

of the nature of psychological illness Dr Stafford Clark's *Psychiatry Today* in the Pelican series will be of greater value.

**Paediatric Aspects of Cerebral Palsy.** T. T. S. INGRAM, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., D.C.H. Edinburgh and London. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1964. Pp. xii + 515. Price 84s.

This excellent book is essentially one for the consultant paediatrician. That is the first thought that goes through one's mind, but after reading, it is obviously of great value to the general practitioner for surely all of us, by the very nature of our work are paediatricians. The author has carried out much research into the causation of cerebral palsy in the young and has tabulated the results of his work clearly and succinctly. The book is well illustrated and the bibliography is extensive. A very useful reference book for the general practitioner.

**Community, Church and Healing.** R. A. LAMBOURNE, B.D., M.B., CH.B., D.P.M. London. Darton, Longman and Todd. Pp. ix + 179. Price 18s.

The author of this book, a physician, psychiatrist, and lay theologian, seeks to emphasize that the healing of the sick is a function, not alone of certain specially trained persons, but of the entire community. He devotes a chapter to going back to the Greek Testament for a careful study of the Greek verbs translated in the Authorised Version as 'heal', 'make whole', 'cleanse', 'restore', explaining their relationships and giving examples of their several uses in the New Testament scriptures. We are thus led to deduce that the sick man is, in fact, the representative of the sick community, and it is for the community, therefore, to minister to his needs. Such ministry covers every act performed in the service of the sick person, from the mundane tasks of cooking, washing and shopping, to medical and nursing care and the giving and receiving of the Church's sacraments. Carried out with love and a true understanding of values this communal ministry not only mobilizes the forces of healing in the sick man himself, but draws those performing it into the radius of the healing influences.

Besides emphasizing the importance of corporate prayer for the sick, the author makes a strong plea for the revival of the rites of Unction and the Laying on of Hands and of the Sacrament of Penance as normal parts of the Church's ministry. While in no sense advocating emotional 'healing services' he suggests that Unction and the Laying on of Hands might well take place publicly within the framework of the Eucharist and might, indeed, be performed by responsible lay members of the congregation acting together with the officiating priest or minister.

A chapter on group psychotherapy explains the benefits, and also the pitfalls, of this method, and a final chapter describes the social services, both voluntary and state controlled, as at present organized.

It is not possible, within the limits of a brief review, to do justice to this stimulating and thought-provoking book, which will repay careful and critical reading by anyone interested in the mutual interaction of medicine and religion.