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Abstract : The publication early this year of Sir Rickard Christophers' book on *aegypti* is an event which has been awaited with great interest. The expected further significant contribution from one whose researches on mosquitoes, related and other aspects of medical science, have been of first importance

years have certainly been rewarded. The book must command a place of la distinction and value in medical entomology. It is far from being a compilation literature. It is particularly noteworthy for its content of new information, pre unpublished, from the author's own researches.

Of the 31 chapters, the first 4 together take up only 100 pages and in this li considerable number of topics are discussed. Some, such as historical aspe distribution, general biology-including enemies and parasites of *Aedes aegy* complete than others which have become quickly imperfect as new knowled accumulates. Nevertheless, systematics include the concept of *Aedes aegy* the type form, ssp. *formosus* and var. *queenslandensis*. Medical aspects er yellow fever and dengue and briefly comment on relationships of other viru to 1955, as well as filariasis and avian malaria. On control, there are short ac adult and anti-larval measures by various means including DDT, disinfection protective measures by screening and repellents. Elsewhere, in a chapter v discusses factors affecting viability, the use and characteristics of contact in repellents are more fully treated. The fact of DDT resistance in *Aedes aegy* is incorporated in the text and principles of insecticide resistance are set ou is, moreover, provided by footnotes and addenda with references to some works on insecticides and the resistance phenomenon, up to 1957, and in t some of the limitations in this section are offset. These methods of suppler reference lists are also used elsewhere in the book.

Essentially, however, the main body of the book is less affected by this prob about *Aedes aegypti* itself-the external and internal structure, including hist physiology and behaviour of the female, male and the immature stages. Th chapters on the egg, 6 about the larva, 2 about the pupa and 15 on the adu comprising the greater part of half the book-over 300 pages. The morpholc physical characteristics of the egg and its physiological features and viability studied, followed by a chapter on the mechanism of eclosi3n and factors aft occurrence and success. Embryology is described in another chapter but fo *ntolestus*, the eggs of *Aedes aegypti* proving a technically troublesome mat so far as studied, conforming with processes observed in *Culex*. The minut in these studies is remarkable, based in great part on original investigation reexamination of material by the author, and this holds true again througho chapters on the external and internal structure of the larva, pupa and both adults. The book, for example, is believed to contain the first detailed descr brain of a mosquito and throughout its development in the life-cycle stages progressive tracing of organs and their functional role is often the thread o between chapters. It is for this aspect of the subject that the line-drawings Most of the 86 figures contain several individual drawings so that the total il

must be about 600 or more. Sections are numerous. Some drawings of postures in adults combine delightfully both precision and artistic delicacy. Such as tracheal, nervous and muscular systems are readily related in figures by corresponding numbers, the text also summarizing against these numbers the features of each element of the system. [Fig. 7.4 on the musculature of the abdomen include a figure of the abdomen to which text reference is made-Muscle 11, Chapters on biological aspects are concerned with larval environment and temperature and responses its factors invoke, growth characteristics, and pupal life. For separate chapters deal with food and feeding; numerous aspects of the blood including reactions to bites; mating and oviposition; the mechanics and physiology together with haltere function; special sense organs and their functions in response to stimuli. Viability under different conditions is a subject recurring for the different but for the adults is accorded a separate chapter. The concluding chapter is concerned with aspects of physiology and includes some account of mosquito chromosome genetics, hormones, reserves in different physiological phases of mosquito life. It traces the main features of respiration, digestion and circulation through larval life. Since so much that is new in the book, on structure and on function, stems from Rickard's own researches with his laboratory culture of *Aedes aegypti*, the thoroughness of the technique, proves a valuable statement of effective methods for rearing and sectioning. This is amplified by a useful bibliography to other methods, including ones which he did not himself use. A characteristic of the book is that, in addition to the chapter, there are interpolations throughout of informative accounts of technical procedures he employed for particular types of observation, sometimes on the anatomy but usually concerning biology and behaviour.

In addition to the illustrations referred to, a map of world distribution of the species is given and there is much detailed biological data in about 50 tables and some of these again, the author's original data. References are given in classified sections at the end of each chapter. Allowing for repetition of certain references relevant to several chapters, the overall list must amount to, perhaps, 2, 000 different titles.

Strictly separate treatment of morphology and function is neither wholly possible nor desirable. The arrangement of chapters tends to divide these disciplines completely, in general, but the reader should be ready to seek his information at more than one place in the book. In this he will be assisted by the index, the opening table of contents and periodic crossreferences in the text.

This is a book which all who work with *Aedes aegypti*, or other mosquitoes, will find a remarkably valuable source of information, drawn from the literature on this species, and of first importance for its substantial amount of original data. Its value is greater for those who view *Aedes aegypti*, or other mosquitoes, as experimental animals than for those who are concerned in the practical management of mosquito

It is a fairly large book, 11" × 7 1/2" and nearly 2" thick, well bound, with print and illustrations, some intricate, clear. *D. S. Bertram*.

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