therapies, but also endeavoured to ascertain which types of patient did best with the different methods of treatment.

The results bore out the opinions of most clinicians, namely, that the treatment of the chronic alcoholic is not very satisfactory. Only “antabuse” gave better results than the “milieu therapy” group. The results with conditioned reflex therapy (emetine) were no better than in the “milieu therapy” group. One wonders, however, whether the conditioned reflex therapy was given in its most effective form. The treatment was given once daily for five days; perhaps a more concentrated form of induced emesis, reducing the patient to the state of physical and mental exhaustion which Sargent has described, when the patient is more receptive to ideas of “conversion”, would have given better results.

This is a careful, if pessimistic, study which should be read by anyone interested in the treatment of the chronic alcoholic.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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


Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society

The annual meeting of the Scandinavian Neurosurgical Society will take place in Copenhagen on Friday, August 29, and Saturday, August 30, 1958. Secretary: Bendt Broager, M.D., Bispebjerg Hospital, Copenhagen NV, Denmark.

International Congress of Psychotherapy

The fourth international congress of psychotherapy will be held from Monday, September 1, till Sunday, September 7, 1958, in Barcelona and is organized by the Sociedad Espanola de Medicina Psicosomatica y Psico-terapia. Secretary: Catedra de Psiquiatra de la Facultad de Medicina Casanova, 143, Barcelona.