

Book Reviews

Humangenetik: Krankheiten des Nervensystems

Ein kurzes Handbuch in fünf Bänden: Band V/1.

(*Human Genetics: Diseases of the Nervous System*)

A short Handbook in five volumes: Volume V/1.

Edited by P. E. Becker. Contributions by P. E. Becker and G. Koch. Georg Thieme Verlag. Stuttgart, 1966. xii+557 pages; 177 black-and-white illustrations. Bound volume with jacket; 17×25 cm. Selling price: DM 174 (approx. \$ 45); Subscription price: DM 139.20 (approx. \$ 35). Cannot be sold without Volume V/2 (cf following review).

Started around 1964, this « short » Handbook of Human Genetics has so far given a total of over 3000 printed pages with some 1300 illustrations, distributed in Volumes II (Skeletal System), III/1 (Metabolism, Allergic and Infectious Diseases, Cancer, Myopathies and Urogenital System), IV (Sense Organs), and the here reviewed V/1 (Nervous System) and V/2 (Psychiatry), while Volumes I and III/2 are yet to be published.

This First Part of Volume V consists in the following contributions on Nervous Diseases:

G. Koch: Diffuse Scleroses; Phacomatoses; Syringomyelia; Diseases mainly involving the Extrapyrarnidal System — P. E. Becker: Diseases mainly involving the Cerebellospinal System (hereditary ataxias); Diseases mainly involving Pyramidal Tract, Anterior Column and Bulbar Motor Centers (spastic spinal paralyse, spinal muscular atrophies, progressive bulbar paralyse and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis); Diseases mainly involving Peripheral Nerves and Spinal Roots — G. Koch: Nervous Diseases of Exogenous or Nuclear Origin.

A Subject Index completes the volume. It may be noted that myopathies have been included in the already published Vol. III/1, rather than in the present volume. Also, epilepsy and

migraine have been dealt with in the second part of this volume, devoted to psychiatric disorders.

Two main difficulties, the German language and the high price, will probably interfere with a worldwide distribution of this important work.

Humangenetik: Psychiatrische Krankheiten

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(*Human Genetics: Psychiatric Diseases*)

A short Handbook in five volumes: Volume V/2.

Edited by P. E. Becker. Contributions by H. Bickel, H. Cleve, G. Koch, W. Lenz, E. Strömngren, E. Zerbin-Rüdin. Georg Thieme Verlag. Stuttgart, 1967. xv+613 pages; 60 tables; 105 both colored and black-and-white illustrations. Bound volume with jacket; 17×25 cm. Selling price: DM 190 (approx. \$ 48); Subscription price: DM 152 (approx. \$ 38). Cannot be sold without Volume V/1 (cf preceding review).

Volume V of Becker's Handbook of Human Genetics has been devoted to Hereditary Nervous and Mental Diseases and divided in two parts: Part 1, dealing with Nervous Diseases, which has already been examined in the preceding review, and Part 2, dealing with Psychiatric Diseases, and consisting in the following chapters:

G. Koch: Epilepsies — E. Zerbin-Rüdin: Degenerative Processes of the Brain; Idiopathic Mental Deficiency — H. Bickel and H. Cleve: Metabolic Forms of Mental Deficiency — W. Lenz: Anomalies of the Autosomes with respect to Mental Deficiency — G. Koch: Special Forms of Mental Deficiency (hereditary syndromes with mental deficiency) — E. Zerbin-Rüdin: Endogenous Psychoses (schizophrenias and manic depressive psychoses) — E. Strömngren: Neuroses and Psychopathies.

A Subject Index completes the volume. The

same difficulties, already expressed for other volumes, apply to the present one, as far as distribution is concerned, i.e. the German language and the high price, which make this important Handbook less competitive with respect to other ones on the international market.

Psychiatrie der Gegenwart - Forschung und Praxis

(*Modern Psychiatry - Research and Praxis*)

Edited by H. W. Gruhle †, R. Jung, W. Mayer-Gross †, M. Müller. Springer Verlag, Berlin-Heidelberg-New York, 1960-1967. Five 17×25 cm. bound volumes with jacket for a total of some 5000 pages and 650 both colored and black-and-white illustrations. Total selling price: DM 597 (approx. \$ 150); Subscription price: DM 480 (approx. \$ 120).

The recent publication of Vol. I/1A has recently completed this modern Handbook of Psychiatry, started in 1960. Beautifully produced by Springer Verlag, this monumental work is the result of the conjoined efforts of an international staff of four Editors and some 70 contributors. The work has been subdivided in three « Volumes » (*Bände*): 1. Fundamentals and Methods of Psychiatry; 2. Clinical Psychiatry; 3. Social and Applied Psychiatry. The First Volume having led to the publication of three separate actual volumes, the entire work has resulted in the following five separate volumes:

Vol. I/1A: *Fundamentals of Psychiatry - A*

xxiv+1216 pages; 222 illustrations; DM 185 (\$ 46.25); 1967.

E. Strömngren: Psychiatric Genetics — K. Conrad: Constitution — R. Hassler: Functional Neuroanatomy and Psychiatry — G. Peters: Neuropathology and Psychiatry — R. Jung: Neurophysiology and Psychiatry — J. Elkas: Behavioral Pharmacology in Relation to Psychiatry — J. C. Brengelmann: Conditioned Reactions, Learning and Psychiatry.

Vol. I/1B: *Fundamentals of Psychiatry - B*

vi+529 pages; 85 illustrations; DM 84 (\$ 21.00); 1964.

H. Waelsch: Neurochemistry and Psychiatry — C. Riebeling: Metabolic Pathology of Psychoses — M. Bleuler: Endocrinological Psychiatry — G. Huber: Neuroradiology and Psychiatry — D. Ploog: Behavior and Psychiatry — W. A. Giljarowsky: Conditioned Reflexes and their Development in Russian Psychiatry.

Vol. I/2: *Fundamentals and Methods of Clinical Psychiatry*

viii+1056 pages; 91 illustrations; DM 110 (\$ 27.50); 1963.

A. Psychopathology and Methods of Psychological Research: Contributions by J. Wyrsh, P. Matussek, J. J. Lopez Ibor, J. C. Brengelmann, P. Pichot and H. J. Eysenck.

B. Psychotherapy: Contributions by G. Bally, F. Meerwein, W. Kretschmer jr.

C. Somatotherapy: Contributions by M. Müller, II. Solms, F. Cornu and H. Heimann.

D. General Conceptions and Fundamental Philosophical Problems: Contributions by H. Ey, J. Zutt, R. Kuhn, M. Natanson and E. W. Strauss.

Vol. II: *Clinical Psychiatry*

viii+1229 pages; 146 illustrations; DM 120 (\$ 30.00); 1960.

A. Endogenous Psychoses: Contributions by J. Wyrsh, M. Müller, C. Müller, H. J. Weitbrecht, H.-H. Meyer and K. Leonhard.

B. Psychopathies, Neuroses and Abnormal Reactions: Contributions by H. Binder, E. Stengel and P.-B. Schneider.

C. Psychiatry of Vices (Alcoholism etc.): Contributions by M. Müller, S. Sariola, R. Wyss, H. Solms, and J. E. Staehelin.

D. Organic Psychoses and Brain Diseases: Contributions by K. Conrad, W. Scheid, C. Faust, G. Schorsch, R. Dreyer, C. E. Benda and K. Poeck.

E. Infant and Age Psychiatry: Contributions by H. Stutte and H. Ruffin.