

REVIEWS

B.C.G. and Vole Vaccination, by K. Neville Irvine, M.A., D.M., B.Ch., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Foreword by F. Heaf, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. (96 pages, illustrated, 12/6.) National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, London.

This booklet is exactly what many have been wanting, a readable informative account of B.C.G., now very widely used, and of the vole bacillus vaccine now being used on a small scale experimentally.

The seven chapters with their main contents are as follows: chapter one deals with the history of these vaccines; chapter two with the theory of vaccination, including infection, resistance natural and acquired, allergy, vaccination and tuberculin testing, and the phenomena associated with them; chapter three deals with the different kinds of vaccine and the influence of various factors on them, heat, light, freeze drying, etc.; chapter four deals with the safety and effectiveness of vaccination; chapter five deals with tuberculin testing in its different forms, with a description of each test, of the technique, of the readings, with critical comments; chapter six deals similarly with the different vaccination procedures; chapter seven deals with the complications of vaccination; chapter eight deals with the organisation of vaccination measures. Each chapter has its own references. There are ten colour plates, all reproductions of colour photographs, and text figures.

This booklet is strongly recommended as a small practical handbook of the subject.