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Addendum

By the end of June 1960, a total of 47 cases of mesothelioma had been identified. In 45 of these a possible association with exposure to crocidolite has been established. In one case a mesothelioma of the peritoneum was present.

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- Decompression Sickness during Construction of the Dartford Tunnel.** By F. Campbell Golding, P. Griffiths, H. V. Hempleman, W. D. M. Paton, and D. N. Walder.
- A Comparison of the "High-altitude" and "High-pressure" Syndromes of Decompression Sickness.** By M. de G. Gribble.
- Phosgene Poisoning Caused by the Use of Chemical Paint Removers Containing Methylene Chloride in Ill-ventilated Rooms Heated by Kerosene Stoves.** By W. B. Gerritsen and C. H. Buschmann.
- A Study on the Acute Toxicity of the Tri-aryl Phosphates Used as Plasticizers.** By H. F. Bondy, E. J. Field, A. N. Worden, and J. P. W. Hughes.
- Aerosol Inhalation of CaNa₂E.D.T.A. (Mosatil) by Workers Constantly Exposed to Lead Poisoning.** By Lj. Petrović, M. Stanković, M. Savićević, and D. Poletić.
- A Biochemical Study of the Urinary Protein of Men Exposed to Metallic Mercury.** By J. C. Smith and Agnes R. Wells.
- A Simplified Method for the Estimation of Nickel in Urine.** By J. Gwynne Morgan.
- Clinical, Bronchographic, Radiological, and Physiological Observations in Ten Cases of Asbestosis.** By G. L. Leathart.
- The Measurement of Occupational Mortality.** F. D. K. Liddell.
- Observations on the Occupational Life History of the Coal Face Worker at Two Collieries.** By O. P. Edmonds and D. S. Kerr.
- The Assessment of Electroencephalographic Changes and Memory Disturbances in Acute Intoxications with Industrial Poisons.** By B. Chalupa, J. Synková, and M. Ševčík.
- Book Reviews.**

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.

Accidents and Ill-health at Work. By John L. Williams. (Pp. 516. 45s.) London: Staples Press. 1960.

This is an excellent book. It is the author's contention that the very serious effects of accidents and ill-health at work are quite insufficiently realized and that our methods of dealing with the problem are perfunctory and incomplete. The development of preventive measures in this country has been piecemeal, uncoordinated, anomalous and limited; and we have been slow sometimes to learn from the experience of other countries. Factory and Mine legislation provides a partial answer only to the problem; it is essential that public opinion should be roused, complacency routed, and the community brought to understand the importance of this subject. It is likely that any effective scheme for preventing accidents and ill-health at work will provide for central direction and coordination, with cover for all forms of employment; and there must also be some system in which relevant matters are kept under review, with both employers and employees actively participating. There must also be more research directed to the many problems involving health and safety.

The author has not been content merely to state the problem; he criticizes constructively, and gives his own answers. In an introductory comment, Mr. Williams remarks that he has not dealt comprehensively with his subject: nevertheless, most readers are likely to find that this book gives them far more information than is to be readily obtained elsewhere, and many will doubtless be encouraged to give new thought to this matter.

T. G. FAULKNER HUDSON

Air Pollution Control. By W. L. Faith. (Pp. vii + 259; illustrated. 68s.) London: Chapman and Hall; New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc. 1959.

This book is written by the Managing Director of the Air Pollution Foundation of Los Angeles who makes for it modest but specific claims: it is intended "to present the basic facts that must be considered in any air pollution control program" and, considering that most other books on air pollution have been directed to the specialist, Dr. Faith "has attempted to discuss the various aspects of the problem in language which can be easily understood not only by the technical person not specializing in air pollution but also by the intelligent layman". The text, which would overwhelm most British laymen, makes sporadic concessions to the non-specialized technologist but there are too few instances of such simplification in the many illustrations and tables. Most of these are borrowed from other sources and, unmodified before inclusion, contain much distracting detail which is in direct variance with the author's aim.

It is not surprising that Dr. Faith is at his most fluent and confident in the chapter dealing with automobile exhaust (he uses much local jargon which needs translation) but elsewhere the book is merely a rather uneven

précis of published work and as such it merits little criticism of its facts. The book appears to be aimed almost exclusively at an American audience and its value to British readers is correspondingly restricted.

The large bibliography is concerned mainly with American work and is useful, though the convention used is irritating (as in "Drinker, Philip, and Theodore Hatch").

The final chapter on legal aspects is surprisingly parochial and no mention is made of any foreign legislation, such as our Clean Air Act which is regarded as a model ordinance by so many Americans.

The book is well produced but is very expensive, and for the British worker, specialist or not, does not approach in value the Air Pollution Handbook from which so much of its material is admittedly culled.

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