

Book Notices

included are Erb, Friedreich, Westphal, the Vogts, Gall (born at Tiefenbronn), Nissl, Helmholtz, Hitzig, and Oppenheim, together with Paracelsus, Kepler, Haller, and Goethe, who likewise had connexions with the area. The captions deal chiefly with the achievements of these and other individuals, and they pose the question whether any other part of the world has provided such a galaxy of neurological talent. This miniature medical and scientific Baedeker should accompany all neurologists and medical historians touring Baden-Württemberg.

DANIEL L. O'KEEFE, *Stolen lightning. The social theory of magic*, Oxford, Martin Robertson, 1982, 8vo, pp. xxii, 581, £17.50.

This remarkable, erudite, argumentative, and often witty book surveys the seven great categories of magic – medical magic, black magic, ceremonial magic, religious magic, the occult sciences, the paranormal, and magical cults and sects – drawing them together within a general and historical theory. O'Keefe views magic as a set of opportunistic borrowings from religion. Whereas religion is, in a Durkheimian way, a celebration of social order, magic is the protection of the individual against the pressures and threats of society. This thesis has important ramifications for medicine, which are, unfortunately, short-circuited by O'Keefe's tendency to regard all forms of knowledge and action as ultimately "magical".

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title in this list does not preclude the possibility of subsequent review. Items received, other than those assigned for review, are ultimately incorporated into the collection of the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine.)

Annali dell'Istituto storico italo-germanico in Trento, 1981, vol. 7, Bologna, Il Mulino, 1982, 8vo, pp. 452, L. 40.000.

Bibliography of the history of medicine, No. 17, 1981, Bethesda, Md., National Library of Medicine, 1982, 4to, pp. 240, [no price stated], (paperback).

Charité-Annalen, Neue Folge, Band 1, 1981, Berlin DDR, Akademie-Verlag, 1982, 8vo, pp. 273, illus., M. 58.00 (paperback).

KENNETH HAMBLBY, *Overcoming tension*, London, Sheldon Press, 1983, 8vo, pp. 81, £1.95 (paperback).

M. J. VAN LIEBURG, *A. N. Nolst Trenite en zijn 'Handboek der Ziekenverpleging' (1894)*, Amsterdam, Rodopi, 1983, 8vo, pp. 65, illus., Dfl. 20.00 (paperback).

C. DAVID TOLLISON, *Managing chronic pain: a patient's guide*, New York, Sterling Press; Poole, Dorset, Blandford Press, 1982, 8vo, pp. 144, illus., £7.95.