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This book is addressed to students and practitioners of psychiatry and mental health. The authors consider that psychiatry should be broadly founded on basic behavioural and biological sciences, and include an introduction on the contributions of psychology, sociology, anthropology, neurophysiology, neurochemistry, and ('last but not least') psychoanalysis. In conformity with recent trends in the United States there is a more critical approach to psychoanalytical doctrine and therapy, and less reluctance to use pharmacotherapy as anything other than second best to psychoanalysis. There is a disappointing omission of quantitative data on matters such as distribution of age at onset and outcome of treatment, data which are essential if psychiatry is ever to be put on a scientific basis. Nevertheless this book is a valuable complement to the more constitutional approach of British psychiatry.

Notices

International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism

The 28th International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism will be held from 15 to 20 September 1968 in Washington, D.C. Further information may be obtained from the Secretariat, 28th International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism, 1130 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, U.S.A.

International Congress of Group Psychotherapy

The IVth International Congress of Group Psychotherapy will take place in Vienna, Austria, from 16 to 21 September 1968. Further information from the Secretariat of the Congress, c/o Wiener medizinische Akademie, Stadiongasse 6-8, A.1010 Wien, Austria.

Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society

The 21st meeting of the Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society will take place in Århus, Denmark, on Friday, 30 August, and Saturday, 31 August, 1968. Further information from Professor Rich. Malmros, Neurosurgical Department, Kommunehospitalet, Århus, Denmark.

Congress of Neurological Surgeons

The 18th annual meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will be held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada, 24-28 September, 1968. Further information from Dr. John M. Thompson, 1955 Blossom Way South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33712.
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