

opening on to 18 or more aspects of biology, with which the next generation of family doctors must come to grips, if they are to get the best use out of "drugs as selective reagents to act on particular aspects of bacterial metabolism . . ." (to quote Sir Macfarlane in the introduction).

**The Caseworker's Use of Relationships.** MARGARET L. FERARD and NOEL K. HUNNYBUN, for *Mind and Medicine Monographs*. Editor MICHAEL BALINT, M.D., PH.D., M.SC. Lond. Tavistock Publications. 1962. Pp. vii + 133. Price 20s.

General practitioners are sometimes aware during the history taking, in the medical context, of undercurrents which seem to produce more disturbance than the symptom complained of. Sometimes indeed, the patient may walk out of the consulting room apparently with a lighter step than when they entered, without the doctor having done anything more than listen, and the doctor may still not be aware why the patient came. The general practitioner may also recognize patients who "rub him up the wrong way" without any good reason, and he may also look after patients who excite his sympathy more than others.

This book goes a long way towards explaining these relationships, and if the examples seem unduly capable of neat explanations, they are, after all, examples to demonstrate a point. Examples of transference are demonstrated, and the warning to be on guard against counter transference reactions made.

This is a useful and stimulating book and will cause its readers to think more about the relationships of the interview.

#### BOOKS RECEIVED

**Getting Married.** *A Family Doctor Booklet* (British Medical Association). Pp. 3+224. Price 1s. 0d.

**The Facts of Life.** ROGER PILKINGTON, M.A., PH.D. *A Family Doctor Booklet* (British Medical Association). Pp. 3+31. Price 1s. 0d.

**Medical Precepts in Tropical Africa.** MICHAEL GELFAND, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.M.R. Edin. and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1962. Pp. 5+16. Price 2s. 0d.

#### BLACKWELL SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Oxford

We have recently received Blackwell's *Catalogue of Books and Journals on Medicine and Science* for 1961-62. This catalogue lists under subject headings a wide range of medical and surgical works, and fills 150 pages.

This useful publication may be obtained from Blackwell Scientific Publications Ltd., 25 Broad Street, Oxford.