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Wagner-Jauregg, J.: Lebenserinnerungen. Herausgegeben und ergänzt von *L. Schönbauer* und *M. Jantsch.* Springer-Verlag, Wien 1950. 187 pages, 46 fig. \$ 2.40.

One of the last representatives of the great tradition of the Vienna School of Medicine depicts in this autobiography (1857-1940) not only his own development from experimental pathologist to one of the leading European neuropsychiatrists and his studies of goiter prophylaxis and fever therapy of psychoses, but he gives also a vivid account of the Vienna faculty which was under the influence of his dominating personality for nearly 40 years. This biography impressively shows that *Wagner-Jauregg* was not only a great physician but also an upright man, a fighter for truth and justice, even for colleagues who had never asked for his intervention. This carefully edited and splendidly illustrated book will be interesting reading to every neuropsychiatrist.

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Graf, K.: Geschwülste des Ohres und des Kleinhirnbrückenwinkels. Thieme, Stuttgart 1952. VIII. 283 Seiten, 132 Abb. DM 43.-.

For the neurologist, particularly the parts dealing with acoustic neurinoma are of interest. They form the largest part of this excellent monograph. It is shown, that, in the majority of neurinomas, X-ray examination may reveal typical symptoms. Of special interest is the careful histologic analysis of the petrous bones. It shows that in the occipital approach it is often impossible to extirpate completely tumors located in the internal auditory meatus. It is therefore proposed to expose the internal auditory meatus in a second stage operation transaurally in order to remove the rest of the tumor. This monograph should be carefully studied by neurologists, neurosurgeons, otologists and roentgenologists.

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Abramson, A. H. (édit.): Problems of Consciousness. Transact. of the first (1950) Conference \$ 3.00; Transact. of the second (1951) Conference \$ 3.25. Josiah Macy, jr. Foundation Publications, New York 1952.

Recognizing that continued isolation of the several branches of science is a serious obstacle to scientific progress, the Macy Foundation has organized conferences that attempt to promote a meaningful communication between various disciplines. In these two volumes a multi-discipline approach to the problems of consciousness is presented. There are interesting essays dealing with the sleep-wakefulness cycle (*Kleitman*), psychoanalytic concepts of sleep (*Zilboorg*), pain perception (*Beecher*), hypnosis (*Brenman*), consciousness and the chemistry of time (*Hoagland*), psychodynamics (*Rapaport*), variations in the state of awareness in schizophrenic patients (*D. Wright*).

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