Norwich: Details of the postgraduate education arrangements may be obtained from the Secretary, Norfolk and Norwich Institute for Medical Education, Norfolk and Norwich Hospitals.

A calendar of lectures, seminars and tutorials and further particulars may be obtained from the Secretary of the Medical School, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

LIVERPOOL

University of Liverpool. Courses are held in Anaesthesia, Child Health, Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Orthopaedic Surgery, Otorhinolaryngology, Psychological Medicine, Public Health, Radiodiagnosis and Radiotherapy, Surgery, Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and Venereology. After fulfilling the regulations, candidates may become eligible to take the Degrees of Ch.M., M.Ch.Orth. and M.Ch.Otol., and the Liverpool Diplomas, D.P.H., D.P.M., D.T.M. & H., D.M.R.(D) or D.M.R.(T).

The other courses are designed for students working for the London Diplomas.

There is also a day-release course in the Basic Medical Sciences for junior hospital staff.

Further information may be obtained from the Heads of the appropriate departments of the University, Liverpool 3.

OXFORD

University of Oxford. Enquiries about research and specialist training attachments may be addressed to the head of the relevant clinical or laboratory department in one of the teaching hospitals (United Oxford Hospitals, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre, Warneford and Littlemore Hospitals) or to the Director of Postgraduate Medical Studies. Enquiries about study days and weekly classes at Oxford for M.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., F.F.A., D.P.M., D.M.R., candidates from the Oxford region, general practitioner refresher courses, resident obstetric and other clinical attachments, to the Director of Postgraduate Medical Studies, Osler House, 43 Woodstock Road, Oxford, from whom also information about the Medical Centres at Aylesbury, Kettering, Northampton, Reading, Swindon and Wycombe may be obtained.

GLASGOW

Surgery. An intensive course of instruction in the basic sciences suitable for candidates preparing for the Primary Fellowship Examination in Surgery is held from October to December. A modified form of the course is available for candidates preparing for the D.A. or F.F.A. examinations. Fee £30.

Anaesthetics. A course for specialist anaesthetists and for those preparing for the final part of the F.F.A.R.C.S. will be held in May. Fee £10 10s.

Medicine. An intensive course on Recent Advances in Clinical Medicine suitable for candidates preparing for the Membership Examination is held twice annually for a fortnight in March and September. Fee £15 15s.

Geriatrics. A course for trainee specialists in Geriatric Medicine or General Practitioners in charge of geriatric beds in hospitals is held in May. Fee £7 10s.

Child Health. A formal course held in May and November for those preparing for the D.C.H. and M.R.C.P. with Child Health as a special subject. Fee £15 15s.

Obstetrics. An intensive week's course of instruction in obstetrics for those preparing for the D.Obst.R.C.O.G. held in September. Fee £7 10s.

Mental Deficiency. An intensive course in Mental Deficiency is held for 3 weeks in October. The course includes lectures and demonstrations in mental handicap and deficiency, instruction in mental testing and visits to institutions. Fee £18.

Introduction to Psychiatry. An intensive course providing a general introduction to psychiatry is held for 3 weeks in November. The course includes theoretical and clinical instruction in child psychiatry and psychology and adult psychiatry. It is particularly suitable for medical officers concerned with public health. Fee £18.

Steroid Endocrinology. A course for clinicians and hospital laboratory workers with special interest in Endocrinology and for those in general medicine who wish to have a better understanding of treatment with steroid hormones is held in April. Fee £15.

Diagnostic Virology. A course for experienced laboratory workers who wish to develop diagnostic virology for epidemiological purposes in this country and abroad is held in April. Fee £25.

Histopathology of the Skin. A course for pathologists and those with some training in pathology is held for 1 week in March. Fee £7 10s.

Forensic Medicine. A postgraduate course in the University Department of Forensic Medicine is held for 10 weeks from April to June. Fee £15.

Clinical Attachments. A scheme for clinical attachments in

general medicine, general surgery and various specialties has been arranged to assist those working for higher qualifications. An attachment may be started at any time. No formal instruction is given, but participants can gain intensive clinical experience by following the day-to-day work of a unit in a Glasgow teaching hospital. Fee £5 per month. Registration Fee £1 1s.

Teaching Ward Rounds. Each academic term a course of ten teaching ward rounds in Medicine is arranged. These occupy one afternoon a week. Fee £8 8s.

Radiology. A course in radiological interpretation for clinicians. Lecture demonstrations on alternate Tuesdays in conjunction with Teaching Ward Rounds. Fee £5 5s.

Dermatology. An intensive week's course in dermatology. Suitable for M.R.C.P. candidates. March. Fee £7 10s.

A week-end course in dermatology. May. Fee £3 3s.

Research Techniques in Experimental Surgery and Anaesthesia. A 2-day course giving an introduction to research techniques in Experimental Surgery and Anaesthesia. March. Fee £3 3s.

