

by others. This extent of detail is normally required of those who advance claims for the therapeutic usefulness of a new drug.

The book refers to experiments on spontaneous tumors in dogs and cats. The number and reproducibility of these experiments on such notably unreliable investigative materials are not impressive.

There is much reference, of a general nature, to defense mechanisms against cancer, spontaneous regressions of the disease, and the role in cancer of the reticuloendothelial system. These references are of a conventional type, from statements of others hallowed by long usage but without documentation.

The clinical reports presented do not lend themselves to analysis or permit any conclusion about the validity of the authors' claims. Similar claims have been examined, repeatedly, by responsible agencies and found to be invalid. One would hope, therefore, that the ones published in this document would be carefully reviewed by impartial and informed individuals, and endorsed, before they are accepted.

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**The Menninger Story.** Walker Winslow. Doubleday, Garden City, N.Y., 1956. 350 pp.+ plates. \$5.

Mayos at Rochester, Minnesota, then Menningers at Topeka, Kansas; Mayos for surgery, Menningers for mental health. Judged from the stories of these clinics, surgical therapy antedated emphasis on health of spirit, mind, and body as exemplified at Topeka.

*The Menninger Story* is biography. Its central figure is Dr. Charles Frederick. But of almost equal concern are sons, Karl and William, with their mother, Flo, and brother, Edwin, also in the picture. It might be considered the success story of a lad, born into a German family but recently come from Switzerland, who before his death could be credited with an almost complete reversal in national attitude toward mental ill health. But Dr. C. F., however, would not have favored this as the emphasis in a biography of himself. For him *The Menninger Story* would be a history of a change of emphasis of health service from therapy for an organic pathology to that for a person *in toto*. He wished the patient, not the specialty, to be of first concern.

Professionally Dr. C. F. faced opposition throughout most of the 60-odd years of his medical career. In the last decade, however, his sons carried the fight against public inertia and professional apathy. An unexpected factor in

the story is that education functioned markedly in the changes achieved. In that participation, education gave a triple service. First, it transformed a narrowly trained homeopathic medic into a family practitioner acceptable to both his community and fellow-physicians of other schools of medicine. Second, education became an integral part of the therapy, especially with those patients with mental illness. Then there was the extension of the educational out-reach that ultimately brought an improved administration and treatment for patients in state hospitals.

The word *story* in the title is significant. The author has shown skill both in recording history and in doing it in a manner that is attention-holding to the end. And not least significant, the reader is likely to experience a marked change in his estimate of mental illness and its therapy as he reads.

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