

There are few mistakes and by some Freudian mischance nearly all appear to relate to the references—Freudian because the authors altogether ignore references as a subject for discussion. They must presumably feel that the number and quality of references is something not requiring detailed advice; this is odd, considering how important a subject it is. Only in the offices of the *New England Journal of Medicine* do others appear to think likewise, since articles in that journal now have two or three selected references separately recommended "for further reading."

Calnan and Barabas, who have already written a good book on how to speak at medical meetings, have produced a first rate plant in a thinly tilled field; I hope they will go on to develop new and more vigorous hybrids.

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Auscultation of the Heart—with Notes on Observation and Palpation. TURNER, R. W. D. Fourth edition. Pp. 122. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingston. Price; £1.00.

Auscultation of the heart is a skill which most general practitioners do not value very highly, feeling that the ability to detect the existence of abnormal sounds is all that they require. If auscultation of the heart can be learned by reading this must be recommended as an excellent test.

It is brief, 122 pages, clear and supported by admirable diagrams. The main part of the book is devoted to auscultation but this is preceded by a section on observation and palpation which is at least as valuable to the general practitioner.

It is easy to read and keeps a proper balance between the common and the rare, the important and the trivial. It is cheap and can be recommended.

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(Kent Area Health Authority)

Cinque Ports Vocational Training Scheme

Applications are invited for one trainee post in this scheme which is based on the towns of Dover and Deal. Medical institutions include a District General Hospital, a General Practitioner Hospital and a new multi-group Health Centre.

The initial and closing periods of the three-year scheme will be spent in General Practice and there will be four six-month Senior House Officer posts in the hospital—in Medicine/Geriatrics, Paediatrics/Dermatology, Obstetrics/Gynaecology, and Psychiatry. The last of these will include a good deal of work within the community.

A day release scheme operates which includes participation in a continuing course at the Kent Postgraduate Medical Centre at Canterbury. This Centre, and the scheme itself, have close links with the Health Service Research Unit at the University of Kent.

Throughout the three year period each trainee will be in continuous touch with his own General Practitioner. The post in Obstetrics/Gynaecology and Paediatrics are recognised for the Membership and Diploma of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists and Diploma in Child Health respectively. Fluidity within the organisation will allow an alternative post such as Anaesthesia. Trainees will be encouraged to sit for the Membership of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

The post will begin on 1st January, 1975. Further details of the scheme and application forms can be obtained from the Postgraduate Tutor at Buckland Hospital, Dover. Telephone enquiries can be made to Mrs. Howard, telephone number Dover 201624. Closing date for applications 1st November, 1974.