

awarded the Rodman medal for a selection from these photographs.

The motto of the book is that "The study of things caused must precede the study of the causes of things" while always appreciating that the study of the causes will be in the long run more rewarding. It is difficult to produce a book with just enough information for the people for whom it is intended. Professor Biggart has done just this, and, in addition, he will stimulate many readers to explore neuropathology much further. Messrs. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. have produced the usual neat and pleasant volume which one associates with this house.

Scientific Aspects of Neurology (Leeds Neurological Sciences Colloquium 1959-60). Edited by HUGH GARLAND, T.D., M.D., F.R.C.P. Edin. and Lond. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1961. Pp. xi + 264. Price 50s.

Here are twenty lectures on a variety of neurological subjects. The twenty authors are distinguished and their contributions, mostly based on their own original work, are of high standard. The editor hopes that they will show, perhaps especially to the non-neurological world, the way neurologists are thinking in the mid-twentieth century.

The experience of the College photocopying service shows that there are many general practitioners who will at times want to penetrate deeply into a subject even if it may not be a common problem in their daily work. Nevertheless it seems likely that only a few general practitioners will wish to read this book, and then only to refer to particular articles. "Some observations on trigeminal neuralgia" or "The rational use of tranquillizing drugs" are subjects which concern us urgently. "The applied physiology of sleep" can interest us all. "Cerebral lipidoses" or "Broca's contribution to aphasia reviewed a century later" are for few of us. Most of the other subjects are rare, like these. Unlike the editor, I believe that this good book will chiefly interest neurologists.

Cerebral Palsy in Childhood and Adolescence. Edited by J. L. HENDERSON, M.D., F.R.C.P.E. Edin. and Lond. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1961. Pp. iii + 403. Price 35s.

This book reports in great detail the results of a survey of cerebral palsy carried out in the Eastern region of Scotland. Not only is it an epidemiological survey but the clinical side is fully evaluated, including orthopaedic, ophthalmological, E.N.T., and dental aspects. The psychological, educational, and social sides are also fully considered.

The mass of information obtained during the survey is well

presented and the facts and figures transformed into a readable book.

Notwithstanding all this, it is not a book the family doctor or consultant will wish to read from cover to cover. Nevertheless, it will prove a most useful reference book and just browsing through the pages will give him a greater insight into the problems and management of cerebral palsy. For the physician or surgeon with a special interest in cerebral palsy this book is a "must".

**Proceedings of the Fourth International Congress of Clinical Chemistry
Held at Edinburgh, 14—19 August, 1960. London. Butterworth & Co. 1961. Pp. xvi + 212. Price 35s.**

This report, in book form, is as its title suggests mainly of interest to the specialist reader. The contents fall into two main divisions. The first part is devoted to the symposia, papers from which are reported in full. These are on plasma protein turnover in disease, mechanisms of urine production, enzymes in clinical chemistry, and congenital abnormalities of metabolism. The latter section consists of short summaries, not always in English, of over 100 papers read at the congress on assorted subjects of biochemical interest.

The whole book is attractively bound and produced and may be recommended to anyone with a particular interest in the subjects mentioned above.

The Psychological Care of the Child in Hospital. AGATHA H. BOWLEY, Ph.D., F.B.Psy.S. Edin. and Lond. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1961. Pp. 5 + 47. Price 4s. 6d.

This booklet is aimed at the student nurse, but is so good that it is hoped it will reach a much wider target.

The author is an educational psychologist, concerned with spastic and deaf children, and with sick children at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, London.

There is a current campaign in the press, women's magazines and radio against the "inhumanity" of the medical and nursing professions, particularly in maternity hospitals. This campaign is widespread and increasing. Before blaming a degenerate society or the N.H.S. for this most hurtful charge, we should remember that our training, so thorough in organic disease, taught us nothing of our patients' humanity lest it confuse the issue.

Perhaps the discipline from which this book arises can help to