

Correspondence

AN EXPLANATION

Editor, SOUTHERN MEDICAL JOURNAL:

In your issue for April, 1920, there appeared a report of an address delivered by me at the thirteenth annual meeting of the Southern Medical Association, held at Asheville, N. C., November 10-13, 1919.

I had returned from France but a short time before and this address was but an informal presentation of a collection of notes based upon excerpts from diaries kept during the period of my active service abroad.

One of these notes referred to the capture of samples of groupd blood from the British by the Germans. This note was read as it was written at the time of the occurrence but, as stated, is capable of misinterpretation and should have been deleted before the address was published, as it represented neither a thought nor an act on the part of any of my medical colleagues or of myself.

In order that such misinterpretation may be obviated, therefore, may I ask that this note be inserted in one of your forthcoming issues?

Very truly yours,

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Cleveland, Ohio, April 4, 1922.

[The above is in answer to a letter received by the JOURNAL and Dr. Crile from Prof. A. von Eiselsberg, Vienna, Austria, in reference to this statement: "To their (the British's) great regret, during an offensive the Germans captured a lot of this perfectly good blood. We always hoped that they would get the numbers wrong, so that if they used it, it would be improperly groupd and anaphylaxis would follow." Title of paper: "Surgical Researches During the World War", Southern Medical Journal, Vol. xiii, No. 4, April 1920, p. 268.—EDITOR.]

Book Reviews

Pneumonia. Harvard Health Talks. By Fredrick Taylor Lord, A.B., M.D., Visiting Physician, Massachusetts General Hospital. 63 pages. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1922.

This is one of a series of public lectures delivered at the Medical School of Harvard University.

It is very tersely written. Dr. Lord's position in the profession makes the information of value. The binding and printing are excellent. It should prove a book of real use to those for whom it is written.

The Ten Commandments of Medical Ethics. By Frank R. Wynn, M.D. Reproduced from "The Physician." Artistically printed in colors and handsomely illuminated by an especially designed border illustrating the History of Medicine in Symbolism. Size 22x17—Suitable for framing. Indianapolis: F. E. Dillan, 1922. Price, postpaid, \$2.00.

The above is quite descriptive of the contents of the "Commandments." They express lofty ideals and deal with the physician's obligations to his conscience and to the patient. It is well worded and the mechanical work is artistically executed.

Preventive Medicine and Hygiene. By Milton J. Rosenau, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Hygiene, Harvard; Director of the School of Public Health, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Formerly Director, the Hygienic Laboratory, U. S. Public Health Service, etc. With chapters on Sewage and Garbage by George W. Whipple, Professor of Sanitary Engineering, Harvard University. Vital Statistics by John W. Trask, Assistant Surgeon-General, U. S. Public Health Service. Mental Hygiene, by Thomas W. Salmon, Medical Director, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, etc. Fourth edition. 1192 text figures and 1567 pages. New York and London: D. Appleton & Co., 1921.

Rosenau's "Preventive Medicine and Hygiene" is one of the standard works by American authors, and is one of the accepted authorities on the subject.

The fourth edition has undergone extensive revision and additions, the following subjects having been added: Public Health Methods and Measures; Relative Values in Public Health Work; A Public Health Program; Organization of Health Departments; Median Endemic Index; Housing; Rural Sanitation; Public Health Education; Public Health Nursing; Drug Addiction; Alcoholism; Undernutrition; Sanitary Surveys; Infant Mortality; Koch's Laws; Intelligence Quotient; Vitamins; Oral Hygiene; Ocular Hygiene; Personal Hygiene; and a Laboratory Course in Preventive Medicine and Hygiene. Also a discussion of the following diseases is taken up for the first time by the author: Vincent's Angina; Deer Fever; Leishmaniasis; Epidemic Encephalitis; Psychoneurosis; and War Edema.

The following sections have been rewritten: Venereal Diseases and Hygiene of Sex; Dysentery; Influenza; Trench Fever; Mental Defectives; Food Poisoning; Botulism; Deficiency Disease and Goiter.

The book is most complete. It should be in the library of every physician, as it gives facts in such a manner that they are readily obtainable for ready reference.

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Chicago: The Year Book Publishers, 1921.

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