has the rare benefit of both uniformity and expertise. There is little to criticise in this admirable, informative and lucid textbook, which for my money is far and away the best available—unless you prefer a small compendium and a large computerised database.

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**SHORT NOTICES**

Readers may be interested in *Seizure*, the international journal of the British Epilepsy Association published by Bailliere Tindall Ltd.


Treatment and Care in Old Age Psychiatry. Edited by R LEVY, R HOWARD and A BURNS. (Pp 246; Price: £38.00.) 1993. Petersfield, UK, Wrightson Biomedical Publishing Ltd. ISBN 1-871816-17-3


In their book, *The Hospital in History*, Lindsay Granthaw and Roy Porter indicate some of the reasons for the current attention being paid by professional historians to the growth of hospitals in the recent and more remote past. Their concerns tend to focus on the various factors bearing on the role of the hospital as one of several institutions developed in response to a complex of social needs, taking its place alongside the school, the prison and the factory.

Berard Badar is an orthopaedic surgeon who in retirement has engaged in local historical research and has written a history of Bedford General Hospital.

The work casts a long shadow over the modern movement towards the de-institutionalisation and the community care of the mentally ill. As such it is of more than historical interest.


Multiple Sclerosis: Research in Progress 1991–1992. Prepared on behalf of the International Federation of Multiple Sclerosis Societies. Price: £30.00. ISBN 0-646-10946-4. This book includes details on virtually all current funded MS research in the world (900 projects from 28 countries). It is a reference which provides researchers and clinicians access to contemporary information on MS related research projects and funding details.


Correction

In the article by Elizabeth McDonald, Helen Cope and Anthony David, *Cognitive impairment in patients with chronic fatigue: a preliminary study* (July 1993 issue of the journal) the labelling was incorrect. The figure should have been published as follows:

![Figure 1](http://jnnp.bmj.com)