or confusing. The authors of this remarkable volume have undertaken the Herculean task of reviewing this literature and cleaning up the mess. They have organized the material well, so that papers from diverse sources and published at different times are brought together to bear upon some specific point. Their choice of cited papers has been excellent, no relevant papers having been omitted. Most of all, they add their own wise insights constantly, both as critical comments and as summary statements. The result is a highly readable book, rich with information and provoking many associations in the reader. One can hardly read more than a few pages without thinking of at least several possible new experiments.

The first major section of the book deals with neurotransmitter amines, such as acetylcholine, serotonin, and the catecholamines, with great emphasis on their relation to behavior. The second deals with the affective disorders, considering genetic influences, the role of brain amines, disturbances of water, mineral, and carbohydrate metabolism or altered pituitary-adrenocortical function, in relation to the various clinical manifestations. The third and major section of the book is concerned with the biochemistry of schizophrenia. Evidence for the many tantalizing theories of its pathogenesis is presented and critically evaluated. Few persons active in this field have been bold or energetic enough to apply themselves to this task, and this review of the biochemistry of schizophrenia is one of the best yet. Finally, the fourth section deals with experimental psychoses produced by various hallucinogenic drugs and their relation to schizophrenia.

More than a third of the volume is taken up by references and index, which are by no means "filler." The extensive referencing and indexing make the book extremely valuable as a guide to the literature. Should one wish to locate some recent references on electrolyte changes in mania, or the metabolism of mescaline, the organization of the book and the complete referencing make this job easy. This volume is likely to become a handbook in the true sense of the word: a book frequently pulled from the shelf to elucidate some discussion or to refresh one's memory about which drug affects which amine in what way under suchand-such conditions. By some good luck, references are included up to the actual year of publication of the book.

Although this new wave of biological research has not yet found a solution to some of the vexing problems of mental disorders, the accomplishments to date are promising. This book fills a most useful purpose in setting into proper perspective what has been accomplished so far and, more important, what must be done in the future. It is highly recommended to each of the many disciplines involved in the search for a rational pathogenesis and treatment of mental disorders.

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