Inevitably coloured by his special interests, but providing a well-informed and thorough survey of an extensive, until lately rather neglected, area of psychiatry. He is aware of the difficulty of excluding bias:'it is inevitable that the doctor's subjective attitude to old age will influence his findings and judgement.' But his presentation of the clinical features and psychopathology is mature and markedly free from such prejudice.

In his autobiography Sir David Henderson told how the enthusiastic response of the Glasgow students to his teaching encouraged him to plan a new textbook of psychiatry 'which I had more and more come to regard as a necessity'. With R. D. Gillespie as his collaborator, he produced the book in 1927, and it established itself almost at once as the leading textbook of psychiatry in the English language. Since then competition has become much keener, but Henderson and Gillespie continues to hold its ground as a balanced exposition 'which would embody Meyerian principles and the clinical teaching of Clouston and Kraepelin'.

In the latest edition Professor Batchelor has made judicious alterations which bring the work up to date. He has also amended the text in the interests of greater conciseness, and has introduced new chapters on psychiatric emergencies and forensic psychiatry. A characteristic feature—the lengthy illustrative case-histories—has been retained; it is questionable whether these now serve much purpose or justify the space they take up: they were, however, dear to Sir David's heart, as he emphasized in the preface to the first edition.

BOOKS RECEIVED
(Books noticed here may also be reviewed in a later issue)


NOTICES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VASCULAR DISEASES OF THE BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD
This conference will be held in Anaheim, California, U.S.A., from 25-28 May 1970, under the auspices of the American Academy of Neurology and the University of Southern California School of Medicine. Details may be obtained from Dr. Richard P. Boggs, Chief, Division of Neurological Sciences, Rancho Los Amigos Hospital, 7601 E. Imperial Highway, Downey, California 90242, U.S.A.

SCANDINAVIAN NEUROSURGICAL SOCIETY
The 22nd Annual Meeting of the Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society will take place in 1970 on 28 and 29 August, in Stockholm. Further information from Professor Lars Leksell, Karolinska Sjukhus, Stockholm, Sweden. There will be no Meeting of the Society in 1969.

THIRD NEUROLOGICAL DANUBIAN SYMPOSIUM
The Neurological Society, Czechoslovak Medical Society J.E. Purkyne is organizing this symposium with international participation in Bratislava, 9-12 September 1970. Details may be obtained from Associate Professor Daniel Bartko, Neurological Clinic, Medical School, Mickiewiczova 13, Bratislava, Czechoslovakia.

3RD PAN-AMERICAN CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGY
This congress will be held in São Paulo, S.P., Brazil, in 1971 under the auspices of the World Federation of Neurology and the Brazilian Academy of Neurology. Inquiries to the Secretary, Dr. J. Armbrust-Figueiredo, Caixa Postal 5496, São Paulo, S.P., Brazil.