

Book Reviews

Physiotherapy in Leprosy, by MERRILL MENDIS, M.C.S.P., with a foreword by PAUL W. BRAND, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., 83 pp. published by John Wright & Sons Ltd., Bristol, 1 plate, 17 figs. paper covers; price 15s. postage 7d.

The extremely beneficial revolution for the leprosy patient is here for the first time systematized and described by the author who has practised it, and the surgeon who initiated it writes a foreword. The book should be in the hands of every leprosy worker. The book deals with nerve involvement, ulnar, median, combined ulnar and median, radial, lateral popliteal, and posterior tibial. Post-operative physiotherapeutic treatment of hands is next dealt with. Splinting of digits for correction contractures, and re-education following surgery, are next carefully explained. Other subjects are preoperative treatment after lateral popliteal nerve palsy, re-education following tibialis posterior transfer, plantar ulceration and its prevention, shoes in leprosy, prevention of secondary deformity and ulceration.

If anyone wants to take part in the modern treatment of patients, this manual of physiotherapy is very valuable.

An Inn Called Welcome by A. DONALD MILLER, 241 pp. price 4/6 limp, is the story of the Mission to Lepers, 7 Bloomsbury Square, London W.C.1.

Tells of 43 years of world-wide compassionate service to leprosy patients from 1874-1917, and is published during the 90th anniversary year. It is hoped later to continue the absorbing story from 1918. Mr Donald Miller's own service began in 1922 and since 1963 he has become a Vice-President of the Society.

This is a noble and refreshing book. The author traces the story, with many an intimate detail, of the foundation of the work of the Mission by Wellesley Bailey and the sisters Pim to the present wide establishment of 'Inns of Welcome' in all parts of the world for leprosy sufferers and growth to embrace and support all sorts of remedial measures for them from shoes to electron microscopes. Many have co-operated and do co-operate, and the clear, growth of help for so many patients is a work of Grace which is a fit subject for rejoicing. The original book is worthy of immediate purchase, and study in detail. It is hoped that in a future edition it will be possible to add many illustrations.