

of patients with autosomal recessive disorders, (2) the calculation of carrier risks for X-linked disorders, and (3) a listing of X-linked neurological disorders. An additional appendix listing ethnic groups and disorders most often associated with them would have also been useful.

Each disorder is described briefly in terms of clinical signs and symptoms, genetics, and prenatal diagnosis. In several instances, a more critical assessment of the presented information would have been helpful. In addition, it would have been useful to discuss the accuracy of prenatal diagnosis for various disorders, rather than just stating that prenatal diagnosis is available. In addition, it should be mentioned whether prenatal diagnosis for a given condition is routinely offered at all major centres; or is only available in locations where specialized techniques are being investigated.

Detailed references are presented at the end of each chapter and these are separated according to topic. This is an excellent format as the reader can refer to a subject rather than an alphabetical listing of authors. Two criticisms regarding the references are that abstracts were not always identified as such and some of the references cited are not the major ones for the topic under discussion.

Each chapter has several excellent tables listing disorders, distinctive features, and mode(s) of inheritance. These are useful for quick reference.

A comment must be made about the author's terminology. It would be preferable to avoid terms such as "idiot" when referring to microcephalics and "mongol" in reference to individuals with Down syndrome or Trisomy 21.

No comment can be made on the price of this book as cost information was not available for this review.

In conclusion, this book provides a brief, although not very critical, overview of a wide range of topics. It is useful as a fast reference but, for most topics, additional literature should also be consulted if a reader wants to thoroughly cover a particular topic prior to seeing a patient. The excellent reference format will help a reader select appropriate extra reading.

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NEUROLOGY FOR THE HOUSE OFFICER. Third edition. By Howard L. Weiner, M.D. and Lawrence P. Levitt, M.D. Published by Williams & Wilkins. 204 pages. \$15.00 Cdn. approx.

Neurology for the House Officer, now published in its third edition, remains a very handy pocket sized guide for medical students. The first four chapters constitute a brief guide to anatomical localization of neurologic problems. This is followed by a series of chapters that document the common neurological problems seen in current hospital practice. There are then some chapters on the neurology of common medical problems, and the book finishes with some guidelines for neurodiagnostic procedures and neuroanatomy.

A significant omission remains the absence of any chapters dealing with infections of the central nervous system.

I would have no hesitation in recommending this book for medical students and first year medical interns who are unfamiliar with common neurological problems.

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Books Received

ADVANCES IN NEUROLOGY, VOLUME 43, MYOCLONUS. Edited by Stanley Fahn, C. David Marsden, Melvin Van Woert. 750 pages. \$172 Cdn. approx.

BEHAVIORAL NEUROLOGY: A PRACTICAL APPROACH. By Howard S. Kirshner. Published by Churchill-Livingstone (Academic Press) 230 pages.

BRAIN INSULTS IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN. Edited by Hector E. James, Nick G. Anas, Ronald M. Perkin. Published by Grune & Stratton (Academic Press). 291 pages. \$70.75 Cdn.

CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHIATRY. By Jeffrey L. Cummings. Published by Grune & Stratton (Academic Press) 264 pages. \$64.75 Cdn.

DIAGNOSTIC DECISIONS IN NEUROLOGY. By Klaus Poeck. Published by Springer-Verlag. 168 pages. \$23 Cdn. approx.

FUNDAMENTALS OF NEUROPHYSIOLOGY. Edited by R.F. Schmidt. Published by Springer-Verlag New York Inc. 346 pages. \$27 Cdn. approx.

LEFT SIDE, RIGHT SIDE: A REVIEW OF LATERALITY RESEARCH. By Alan Beaton. Published by Yale University Press. 364 pages. \$31 Cdn. approx.

MEMORY SYSTEMS OF THE BRAIN. 1985. Edited by Norman M. Weinberger, James L. McGaugh and Gary Lynch. Published by the Guilford Press. 514 pages. \$83 Cdn. approx.

MORPHOGENESIS OF THE BRAIN IN STAGED RHESUS MONKEY EMBRYOS. Series: Advances in Anatomy Embryology and Cell Biology 91. By Agnes A.M. Gribnau and Leonardus G.M. Geijsberts. Published by Springer-Verlag. 69 pages. \$27 Cdn. approx.

NEUROBIOLOGY OF ARACHNIDS. Edited by Friedrich G. Barth. Published by Springer-Verlag. 385 pages. \$96 Cdn. approx.

PRACTICAL GERIATRIC MEDICINE. Edited by A. Norman Exton-Smith & Marc E. Weksler. Published by Churchill Livingstone (Academic Press Canada). 475 pages. \$78.50 Cdn.

