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New Editions

Dangerous People. By ELIZABETH GUNDRY. Pp. 36. London: Spectator Publications, 1968. 15s.

Operative Surgery—Thorax. Edited by C. ROB, R. SMITH and W. P. CLELAND. Second Edition. Pp. 426, illustrated. London: Butterworths, 1968. £50 per set (not available separately).

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Calcium Metabolism and the Bone. By P. FOURMAN and P. ROYER. Second Edition. Pp. 656, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1968. 84s.

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B.D.S. Textbook of Physiology and Biochemistry. By G. H. BELL, J. N. DAVIDSON and H. SCARBOROUGH. Seventh Edition. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. 80s.

Book reviews

Neurology in Orthopaedics

By PAUL H. SANDIFER. Pp. xi + 63. London: Butterworths, 1957. 16s.

This text was originally written as a chapter in the orthopaedic volume of *Clinical Surgery* and was intended to aid orthopaedic surgeons faced with neurological problems. A great many neurological conditions, some common and others uncommon, are described briefly and succinctly. In the context in which it was originally set, it provides useful additional reading for the established Orthopaedic Surgeon or Orthopaedic Trainee. Some of the more esoteric conditions and the more complex neurology and mycology tend to leave the surgical mind rather bewildered and not a little respectful of the late Dr Sandifer's experience and competence.

As a separate publication, it suffers from being inadequate in content for the Specialist Neurologist or Paediatrician and from imbalance and unnecessary complexity for those of

other disciplines. The inclusion of a great variety of conditions under the Floppy Baby Syndrome would probably not appeal to many Paediatricians and the advice on the treatment of myelocoele by the application of skin grafts will certainly not recommend itself to Paediatric Surgeons or Neurosurgeons. Cervical intervertebral disc lesions and spondylosis are discussed, but there is no mention of the neurological manifestations of thoracic or lumbar intervertebral disc lesions or of the manifestations of spinal cord tumours, which may well be a hazardous differential diagnosis for the Orthopaedic Surgeon.

Paul Sandifer was obviously under great difficulties in compressing his text, when his experience both of neurology and of the difficulties that may face Orthopaedic Surgeons, was so great. It is to be hoped that others may be inspired to consider publications that may help to bridge the problems of communication between disciplines with common interests.

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).

Please note that instruction arranged by the Fellowship of Postgraduate Medicine is open only to Associates (annual subscription 21s.). Detailed syllabuses are published approximately 6-8 weeks before courses begin and are circulated to all Associates. No entries to courses can be accepted in advance of the syllabus being published.

CURRENT COURSES

General Medicine. Queen Mary's Hospital for the East End. Weekend 7 and 8 December.

Rheumatology. St Stephen's Hospital, London, S.W.10. 1, 2, and 3 November.

General Medicine. Ashford Hospital, Middlesex. Two Saturdays, 16 and 23 November.

All these courses are recognised for study leave under HM 67(27).

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

Arrangements can be made for practitioners to attend the practice of the United Cambridge Hospitals for short or long periods. Advanced courses on special aspects of medicine and research are held from time to time.

A revision course in *Basic Medical Sciences* will be held on alternate Saturdays from October 1968 to March 1969 and will consist of fifty lectures and demonstrations in pharmacology, physiology and physics, clinical measurement, and biochemistry; this course is intended primarily for anaesthetists preparing for the March 1969 primary F.F.A.R.C.S., but others are welcome to attend. A course on *Organ Transplantation* will be held at Churchill College on 11 and 12 April 1969.

Refresher Courses for general practitioners will be held at Norwich (5 days) 14-18 April 1969 and at Cambridge, 30 June-5 July 1969. A calendar of lectures, seminars and tutorials for the academical year 1968-69 and further information may be obtained from the Secretary, The Medical School, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

Details of the teaching facilities available at the Regional Postgraduate Medical Centres at the West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, Fulbourn Hospital, the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, Papworth Hospital and Peterborough District Hospital may be obtained from the Clinical Tutor at each of these Centres.

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 training and advanced studies may be addressed to the head of the relevant clinical or laboratory departments in the teaching hospitals or to the Director of Postgraduate Medical Studies (below).

Neuroanatomy and physiology. A one week course suitable for D.P.M. and M.R.C.P. candidates, with lectures, discussions, demonstrations, and dissection, is held in the University Department of Human Anatomy annually in September, Fee: £10.

Psychiatry. Three day courses covering selected topics, suitable for D.P.M. Part II candidates are held 3 to 4 times a year.

Surgery. Subject to there being sufficient demand, a two-week course suitable for final F.R.C.S. candidates will be held twice a year in September and April. Fee: £15.

General Practice. Clinical attachments (including resident obstetric attachments) and individual programmes of attendance in the hospital departments, recognised under Section 48 N.H.S. Act. Occasional short courses at Oxford and District Medical Centres in the region.

Enquiries about any of the above, and about study days and courses in special subjects arranged for those in the Oxford region working for higher qualifications, to the Director Postgraduate Medical Studies, Medical School, 43 Woodstock Road, Oxford.

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 £8.

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 specialities 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 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.

Tape course in geriatrics

This series of seven tapes on aspects of the medical care of the elderly is given by Dr M. K. Thompson, a General Practitioner, who has made a special study of geriatrics.

The tapes are primarily intended for the trainee General Practitioner, but should also be listened to by all General Practitioners, Health Visitors, District Nurses and those who have to deal with the elderly. Each tape is complete in itself and the series can be listened to in any order as desired. The cost of borrowing the series will be £2 15s. including postage at the Second Class Mail rate.

- 68-43 Cerebral Syndromes in the Elderly. 39 min, 21 slides.
- 68-40 The Mind in Old Age. 33 min.
- 68-59 Sight and Hearing in Old Age. 24 min.
- 68-10 Examining the Elderly. 25 min, 21 slides.
- 68-41 Incontinence of Urine in Old Age. 34 min.
- 68-58 Hazards of Old Age. 30 min, 21 slides.
- 68-60 Heart Disease and the End of Life. 22 min.

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL. POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL LECTURES.

- 13 November Discussion on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction—Dr M. M. Glatt
- 20 November The Iron Storage Diseases—Dr R. Williams
- 27 November Proteinuria; Heavy Proteinuria, Nephrotic Syndrome—Dr A. M. Joeke
- 5 December (Thursday) Radioiodine in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Thyrotoxicosis and Thyroid Cancer—Dr E. E. Pochin

Wednesdays at 5 p.m. in Lecture Theatre, West Middlesex Hospital, Isleworth, Middlesex. Tea and biscuits at 4.45 p.m.

ST CHARLES'S HOSPITAL. SURGICAL EVENINGS

Informal Surgical Evenings will be held in the Medical Centre, St Charles's Hospital, Ladbroke Grove, London W.10 on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

- 28 November Disorders of the Genito-Urinary Tract
- 12 December Clinical Evening. Discussion of Surgical Patients.

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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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