

Illness and Health Services In an Aging Population

This collection of four papers was presented at a session of the Second International Gerontological Congress, held in St. Louis in September 1951. These, with other papers from the congress, appeared in brief in the February issue of *Public Health Reports* (pp. 127, 130, 136, and 137).

Now brought together in their entirety in a single volume, the four articles provide comprehensive analyses of quantitative data on illness and health services in an aging population and throw light on disabling illness as one of the complex and interrelated factors which make it difficult for many persons to achieve reasonable health and happiness in old age.

The papers are: "Health Status and Health Requirements of an Aging Population," by G. St.J. Perrott, Marcus S. Goldstein, and Selwyn D. Collins; "Illness Among Older People in Hagerstown, Maryland," by Antonio Ciocco and Phillip S. Lawrence; "Experience of the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York With Its Older Enrollees," by George Baehr and Neva R. Deardorff; and "Health Services for the Aging in Saskatchewan," by Leonard S. Rosenfeld, Frederick D. Mott, and Malcolm G. Taylor.

Illness and Health Services in an Aging Population. (Public Health Service Publication No. 170) 1952. 68 pages, tables, graphs. 25 cents.

Selected References on Aging. An Annotated Bibliography

This is a bibliographic selection of the most significant materials on the problem of aging that have appeared in the past several years. Compiled by the library of the Federal Security Agency for the Committee on

Aging and Geriatrics, the bibliography affords a quick reference for both the layman and the professional worker and covers the basic thinking to date in this field. The titles are grouped under six main headings: social aspects of an aging population; economic aspects of an aging population; medical aspects of an aging population; general references and conference reports; conference and group discussion methods; and bibliographies. The references are annotated briefly except where the title is self explanatory.

Selected References on Aging. An Annotated Bibliography. Federal Security Agency Committee on Aging and Geriatrics, Washington, D. C., 1952. 36 pages. 20 cents.

Diseases of the Heart And Blood Vessels

How important are diseases of the heart as causes of death in the United States? What types of cardiovascular disease are the chief killers? Has the death rate from diseases of the heart increased or decreased? Are race and sex important factors? What age groups are affected by these diseases? Have rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease deaths been going down? Do more people die in certain months or seasons of the year than in others? Is the Nation's manpower affected by diseases of the heart and circulation? How common is disability from these diseases?

The American Heart Association, in cooperation with the Public Health Service, attempts to answer the questions in a brochure which economizes on textual explanation but which accents the heart disease message through the skillful use of color in 12 statistical charts.

Usually, the most recent data included are for 1948, although in some instances 1949 and 1950 data are given. An example of the latter is a table showing the estimated number of deaths and death rates for specific diseases of the heart and

circulatory system in the United States, for 1950.

The charts are preceded by a short glossary of heart disease terms.

Diseases of the Heart and Blood Vessels—Facts and Figures. 16 pages. Single copies may be requested at no cost from the National Heart Institute, National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, Bethesda 14, Md., and from the American Heart Association, 1775 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y. In quantity, order from the American Heart Association at \$15.00 a hundred copies.

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Whooping Cough

Although whooping cough is often considered a mild disease, its dangers, particularly to children under 3, cannot be overemphasized. This health information leaflet describes the disease, its characteristic cough, and how it is spread. Care of the patient—isolation, proper rest and diet—are covered. Prevention of whooping cough by means of vaccination of children, preferably when 6 months of age, is stressed. Booster shots, or reinforcing doses of vaccine when the child is ready to go to school are recommended.

Whooping Cough. Health Information Series, No. 60 (Public Health Service Publication No. 220). Reprinted 1952. 1-fold leaflet. 5 cents; \$1.25 per 100.

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