

produced behavioural symptoms which could be predicted. Examples of such patterns of behaviour were described.

During the week visits were paid to a number of industrial organizations in the London area and there was a full social programme for members and their wives.

An exhibition of the medical services of the Ministry of Supply was open during the week at the Pillar Hall in the new Government buildings, Whitehall. Exhibits and illustrations were shown, covering many types of hazards and the protection required. Of particular interest was the resuscitation section in which the historical development of resuscitation procedures was illustrated with examples of old and modern types of equipment.

The anniversary dinner was held at the Royal College of Surgeons on the anniversary date, September 27, of the foundation of the Association 21 years before. The toast of the Association was proposed by Sir Harry Platt, who spoke of the need for all branches of medicine to work together. The President of the Association, Dr. R. S. F. Schilling, in his reply, foresaw a steadily developing future for occupational health services, bringing great benefit to industry. In proposing the toast of "Medicine in Industry" the Earl of Verulam recalled the many benefits to industrial management which an occupational health service provided. The toast of the guests was proposed by Dr. L. G. Norman, and Dame Florence Hancock replied.

#### Erratum

We much regret that the legends to the paper by J. N. Morris in the last number (13, 287) were omitted. They are as follows:—

FIG. 1.—Mortality in the "social classes" England and Wales, 1950. Males aged 20-64 inclusive.

FIG. 2.—Mortality from coronary heart disease England and Wales, 1950. Males aged 20-64 years inclusive.

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L. G. NORMAN

This is the only book in the English language which brings together a series of authoritative essays comprehensively covering almost the whole field of industrial medicine and hygiene. Messrs. Butterworth & Company are to be congratulated on their foresight and enthusiasm, no doubt stimulated by the late Lord Horder, in developing this work. Dr. E. R. A. Merewether, as Editor, has not only achieved a personal masterpiece; he has placed British industrial medicine firmly in the forefront. To collate the balanced contributions of 33 individualistic experts, to make them speak roughly the same language, and avoid overlapping each other's contributions to any serious extent is a remarkable achievement. It has been a task which few would care to undertake and the three present volumes will remain a lasting tribute. There is indeed a galaxy of authors, each at the head of the field about which he writes. The work is perhaps least strong on the clinical side, but it does not set out to be a clinical text-book, and about half the authors, leaders in their own field, are not medical men. There are one or two omissions, which, together with a summary of recent advances, will, it is hoped, form the basis of a further volume or volumes in order that the book as a whole may be kept up to date. For example, there is little about the treatment of gassing casualties, human-engineering aspects of machine design, the clinical aspects of toxicology, accident prevention, the effects of shift work, and psychiatry in industry.

There is a good index, separate for each volume. The production is of a high standard throughout, on good quality art paper, with excellent illustrations, and with a refreshing absence of typographical errors.

#### Volume I

This volume was published in 1954 and is inevitably out of date in minor respects. It is interesting to note that progress seems to have been most marked in legislation. For example, the Mines and Quarries Act and the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (and Regulations), have been passed since the relevant chapters in this volume were written.

The volume opens formidably but perhaps appropriately with an account of the work of the Factory Inspectorate by H.M. Chief Inspector of Factories. Sir George Barnett's brief and impeccable first chapter describes the history of the Factory Inspectorate and gives an account of its present-day activities. As this is

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