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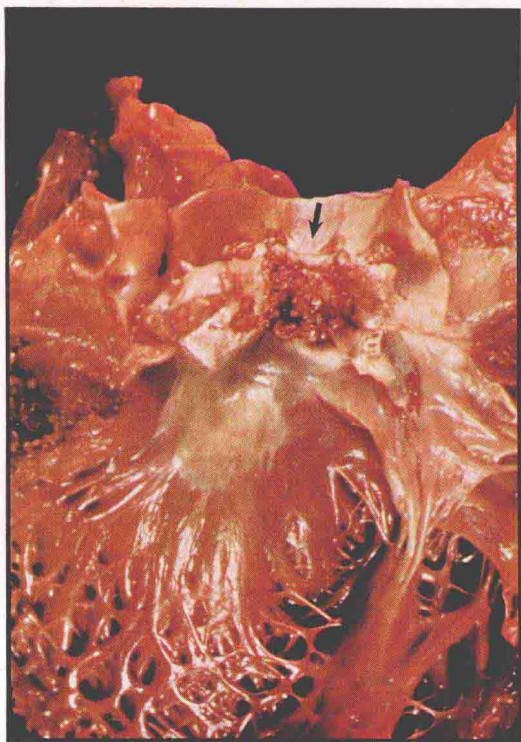


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INTEREST IN geriatrics is steadily growing. An increasing number of books concern themselves with the problems of the aged, and during 1946 two new periodicals devoted to the aging process and to diseases of the aged made their appearance. And this volume is now being issued in its third edition. This has provided opportunity for another revision of the text. New material has been added: discussion of temporal arteritis, bacterial endocarditis, acute pancreatitis, fractures of the femur, infections of the respiratory tract, hemolytic jaundice, herpes zoster. The section on mental disorders has been rewritten and expanded. Several new illustrations have been included.

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This volume does not pretend to the stature of an exhaustive handbook on geriatrics. It is planned as a simple but complete text to aid the practitioner in the handling of his elderly patients.

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