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This is the third edition of a book which has become widely known and valued for the clear and exhaustive description it contains of all aspects of the normal encephalogram. The various techniques of encephalography are reviewed, and there is a detailed consideration of the indications for the method and of the effects produced by intrathecal injection of different gases. However, the greater part of the book is concerned with the correlation of the radiological appearances with the anatomical structures outlined by the gas.

In describing the indications for encephalography, the authors recommend that it should be used in every case of organic brain disease in which there is doubt about the diagnosis, provided the intracranial pressure is not raised. This statement should now, perhaps, be slightly modified in view of recent developments in cerebral angiography to which encephalography may frequently be complementary. Not everyone will agree with the details of technique applied at the Neurological Institute at New York, but the descriptions given of many of the numerous methods used there and the excellent bibliography enable the merits of each to be compared.

The many illustrations are well reproduced and the points described can, with very few exceptions, be clearly seen. In a work which is so complete, it would, however, be an advantage if an addition was made to the standard views used by the authors, in order to include a postero-anterior half-axial projection in the erect posture. This would enable a further description of the appearances, in the antero-posterior plane, of the cisternae pontis and ambients and of the fourth ventricle to be given, as distortions of these outlines are of importance in the diagnosis of lesions in the posterior fossa by means of encephalography.

This book is a valuable source of information for purposes of reference, and it provides a firm basis on which to build an evaluation of the abnormal. A companion volume on the abnormal pneumoencephalogram has recently been published.


This short introduction to the study of nerve injuries is a disappointing publication. The approach to the subject is so elementary that many interesting and important aspects of the subject are completely ignored. However, the reviewer has recently been referring to the magnificent studies of nerve injuries by Foerster after the first world war, and this perhaps has led to his viewing this new publication with an unduly critical eye.

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(Review in a later issue is not precluded by notice here of books recently received.)


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INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF NEUROPATHOLOGISTS

The first international meeting of neuropathologists will be held in Rome from Monday, September 8, to Saturday, September 13, 1952. The President is Dr. Mario Gozzano (Rome), and the Secretary General, Dr. Armando Ferraro (New York).

Final arrangements are now being made for the programme. It has been decided that the following subjects should be discussed, one day being devoted to each subject: (1) histopathology of the demyelinating diseases; (2) histopathology of vascular diseases; (3) histopathology of schizophrenia; (4) histopathology of mental deficiencies; and (5) histopathology of senility.

Also part of one or more days will be devoted to short papers of special interest not related to the above subjects and to cinematographic and microscopical demonstrations.

The British Committee will be glad to receive offers of short papers for this meeting, especially of papers related to the five main topics. Those who wish to read papers should communicate with Dr. J. G. Greenfield at the National Hospital, Queen Square, London, W.C.1., or with any member of the British Committee, giving the full title of the paper and a summary showing in what respects it covers new ground.

British Committee: Dr. J. G. Greenfield, Hon. President.
Prof. Dorothy S. Russell, Vice-President.
Prof. J. H. Biggart.
Prof. A. Meyer.
Dr. W. Blackwood.
Dr. W. H. McMenemey.
Dr. R. M. Norman.

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The August (1951) issue contains the following papers:

The Surgical Treatment of Bleeding Intracranial Aneurysms. By Murray A. Falconer.
Confirmation of the Rosenow Antibody-Antigen Skin Reaction in Idiopathic Epilepsy. By Edgar A. Bering, Jr.
Local Sign in Autonomic Responses. By Alick Elithorn, Malcolm F. Piercy, and Margaret A. Crosskey.
Subacute Necrotizing Encephalomyelopathy in an Infant. By Denis Leigh.
The Use of Marchi Staining in the Later Stages of Human Tract Degeneration. By Marion C. Smith.
Neuroticism and Emotional Instability in High-Grade Male Defectives. By N. O’Connor, M.A.

A number of copies are still available and may be obtained from the Publishing Manager, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, price 7s. 6d.