

Book Reviews

PARASITES OF MAN IN NIUGINI by W.H. Ewers and W.T. Jeffrey. The Jacaranda Press. Queensland. pp. 275. A\$6.95.

THE BOOK IS addressed to Niuginians (the people of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea) and is written in a language which can be easily understood by them. In many villages throughout Niugini, people still believe in witchcraft and sorcery and most of their lives have been dominated by fear. It is dispel the idea of witchcraft as the source and cure of parasitic diseases that the book is directed to high school and university students, and officers of the malaria service and other departments. The book attempts to present a scientific understanding of the causes of many of the parasitic diseases that afflict man and how they can be conquered by interfering with their life cycles.

The parasitic diseases of Niugini are the same as those of many tropical countries of Asia and a large part of the book is devoted to malaria, filariasis and alimentary parasites with much local information. The illustrations are clear and lucid, and the book contains a bibliography of work concerned with the parasites of man in Niugini and West Irian.

RESEARCH IN DISEASES OF THE TROPICS Edited by E.C. Gordon Smith. *British Medical Bulletin* Vol. 28. No. 1, 1972 £2.50.

IN THIS ISSUE of the *British Medical Bulletin*, Dr. Gordon Smith, as Scientific Editor, has assembled a team of 20 outstanding British workers to review progress in tropical medical research. It emphasises how recent advances in techniques are being successfully applied to many hitherto insoluble problems and how advances in knowledge are

coming from research institutes and laboratories all over the world. Among the topics dealt with are arbovirus diseases, leprosy, malaria, trypanosomiasis, leishmaniasis, schistosomiasis, filariasis, onchocerciasis, heart disease in the tropics, tropical sprue and anaemias in the tropics. Dr. Gordon Smith himself contributes a useful paper on the changing patterns of disease in the tropics and reviews the factors which have brought about these changes.

This symposium should be in the hands of all serious research workers in tropical diseases and in all medical libraries.

TEXTBOOK OF ORTHOPAEDIC MEDICINE, Vol. 2 TREATMENT BY MANIPULATION, MASSAGE AND INJECTION. by James Cyriax. 8th Edn. 1971 Bailliere Tindall. Lond. pp. 432. 149 plates. £4.

THIS IS THE supplement to Vol. 1 which deals with the diagnosis of soft tissue lesions; together, they constitute a valuable reference work for all medical practitioners and physiotherapists. This volume first appeared 27 years ago and the present edition incorporates the many advances that have been made in orthopaedic medicine since.

The author points out that thanks to improved diagnosis, treatment can now be directed to the lesion alone, referred pain and tenderness being ignored. Physiotherapists will find in this volume all the information they require to carry out successful treatment of a wide variety of common lesions, including athletic injury and overstrain of muscles, tendons and ligaments. Each manoeuvre is so profusely illustrated and so well

described that even the uninitiated cannot go wrong if the instructions are followed in every detail. This book will be of immense value to all those who carry out manipulation, massage, traction, injections and deep friction in the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the soft tissues.

PREVENTIVE MEDICINE IN MEDICAL CARE by Kurt Schwarz. Lewis & Co. Lond. 1970 pp. 216 £2.50.

THIS BOOK IS intended as a practical guide to the practice of preventive medicine and the application of preventive medical procedures to

individuals and to the community. It deals with infectious diseases, diseases spread mainly via the gastro-intestinal tract, disease spread mainly by contact, zoonoses, and non-infectious diseases. The usual arrangement of each chapter is: (a) clinical features, (b) atypical features (c) presymptomatic diagnosis, (d) epidemiology, (e) at risk groups (f) preventions and (g) public health aspects.

Dr. Schwarz's handy volume has a wide appeal; not only doctors in public health, community medicine and administrative medicine will benefit from a study of it but also doctors in general and hospital practice and students, both undergraduate and post-graduate. There is an index.

Notices

BOARD ON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION FACULTY OF MEDICINE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA

Part I of the Fellowship Examination for the F.R.C.S., Edinburgh

The above examination will be held in the University of Malaya Medical Centre from 31st October to 2nd November, 1972. It will consist of a multiple choice paper composed of the subjects of Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology including Bacteriology and an oral examination in each of these subjects. A general knowledge of the basic principles of Anatomy, Physiology, Pathology and Bacteriology as applied in the field of Surgery will be the scope of the Examination.

Application forms are available from the Administrative Assistant, Board on Postgraduate

Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Malaya. The completed forms should be returned to the Administrative Assistant together with a cheque for the examination fee (\$558/-) payable to the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. The closing date for entry to the examination is Saturday, 16th September, 1972.

Basic Medical Sciences Course

A full-time course in the Basic Medical Sciences designed to prepare medical graduates for the above Examination will be held from 1st August to 30th October, 1972 in the University of Malaya Medical Centre. Admission to the course will be restricted to those who intend to sit for the Examination. The course fee is \$300.00. Application to enrol for the course should be accompanied by a cheque payable to the Board on Postgraduate Medical Education, University of Malaya, not later than July 1st, 1972.