EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

Thomas Bedford R. E. Lane
Sir Roy Cameron J. F. Loutit
C. M. Fletcher H. B. Maitland
M. W. Goldblatt A. Meiklejohn
A. G. Heppleston J. N. Morris
Alastair Heron P. A. B. Raffle
I. T. T. Higgins R. S. F. Schilling
A. Bradford Hill J. A. Smiley
T. G. Faulkner Hudson J. R. Squire

Editor, *British Medical Journal*

GENERAL ADVISORY BOARD

A. J. Amor J. M. Mackintosh
Sir Frederick Bartlett E. R. A. Merewether
G. P. Crowden D. C. Norris
Donald Hunter H. Osmond-Clarke
Sir Wilson Jameson K. M. A. Perry
T. A. Lloyd-Davies Donald Stewart

Sir Reginald Watson-Jones
President of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers and Hon. Editor of the Transactions of the Association of Industrial Medical Officers, *ex officio*

*Appointed by the British Medical Association and the Association of Industrial Medical Officers*

PRINTED IN ENGLAND BY THE THANET PRESS, MARGATE
THE OCTOBER (1961) ISSUE

The October (1961) issue contains the following papers:—

Rehabilitation: Concept and Practice.  By J. A. L. Vaughan Jones

Air Pollution in Road Tunnels.  By R. E. Waller, B. T. Commins, and P. J. Lawther

A Clinical Study of Electrical Accidents.  By W. R. Lee

Rheumatism in Cotton Operatives.  By J. S. Lawrence

Further Studies on the Toxicity of Some Tetra and Trialkyl Lead Compounds.  By Jill E. Cremer and S. Callaway


The Distribution and Excretion of Inhaled Mercury Vapour.  By J. C. Gage

The Toxicity of Precipitated Silica.  By P. D. Byers and J. C. Gage

Poisoning by Ethyl Mercury Toluene Sulphonanilide.  By M. A. Jalili and A. H. Abbasi

Miscellanea:

The North of England Industrial Health Advisory Service.  By R. C. Browne and D. Grieves

General Assembly of the Permanent Commission and International Association on Industrial Health

Two New Medical Centres

Obituary

Book Reviews

Index to Volume 18

A number of copies are still available and may be obtained from the Publishing Manager, British Medical Association, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, price 17s. 6d.
It is disappointing to find that many of the old clichés remain, e.g. the liberal use of antiseptic cream for lacerations and the use of the constrictive bandage in haemorrhage. In the view of the reviewer more stress on wound cleansing with warm soap and water or cetrimide would have been more in keeping. Almost all authorities are now agreed that the constrictive bandage is not only unnecessary, but is dangerous and should no longer be used in first aid.

In the section on unconsciousness and fractured skull, only passing mention is made of obstruction of the airway and there is a complete lack of stress that all these cases should be turned into the semi-prone position immediately, not only to avoid the tongue dropping back, but also in case the patient vomits, a fact which is never mentioned.

In the section on fractures, the fractured forearm is treated by a broad arm sling only, but a splint is also needed to prevent angulation of the radius and ulna. When fastening the legs together to steady a fracture of the femur, firm traction of the injured leg is required to get the feet together and overcome muscle spasm. First aiders can and should apply traction under these circumstances.

The dangers of tetanus are mentioned under the heading of first aid on the farm and the need for anti-tetanus injections is stressed. In view of the doubtful value of A.T.S., a word could have been added here about the benefits of preventive inoculation by tetanus toxoid in farm workers.

It is a disappointment that this book has not followed modern concepts of first aid more closely as has at least one other book on the same subject which has been published recently.

The emphasis unfortunately appears to rest on theoretical detail instead of practical necessity.

R. A. TREVETHICK

**BOOKS RECEIVED**

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

**Diabetes in an English Community. A Study of its Incidence and Natural History.** By Joan B. Walker and David Kerridge. (Pp. 46; 5 diagrams + 10 tables. 7s. 6d.) Leicester University Press. 1961.


**Night Calls. A Study in General Practice.** By Max B. Clyne, with an additional chapter by Aaron Lask. (Mind and Medicine Monographs, 2.) (Pp. xvi + 216. 21s.) London: Tavistock Publications. 1961.


**Mediatics or The Importance and Proper Care of the Middle-aged.** By H. F. Ellis. (Pp. 86; 13 figures. 10s. 6d.) London: Geoffrey Bles. 1961.


**Tidy's Massage and Remedial Exercises in Medical and Surgical Conditions, 10th ed.** Edited and Revised by J. O. Wale. (Pp. viii + 600; 192 figures. 42s.) Bristol: John Wright.