

ESSENTIAL MALARIOLOGY.

L.J. BRUCE-CHWATT. William Heinemann Medical Books Ltd., London 1980. 354 pages, 74 figures, 24 tables, £12.95.

Emeritus Professor L.J. Bruce-Chwatt has placed malariologists throughout the world in his debt by bringing out this timely up-to-date publication on the essentials of malaria.

The goal of achieving global eradication of malaria envisaged by the World Health Organisation has receded. In fact, there has been a resurgence of malaria in several countries in the tropics which had brought the incidence to a low figure after many years of carrying out eradication campaigns. It is estimated that five hundred million people are still in the grip of endemic malaria. The increased tempo of movement of people from one country to another as a result of tourism, trade and international exchanges has also raised the danger of malaria spreading to and re-establishing itself in countries with little or no malaria at present like Europe, N. America and U.S.S.R.

The appearance of this book providing an

authorative, concise and up-to-date description of the clinical and public health aspects of human malaria is most timely. It deals with the history, parasitology, chemotherapy, chemoprophylaxis, epidemiology and diagnosis of malaria as well as the anopheline vectors of the world and the rationale and technique of malaria control and eradication. There is a bibliography of selected references concentrating on publications of the past ten years although it comprises some important books of the previous period.

Professor Bruce-Chwatt as an outstanding teacher, researcher and malariologist working with the World Health Organisation, the Ross Institute of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the Wellcome Museum of Medical Science is eminently qualified to write such a book. 'Essential Malariology' is recommended to all malariologists, medical practitioners, health workers, medical students, nurses and travel agents.

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