PRIMARY CHEMOTHERAPY IN CANCER MEDICINE. Series: Progress in Clinical and Biological Research Volume 201. Edited by D.J. Theo Wagener, Geert H. Blijham, Jan B.E. Smeets, Jacques A. Wils. Published by Alan R. Liss Inc. 403 pages.

RADIODIAGNOSIS OF THE SKULL. By Jean-Louis Diemann. Published by Springer-Verlag. 168 pages. \$27 Cdn. approx.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PARKINSON'S DISEASE. Edited by Stanley Fahn, C. David Marsden, Peter Jenner, Paul Teychenne. Published by Raven Press. 397 pages. \$104.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE EVALUATION IN NEUROLOGY: ADULT DISORDERS. Edited by John K. Darby. Published by Grune & Stratton. 462 pages. \$101 Cdn.

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE EVALUATION IN NEUROLOGY: CHILDHOOD DISORDERS. Edited by John Darby. Published by Academic Press. \$72 Cdn.

THE ACUTE STROKE. Series: Contemporary Neurology #27. By Vladimir Hachinski and John W. Norris. Published by F.A. Davis Company. 286 pages. \$62 Cdn. approx.

THE CORTEX OF THE RAT. By Karl Zilles. Published by Springer-Verlag. 123 pages. \$55 Cdn. approx.

THE RAT NERVOUS SYSTEM. Volume 1. FOREBRAIN AND MIDBRAIN. Edited by G. Paxinos. Published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich (Academic Press Inc.) 529 pages. \$100 Cdn. approx.

THE RAT NERVOUS SYSTEM. Volume 2. HINDBRAIN AND SPINAL CORD. Edited by G. Paxinos. Published by Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich (Academic Press Inc.) 362 pages. \$55 Cdn. approx.

Notes and Announcements

Canadian Association for Child Neurology

The Canadian Association for Child Neurology has 66 members spread across the country. It normally meets once a year in association with the annual June Congress. The secretary is: Daune L. MacGregor, Division of Neurology, Hospital for Sick Children, 555 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1X8. The paediatric neurologists in the host city for each Congress meeting are responsible for organizing a Paediatric Neurology Day immediately preceding the Congress courses. In Montreal last year the guest speakers were Doctor Jean Aicardi, Doctor Michael Trimble, and Doctor Y. Fukuyama. Doctor Fukuyama and Doctor Aicardi have been invited to become Honorary Members of the Association.

Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada

A new Acoustic Neuroma Association of Canada, closely aligned with its American counterpart, has been formed as a non-profit, self-help organization. Further information from: Box 369, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 2J6.

Consensus Development Conference

A Consensus Development Conference on the Utility of Therapeutic Plasmapheresis for Neurological Disorders will be held in the Masur Auditorium at the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892, U.S.A., 2 - 4 June, 1986. Illnesses to be discussed include myasthenia gravis, Eaton-Lambert syndrome, Guillain-Barré syndrome, chronic inflammatory neuropathy, paraproteinemic neuropathies, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis and multiple sclerosis. After 1½ days of presentations and discussion by the audience and experts from North America and Europe, a consensus panel will consider the scientific evidence. The panel will consist of representatives from neurology, blood

banking, immunology, biostatistics and the public and will formulate a draft statement responding to questions raised. On the final day of the meeting the consensus panel Chairman will read the draft statement and invite comments and questions. To register for this conference, or to obtain further information, contact Ms. Nancy Cowan, Prospect Associates, Suite 401, 2115 E. Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland, 20852. U.S.A. Telephone (301) 468-6555.

Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses

The Ontario Branch of the Canadian Association of Neuroscience Nurses held an evening seminar at the Toronto General Hospital on Microcomputers and their application to the disabled. Ms. Leslie Dolman, a professional engineer and technical director of DADA (Designing Aids for the Disabled Adult) was the chief speaker. The information she brought to the meeting and the discussion it generated could have been shared with advantage by other clinical neuroscientists.

Dysautonomia Foundation Inc.

The Montreal Chapter of Dysautonomia Foundation Inc. invites inquiries for funds in aid of ongoing research programs related to familial dysautonomia. For further information, kindly contact the Dysautonomia Foundation Inc., 370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1508, New York, N.Y., U.S.A. 10017.

We record with sorrow the deaths of André Barbeau, Montréal, Henri Maurice Toupin, Edmonton, Allan J. Walters, Toronto and Francis McNaughton, Montréal.

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