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Book Reviews

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BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, TAVISTOCK SQUARE, W.C.1, price 18s. 6d.

DAS SCHÄDELHIRNTRAUMA By Max Klinger. (Edited by Martin Allgöwer and Rudolf Nissen.) (Pp. viii + 172, 23 figures. DM 25.) Georg Thieme: Stuttgart. 1968.

This guide to the management of acute head injuries will continue to be specially useful to general surgeons who deal with these cases. It may, perhaps, be regretted that the old-fashioned attempt to separate *commotio cerebri* from *contusio cerebri* still persists.

PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY: DIMENSIONS AND PERSPECTIVES Edited by C. R. B. Joyce. (Pp. ix + 430; illustrated. 63s.) Tavistock Publications: London. 1968.

Twelve authors here review subjects closely or remotely related to psychopharmacology. The best of the 12 chapters, on the whole, are those that are closest to the main subject. D. R. Maxwell and A. D. Dayan have written clearly and critically about techniques of animal experimentation in psychopharmacology; Dayan's chapter is far more interesting than its title 'Basic neuro-anatomical methods' might suggest. E. Jacobsen's account of the hallucinogens overcomes admirably the great intrinsic difficulties of the subject. A. Horder's very readable chapter on the history of psychopharmacology illustrates vividly the point that most of the important advances in the physical and chemical treatment of mental illness were originally based on theoretical foundations that were not only subsequently discarded, but hardly deserved serious consideration even at the time.

The chapters by M. Weatherall on basic pharmacological principles, and by C. R. B. Joyce on the techniques of clinical trial are as clear and well constructed as those that I have just praised; I found them less interesting though—through no fault of the authors—partly because there is little that is very new to be said on their subjects and partly because most of the methodological traps against which Joyce warns us seem irritatingly obvious.

The remaining chapters are disappointing. Chapter 5, on antidepressive drug therapy, tells us too much about well-known standard clinical psychiatry and about fashions in prescribing, and too little about the drugs themselves. Chapter 8 is jargon-ridden. Chapters 2 and 9 have only a very slight connexion with the title of the

book, and Chapters 11 and 12 absolutely none—the authors will disagree with this, but I am firm.

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## NOTICES

### CONFERENCE ON LATE EFFECTS OF HEAD INJURIES

The Research Group on Head Injuries of the World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies and World Federation of Neurology and the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness of the National Institutes of Health are sponsoring a Conference on the Late Effects of Head Injury, to be held on 6-7 March 1969 in Washington, D.C. Details from the Secretary of the Research Group, Dr. William F. Caveness, Building 31, Room 8A-03, National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20014, U.S.A.

### PROPOSED EUROPEAN BRAIN AND BEHAVIOUR SOCIETY

The undersigned propose to form a European Society to study Brain and Behaviour. The objects of the Society shall be the furtherance of scientific inquiry, by holding periodic meetings and by such other activities as may be decided upon by the Society. A study group will meet in Rotterdam in the Spring of 1969 to consider the aims of the proposed Society and its constitution. All interested in becoming members are invited to write as soon as possible to Dr A. Cowey (Institute of Experimental Psychology, 1 South Parks Road, Oxford, England) stating their qualifications, experience, present work and interests.

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