

Book Reviews

Ife, Enugu-Nsukka, Zaria and perhaps others. The long-forgotten needs of the predominantly rural population are at last brought into the picture as the new emphasis on preventive medicine, nutrition, and the attack on the widespread endemic diseases demand more attention.

Dr. Schram writes well and in great detail. In fact, the sheer weight of detail with which every page is packed makes of this the definitive history of the period considered. The photographs add to the value of the text. The tables, maps and graphs, and the appendices not only provide material from numerous sources—some of them almost inaccessible to most people—but illustrate and amplify the chapters. Sir Samuel Manuwa, formerly Inspector General of Medical Services and Chief Medical Adviser to the Government of the Federation of Nigeria, writes a most appreciative foreword, whose terms will be echoed by those who read this work from cover to cover as well as by those who will dip into it from time to time for some factual reference.

As an objective account of the development of the health services in Nigeria, with a happy collaboration between the official services and the voluntary agencies, this book will be for long the standard work. For his industry, for sharing with a wide circle of readers an abridged version (of 458 pages) of a Cambridge M.D. thesis, for his infectious enthusiasm for his subject—we are indebted to the author.

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