

formation regarding the nurse's part in caring for cardiac conditions—if you can find it. With the exception of chapter 21, nine pages, which is devoted to General Nursing Care, one must search for nursing functions in a wealth of clinical material. The approach is that of a physician, and in spite of a half-page foreword by a nurse, one misses the nursing touch and those details of nursing care which a nurse must practise to make her skills effective with this group of patients. Nursing does not receive separate treatment, not even in the chapter on rheumatic fever. There are no actual patient situations presented and the public health nurse will search in vain for the practical solutions of typical home situations.

This reviewer deplores any textbook for nurses which does not place nursing first throughout the discussion of treatment, and that is not written in complete collaboration with an experienced nurse. This book has much to offer nurses and forms a useful reference, especially the information in the Appendix on low-sodium diet, but the author has missed a wonderful chance to present actual nursing situations in true nursing handbook style and to give practical suggestions for the continuing home care of this very large group of patients—young and old.

DOROTHY DEMING

Military Medical Manual—(7th ed.). Harrisburg, Pa.: *The Military Service Publishing Company*, 1952. 761 pp. Price, \$5.75.

Any Medical Department officer who was in World War II needs very little introduction to the *Military Medical Manual*. This, the 7th edition, in general format and scope of coverage, is similar to the earlier editions, particularly those published in 1942 and 1945. The content of the volume has been completely revised and much of it rewritten, so that the aim of the publisher "to make the Manual virtually a one-

volume professional library for the Army Medical Services officer" is achieved to a remarkable degree.

Those who have not used the volume in the past will find it a valuable compendium of Army procedure, organization, tactics and regulations, particularly as they apply to the Army Medical Services officer. The formal Army regulation type of discussion is avoided, so that the material is much more readable than AR's or the usual memos or bulletins. A generous portion of the volume is given to a discussion of the tactical operation of various parts of the Army. Specific discussion is given to medical tactics and administration. A new chapter, on medical aspects of atomic, biological and chemical warfare, has been added. Even the recently adopted back pressure—arm lift method of artificial respiration is included.

For those who are in the Army Reserve, the volume brings up to date Army regulations and procedures, at least to about the first of 1952. It is to be regretted that the volume does not carry more extensive references to pertinent Army regulations, special regulations, etc., for the benefit of those who desire to go to the official statement.

Anyone who is in the Army Medical Services, the Reserves particularly, or who is waiting for those momentous "greetings," anticipating service in the Army Medical Services, will find the volume well worth the price.

FRANCIS B. ELDER

Use of Health Resources by Rural People in Two Central New York Counties, 1949—By *Olaf F. Larson and Donald G. Hay*. Ithaca, New York: *New York State College of Agriculture*, 1951. 45 pp.

The authors, who represent the Department of Rural Sociology at Cornell University and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics at the U. S. Department of Agriculture, point out that an under-

standing of the use now made of medical and health care resources by country and village people is basic to continued improvements in rural health care.

Two central New York counties, mostly rural, were chosen and the experience of about 1,000 persons was sampled in each. Cortland County has a full-time county health department and Oswego County does not. The authors believe that both counties are characterized by a comparatively high rate of use of health care personnel and facilities. Out of every 10 rural households in each county during a 12-month period, about 9 use a physician, 6 a dentist, 4 some

type of public health service for individuals, 3 used school health services, less than 3 used a hospital, and less than 1 used other health care personnel, including osteopath or chiropractor. The report sampled the extent to which residents of these counties were aware of public facilities and the extent to which these are used. It is evident that the full-time county health department has made considerable impress upon the people of Cortland County.

It is gratifying to see the backing for high-grade health services coming now to an increasing degree from agricultural sources. REGINALD M. ATWATER

BOOKS RECEIVED

Listing in this column acknowledges the receipt of books and our appreciation to the senders. Space and the interests of readers will permit review of some, but not all, of the books listed.

- ADRENAL CORTEX. TRANSACTIONS OF THE THIRD CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 15-16, 1951. Edited by Elaine P. Ralli. New York: Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, 1952. 204 pp. Price, \$3.25.
- BACTERIOLOGICAL STUDY OF AUTOMATIC CLOTHES WASHING. G. M. Ridenour. Ann Arbor, Mich.: National Sanitation Foundation, University of Michigan, 1952. 116 pp.
- BIOCHEMICAL STUDIES OF BACTERIAL VIRUSES. E. A. Evans, Jr. Chicago, Ill.: University of Chicago Press, 1952. 68 pp. Price, \$2.75.
- BLAKISTON'S ILLUSTRATED POCKET MEDICAL DICTIONARY. New York: Blakiston, 1952. 1,032 pp. Price, \$3.25 plain; \$3.75 thumb-indexed.
- EPIDEMIOLOGICAL AND VITAL STATISTICS, ANNUAL. 1939-1946. PART II—CASES OF AND DEATHS FROM NOTIFIABLE DISEASES. World Health Organization. New York: Columbia University Press, 1952. 326 pp. Price, \$4.00.
- ESSENTIALS OF PUBLIC HEALTH. William P. Shepard (2nd ed.) Philadelphia: Lippincott, 1952. 581 pp. Price, \$6.50.
- FAMILY PROBLEMS HANDBOOK. Arnold W. Holmes. New York: Frederick Fell, 1952. 191 pp. Price, \$3.50.
- FUNDAMENTALS OF TRACK AND FIELD COACHING. Richard I. Miller. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1952. 271 pp. Price, \$4.75.
- GROUND EQUIPMENT AND INSECTICIDES FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL. American Mosquito Control Association. Bulletin No. 2. Yaphank, N. Y.: C. T. Williamson, 1952. 98 pp. Price, \$2.00.
- GUIDANCE IN A RURAL COMMUNITY: GREEN SEA, A SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANS WITH AND FOR ITS BOYS AND GIRLS. Amber Arthun Warburton. Washington, D. C.: Alliance for Guidance of Rural Youth, 1952. 156 pp. Price, \$2.00.
- HISTORY OF AMERICAN EPIDEMIOLOGY, THE. C.-E. A. Winslow, Wilson G. Smillie, *et al.* St. Louis: Mosby, 1952. 190 pp. Price, \$4.75.
- HOW DOES YOUR CITY RATE? COMPARISON OF THE 57 LARGEST METROPOLITAN AREAS IN 41 POPULATION AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS. Edward B. Olds. St. Louis: Social Planning Council of St. Louis and St. Louis Planning, 1952. 112 pp. Price, \$2.00.
- INCREASING PERSONAL EFFICIENCY. Donald A. Laird (4th ed.) New York: Harper & Bros., 1952. 294 pp. Price, \$3.50.
- INTERNATIONAL SANITARY REGULATIONS. PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND OF THE FOURTH WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY ON WHO REGULATIONS No. 2. New York: