Book reviews

SLEEPING AND WAKING. PHYSIOLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY
By Ian Oswald. (Pp. ix + 232; 33 figures. 45s.) Amsterdam and New York: Elsevier. 1962.
This book is the response of the author to write a 'fairly brief book about sleep'. He has taken a special interest in research on the psychological and E.E.G. aspects of sleep, and collects a large amount of somewhat disjointed information in these pages. It is not so much au fait with physiological researches and in this field the book is not of so much value.

MENTAL HEALTH 'PAPERBACKS', 2nd ed. Prepared by B. Schlesinger. Obtainable on request from the Mental Health Division, Department of National Health and Welfare, Ottawa, Canada. 1962.
This is the selected list of 430 mental health 'paperbacks' for mental health workers, students, and laymen. It was published as a supplement to an issue of Canada's Mental Health.

This is quite a useful compendium for the psychiatric houseman or registrar. It summarizes the actions of a number of psychotropic drugs and the indications for their use. In practice their clinical effects are not always what theory would suppose. The convulsant properties of phenothiazine are mentioned but not sufficiently stressed. Chlordiazepoxide, though less potent as a tranquillizer, has not this disadvantage.

This volume contains biographies of 22 distinguished neurologists who made their reputation during the early years of the present century. Many will find this a valuable work of reference.

BOOKS RECEIVED

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


ANNUAL MEETINGS IN DALLAS, TEXAS

The American Association of Electromyography and Electrodiagnosis will hold its annual meeting on 25 August 1963 at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel in Dallas, Texas, and the annual meeting of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation will be held at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel on 26 August 1963. All communications for both these meetings may be addressed to Dr. M. K. Newman, M.D., 16861 Wyoming Avenue, Detroit 21, Michigan.

FIFTH MIDDLE EAST NEUROSURGICAL CONFERENCE

The fifth Middle East neurosurgical conference will be held in Iran from 28 September to 4 October 1963. All correspondence should be addressed to Professor Nosratallah Ameli, 15 Khiaban Jami, Tehran, Iran.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGRESS OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGEONS

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Congress of Neurological Surgeons will be held at the Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, Colorado, from 8 to 12 October 1963. Further information may be obtained from Dr. Edward C. Weiford, Secretary, 4320 Wornall Road, Kansas City 11, Missouri.