inhibition; and he outlines the technique and contra-
indications. He makes unduly light of the dangers,
though in a footnote he says that one of his patients, a
hypertensive, died "au cours d'une cure". The treatment
has been applied in neurotic and psychotic disorders,
arterial hypertension, peptic ulcer, asthma, eczema,
psoriasis, neurodermatitis, post-operative shock, head
injury, and a variety of other conditions. Evidently in
France it is a running mate for artificial "hibernation"
produced by chlorpromazine, which is likewise supposed
by Follin to have an inhibiting effect on the cerebral
cortex: Dr. Angel evidently favours a combination of
the two methods.

The Lowenfeld Mosaic Test. By Margaret Lowenfeld.
(Pp. 300 ; 144 coloured plates, 15 figures. 50s.)

This book describes the mosaic test of personality
devised and used by the author, and includes a description
of the responses to the material by individuals of
different age, culture-pattern, and mental stability.

To a certain group of psychologists its chief interest
will probably lie in the possibility it offers of distinguishing
between normal and abnormal mental states; to
anthropologists it may prove a useful tool for comparing
the art-forms of different cultures; to artists the 144
coloured plates may have a certain fascination.

The author herself is at pains to point out the value
of this test compared with others of personality and
intellec, and in so doing unconsciously draws attention
to a defect in most mental tests, her own included—they
are not really tests at all. This one, like others in the
repertoire of the clinical psychologist, aims to test no
particular hypothesis, and although each mosaic designed
by an individual obviously reflects his attitudes and
abilities, its interpretations, as the author points out,
depend on a wide experience of human behaviour.

Induced Abortion on Psychiatric Grounds. By Martin

This well-written monograph is specially relevant to
social psychiatry. It is primarily an account of psychiatric
follow-up studies of 479 women, upon whom legally
authorized abortions were carried out in Stockholm.
It includes a concise account of the medico-legal history
of this procedure in Sweden, and statistics about it from
1939 to 1952.

BOOKS RECEIVED

(Book reviews are not precluded by notice here of books
recently received.)

Histopathologie und Klinische Symptomatologie der
Anoxisch-Vasalen Hirnschädigungen. By S. Körney.
(Pp. 239 ; 89 figures. Price not given.) Budapest :
Akademiai Kiadó. 1955.

Alcohol and Alcoholism. Report of an Expert

Die Zerebralen Herdstorungen bei Hinterhaupts-
verletzungen und ihre Beurteilung. By Clemens Faust.
(Pp. viii + 111 ; 41 figures. DM. 14.70.) Stuttgart :
Georg Thieme Verlag. 1955.

The Psychology of Abnormal People. By John J. B.
Morgan and George D. Lovell. Revised edition. (Pp. xi
+ 688 ; illustrated. 35s.) London : Longmans, Green.

Psychiatry for the Family Physician. By C. Knight
1955.

(Pp. 324. 30s.) Christchurch, N.Z. : N. M. Peryer.
1955.

Legislation Affecting Psychiatric Treatment. Fourth
Report of the Expert Committee on Mental Health:
1s. 9d.) Geneva : World Health Organization ; London :

The Postural Complex : Observations as to Cause,
Diagnosis and Treatment. By Laurence Jones. (Pp. xvii
+ 156 ; 79 figures. 70s.) Oxford : Blackwell Scientific
Publications. 1955.

Atlas of Roentgen Anatomy of the Skull. By Lewis E.
Etter. (Pp. xv + 215 ; 237 plates. $5 6s.) Oxford :

J.A.M.A. Clinical Abstracts of Diagnosis and Treat-
ment. Edited by Noah D. Fabricant. (Pp. vi + 627.
$5.50.) London and New York : Grune & Stratton.
1955.

Lehrbuch der Allgemeinen Psychopathologie. By K. W.
Bash. (Pp. xvi + 288 ; 10 figures. DM 29.50.) Stuttgart :
Georg Thieme Verlag. 1955.

Psychological Medicine. By Desmond Curran and
Maurice Partridge. (Pp. viii + 407 ; 20 figures. 21s.)

Electrochemistry in Biology and Medicine. Edited by
Theodore Shedlovsky. (Pp. xii + 369 ; illustrated. 84s.)
1955.

Studies on the Cerebral Cortex. By S. Ramón y Cajal.
(Pp. xi + 179 ; 108 figures. 27s. 6d.) London : Lloyd-

Thallium Poisoning. By J. J. G. Prick, M. G. Sillevis
Smitt, and L. Muller. (Pp. vi + 155 ; 21 figures. 19s.)

The Postnatal Development of the Human Cerebral
Cortex. Volume V : The Cerebrum of the Fifteen-Month
Infant. By J. LeRoy Conel. (Pp. 220 + 235 figures on
109 plates. 100s.) Cambridge, Mass. : Harvard Univer-
sity Press ; London : Oxford University Press
(Geoffrey Cumberlege). 1955.

Biochemistry and the Central Nervous System. By
Henry McLlwain. (Pp. vii + 272 ; 43 figures. 40s.)

We welcome the appearance of Neuro-Chirurgie, a new
journal designed to report the transactions of the French-
speaking Neurosurgical Society. The first issue appeared
in February, 1955.