

of origin of our patient's abscess remains obscure.

The penicillin-sensitive organism, slight CSF lymphocytosis, raised ESR, and normal peripheral blood white cell count are findings similar to those reported in other series of brain abscess (see Webster and Gurdjian, 1950, and Garfield, 1969).

SUMMARY

A case of solitary metastatic cerebellar abscess is reported with the very unusual feature of nerve deafness. The significance of this finding is discussed in relation to the difficulties in diagnosis and the anatomy of the lesion.

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Book Reviews

Copies are still available and may be obtained from the PUBLISHING MANAGER,

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, TAVISTOCK SQUARE, W.C.1, price 21s.

STUDIES OF ANXIETY Papers read at the World Psychiatric Association Symposium, 'Aspects of Anxiety', London, November 1967. (*British Journal of Psychiatry* Special Publication, No. 3.) Edited by M. H. Lader. (Pp. vi + 166; illustrated. 30s.) Headley: Ashford, Kent, 1969.

The quality of papers read at even a small symposium tends to vary widely, some seeming to be spoken off the cuff, and others reporting work in progress that does not merit completion. In this collection there are many contributors who have plainly done their homework, notably Eysenck (psychological aspects), Smythies (neurophysiology), Levi (neuroendocrinology), Slater and Shields (genetics), Hamilton (diagnosis), Murray Parkes (separation anxiety), Gelder (behaviour therapy), Greer (prognosis), and the editor himself (psychophysiology). In these papers scientific study takes precedence over earlier habits of speculation, and gives hope for real progress in the study of anxiety.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

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

NON-SPECIFIC FACTORS IN DRUG THERAPY Compiled and edited by Karl Rickels. (Pp. xii + 149; illustrated. \$7.75). Thomas: Springfield, Illinois. 1968.

WHAT IS PSYCHOANALYSIS? Edited by Walter G. Joffe. (Pp. iii + 65. 10s.) Ballière, Tindall and Cassell: London. 1969.

W.H.O. EXPERT COMMITTEE ON DRUG DEPENDENCE—16th Report. W.H.O. Technical Report Series, No. 407. (Pp. 28. 4s.) W.H.O.: Geneva. 1969.

AKTUELLE OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGIE. Heft 1: Die Hypoxydose der Kochlea durch Kohlenmonoxyd By G. Kittel; & Zytodiagnostische Untersuchungen im Bereich der oberen Luftwege By E. Ruppmann. (Pp. v + 88; illustrated. DM 39.) Thieme: Stuttgart. 1969.

NOTICES

'CEREBELLUM'

The 4th Symposium of the Fulton Society on 'Cerebellum' will take place on 20 September 1969, New York City. Details may be obtained from Dr. Victor Soriano, Calle Buenos Aires 363, Montevideo, Uruguay.

THIRD EUROPEAN SYMPOSIUM ON EPILEPSY

This symposium, arranged by the International Bureau for Epilepsy, the International League against Epilepsy, and the Danish Epilepsy Association, will take place at Hotel Marienlyst, Elsinore (near Copenhagen), Denmark, on 21 to 23 June 1970. Details from DIS Congress Service, 36 Skindergade, DK-1159 Copenhagen K, Denmark.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The World Mental Health Assembly, jointly sponsored by the World Federation for Mental Health, will take place in Washington, D.C., 17 to 21 November 1969. Details may be obtained from Dr. Paul V. Lemkau, Chairman, W.M.H.A., 615 N. Wolfe Street, Baltimore, Maryland, 21205.

IVTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE

This International Congress of Psychosomatic Medicine, organized by the French Society of Psychosomatic Medicine, will be held in Paris from 17 to 20 September 1970, on 'The Psychotherapeutic Action of the Physician'. Summaries of papers must be submitted by 30 October 1969. Details may be obtained from S.O.C.F.I., 7 rue Michel-Ange, Paris 16^e, France.

CORRECTION

In the paper 'Dissociated visual perceptual and spatial deficits in focal lesions of the right hemisphere', by Freda Newcombe and W. Ritchie Russell (*J. Neurol. Neurosurg. Psychiat.*, 32, 73-81) the columns of mean scores for the LH and RH experimental groups were transposed in Tables II(a) and III(a) (p. 75). The Tables should read as follows:

TABLE II
VISUAL CLOSURE

(a) Mean scores of unilateral groups classified according to locus of lesion

Locus	Group			
	LH (mean score)	(n)	RH (mean score)	(n)
Frontal	29.75	8	25.67	9
Temporal or temporo- parietal	31.33	9	21.36	11
Parietal	28.67	9	27.83	6
Posterior	29.50	8	26.80	5
Mixed	33.40	10	25.17	6

TABLE III
VISUALLY GUIDED MAZE—PATH TWO

(a) Mean scores of unilateral groups classified according to locus of lesion

Locus	Group			
	LH (mean score)	(n)	RH (mean score)	(n)
Frontal	15.86	7	14.20	10
Temporal or temporo- parietal	18.11	9	13.73	11
Parietal	14.70	10	9.83	6
Posterior	18.38	8	5.80	5
Mixed	17.00	10	14.00	5