

Book Reviews

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Volume 1 of the above index, covering the years 1945 to 1948, appeared in 1953. Its long-awaited continuation adheres to the same plan of arrangement. It is equally closely packed with entries, there being 5,600 in the fields of medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, and a further 1,529 for biology. As with all classified bibliographies the user ought to spend some time studying the rationale behind the classification before plunging into it. There are four main sections: Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Biology, each of which lists its entries under such recurring heads as 'Biography', 'Literature and Medicine', names of specialties, and chronological or geographical divisions. Cross-references lead from one heading to another, and from subjects to entries in the biographical section, though it should be noted that they are not always as consistent or as complete as one might have wished. There is little doubt that the bibliography would have been improved by a more liberal use of bold type in the right places.

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