

BOEKBESPREKINGS : BOOK REVIEWS

WANVORMINGE VAN DIE GESIG

Malformations of the Face. By D. Greer Walker, M.A., M.D., B.Ch., M.Dent.Sc., F.D.S.R.C.S. Pp. xii + 202. Illustrated. R3.75. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1961.

Hierdie is geen naslaanwerk of sistematiese oorsig van die kongenitale anomalieë van die gesig nie. Die skrywer analiseer alleen die bekendste sindrome om daardie faktore te vind wat 'n rol speel in die identiteit en meganisme van ontstaan van hierdie komplekse afwykinge. Oor dié onderwerp was daar, deur veelsydige indelings en wisselende benamings, nog baie verwarring. Dr. Greer-Walker bring beslis meer helderheid en 'n beter begrip. Hy stel sy uitgebreide kliniese ondervinding te boek en gee ook 'n wye oorsig van die literatuur. Die werk is ryklik geïllustreer.

Vir almal wat gemoeid is met die korrektiewe behandeling van hierdie afwykinge—veral die pediater en plastiese chirurg—kan hierdie boek aanbeveel word. W.D.F.M.

MENTAL HEALTH

Identity, Mental Health and Value Systems. Cross-cultural studies in mental health. Ed. by K. Soddy. Pp. 271. R2.50. London: Tavistock Publications. 1961.

The two studies included in this volume are the outcome of meetings of a small group of scientists, drawn from a number of countries and from several disciplines, held under the auspices of the Scientific Committee of the World Federation for Mental Health.

The main objectives of the studies are to seek clarification, in an intercultural and interprofessional sense, of current con-

cepts in the field of mental health, to review those concepts which appear to be emerging and gaining in importance, and to indicate areas for further study. This book will be of special value to mental health workers who are engaged in applying ideas and practices evolved in Western society to the less developed countries. A.P.B.

MEDICAL TEACHING

Medical Teaching in Western Civilization. A history prepared from the writings of ancient and modern authors. By W. B. Wartman, M.D. Pp. 307. \$7.50. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. 1961.

The history of medical teaching has several claims: it makes clear the broad purposes of medical education; it offers instructive examples of educational achievement for our own teaching today; and it reveals pitfalls to be avoided. For apprehending the lessons of history and the contributions of our predecessors in medical teaching, it would seem important to read the accounts in the form in which they transmitted them to posterity.

It is the literary tradition which this book attempts to summarize, and it is strongly recommended to every colleague who, with Sir Winston Churchill, feels that 'without a sense of history no man can understand the problems of our time'. A.P.B.

LIVER DISEASES

Progress in Liver Diseases. Vol. I. Ed. by H. Popper, M.D., Ph.D. and F. Schaffner, M.D., M.S. Pp. ix + 363. Illustrated. \$13.75. New York and London: Grune and Stratton. 1961.

This up-to-date, comprehensive review of recent advances in liver disease has the great advantage of being a multiple-author volume. Each author or group of authors discusses the

aspect of liver disease in which he is an established authority, and the book is an important contribution to this field. It covers clinical, experimental, biochemical, pathological, and radiological aspects of the many problems which exist in this subject. It would be invidious to particularize with regard to quality since the standard on the whole is so high. It is to be hoped that Volume II will follow soon after Volume I and that it will be of the same high standard. S.J.S.

ANTICOAGULANT THERAPY

Thrombosis and Anticoagulant Therapy. Proceedings of a Symposium arranged by Prof. P. A. Owren, Prof. R. B. Hunter, and Dr. W. Walker, held in Queen's College, Dundee, on 29 and 30 September and 1 October 1960. Ed. by W. Walker. Pp. 106. Illustrated. R1.75 net. 12½c postage. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1961.

These proceedings deal with many important problems, both theoretical and practical, pertaining to thrombosis, its relation to vascular disease and its treatment with anticoagulants. Detailed consideration is given to the pathophysiology of blood coagulation and to the choice of tests for the laboratory control of anticoagulant treatment.

The use of short- and long-term anticoagulant therapy in myocardial infarction, and cerebral and peripheral vascular disease, is discussed. Evidence is provided in support of the prophylactic value of anticoagulants against postoperative thrombo-embolism. A section devoted to the haematological complications encountered during extracorporeal circulation contains much data of importance for those entrusted with the care of patients undergoing open-heart surgery.

This volume should prove of value to all physicians, surgeons and pathologists whose interests lie in this increasingly important field of therapeutics. M.M.S.