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Galvani: Commentary on Electricity. Translated by Robert Montraville Green. (Pp. 97; illustrated. $4.00.) Cambridge, Mass.: Elizabeth Licht. 1953.


This new edition appears in a revised form under the editorship of A. I. Lansing. The biological, clinical, and social aspects of ageing are discussed by 48 contributors. The various essays are, on the whole, short and well balanced reviews, and most of the contributors helpfully point out the many problems still awaiting investigation. The chapter on the nervous system provides much information of the advances made in the last decade in the histological, neurological, and psychiatric aspects of ageing. Other chapters deal with the eye, the endocrine glands, and with functional and structural alterations in the kidney in the aged. The chapter on experimental hypertension is well annotated but one wonders how necessary this topic is in a symposium of this nature. The chapter on rehabilitation and the other social problems of ageing will be of interest to workers in this country at a time when energetic measures are being taken to counteract the consequences of a progressive increase in ageing in our population.

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