Steroid Endocrinology. A course for clinicians and hospital laboratory workers with a special interest in Endocrinology or for those in General Medicine who wish to have a better understanding of treatment with steroid hormones. April. Fee £15.

Medical Ophthalmology. An intensive weekend course on the ophthalmological aspects of general medicine. Suitable for M.R.C.P. candidates. May and October. Fee £5 5s.

GENERAL PRACTITIONER COURSES

Two Refresher Courses for general practitioners are held annually – for a fortnight in May and September. Two-week postgraduate residencies are available continuously in maternity hospitals in the Western Region.

Clinical Attachments – continuous. Full-time or part-time attachments to hospital teaching units to enable General Practitioners to increase their experience and keep up to date with recent trends and advances. Fee £1 5s. per week for full-time attachment.

Extended Courses and 1-day course covering selected topics in general subjects or the specialties held in teaching hospitals in Glasgow and principal hospitals in other parts of the Western Region. Meetings are generally held on Sundays from October to May and are arranged by the West of Scotland Faculty of the College of General Practitioners from whom full details are available.

Full-time Course. The Board offers full-time postgraduate courses in Radiology (2 years) and Radiotherapy (2 years). The University offers full-time postgraduate courses leading to the following diplomas:

Diploma in Public Health (1 year)

Diploma in Clinical Psychology (2 years).

Conference. Specialist conferences on various topics are held twice a year in the Hall of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. In these, invited guests and local speakers discuss current topics and time is provided for audience participation. These conferences are designed particularly for consultants and registrars.

Further information and application forms can be obtained from the Director of Postgraduate Medical Education, The University, Glasgow, W.2.

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE

Courses of three to four sessions in various Medical and Surgical subjects on a weekly sessional basis during term-time. Suitable for those preparing for a higher qualification.

Clinical attachments, full-time or part-time, throughout the year.

Attachments of 1 or 2 weeks for general practitioners in General Medicine, Dermatology, Obstetrics, Paediatrics, Psychiatry, Geriatrics and other subjects by arrangement. Recognized under Section 48 of the N.H.S. Act.

Further details from the Postgraduate Sub-Dean, Organization for Postgraduate Medical Education, The Medical School, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne.

University courses for postgraduate diplomas. D.P.M. and D.P.H. *Further details from the Assistant Registrar, Medical School, The University, Newcastle upon Tyne.*

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Medical Recording Service

Kitts Croft, Writtle, Chelmsford, Essex. (Tel. Writtle 316). Selection of titles available on tape (5 in reels running at 3½ ips). These talks may be borrowed by any doctor anywhere in the world.

New titles available on tape

- 68-20 The Abortion Act 1967—Dr J. Leahy Taylor (Medical Protection Society). 21 min.
- 68-16 Road Smash rescue is *your* concern—Dr K. Easton. 55 min. 65 slides.
- 68-18 Social work in relation to drug abuse—Mrs Mollie Craven. (Hon. Sec. Association for Prevention of Addiction). 22 min.

68-14 A Junkie Talks—a personal story. 19 min. (Only available to medical and medico-social workers.)

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL

Postgraduate Medical Lectures

8 May: The Cardiomyopathies—Professor J. F. Goodwin, Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

15 May: Peptic Problems—Mr A. G. Cox, Royal Postgraduate Medical School.

22 May: The Long-Term Effects of Oral Contraceptives—Dr W. R. S. Doll, University College Hospital Medical School.

29 May: Hypertension—Professor W. S. Peart, St Mary's Hospital.

5 June: Tumor Growth and Control. Problems and Prospects—Dr K. D. Bagshawe, Fulham Hospital.

12 June: Human Mycoplasma Infections—Dr H. P. Lambert, St George's Hospital.

19 June: Sex Chromosome Abnormalities—Professor C. J. Dewhurst, Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital.

26 June: Megaloblastic Anaemia—Professor D. L. Mollin, St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Wednesdays at 5.0 p.m. in Lecture Theatre, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, Middlesex.

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Abbreviations. Abbreviations for some of the commoner units are given below. The abbreviation for the plural of a unit is the same as that for the singular unless confusion is likely to arise.

gram(s)	g	second(s)	sec
kilogram(s)	kg	cubic millimetre(s)	mm ³
milligram(s)		millimetre(s)	mm
(10 ⁻³ g)	mg	centimetre(s)	cm
microgram(s)		millicurie(s)	mCi
(10 ⁻⁶ g)	µg	millilitre(s)	ml
nanogram(s)		pound(s)	lb
(10 ⁻⁹ g)	ng	milliequivalent	mEq
picogram(s)			
(10 ⁻¹² g)	pg	R _F values	R _F
hour(s)	hr		
minute(s)	min	gravitational acceleration	g
micron(s)	µ	per cent	%

Example: mg/100 ml, for biochemical values; mEq/l

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