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Life before death.

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Book : [Life before death](#). pp.x+300

Abstract : As one would expect from its title, this book deals with the quality of life before death.

Those people selected for investigation-960 of them-had an age range from 18 years onwards and died in 1969. Half the subjects were those whose deaths were being investigated having taken place 3 months before the investigation and the other half 9 months before. The investigation was carried out during the 6 months July to December 1969. In two-thirds of the cases, husbands, wives, sons and daughters were interviewed.

fifth relatives and friends, and officials and neighbours in one-tenth of the cases. A wealth of tables scattered throughout the text contain a wide variety of information as that in 56% of cases death was expected when it took place, and that pain, sleeplessness, loss of appetite and trouble with breathing were the most commonly reported symptoms. Younger people suffered more from vomiting and sleeplessness than did older people. As was to be expected, incontinence and mental confusion were more often found in older people.

Many other observations made also confirmed what one might have expected. For example, some professional staff (*e.g.* doctors and nurses) were more helpful than others; sons, daughters, husbands and wives gave devoted service to sick relatives. One striking fact brought to light is that between one-quarter and three-fifths of hospital beds are occupied by people who will be dead within a year.

This, together with doubts cast upon the suitability of the care provided, may raise doubts about the wisdom of providing hospital accommodation in all these cases. It confirms the impression that more-much more-domiciliary care would be more appropriate.

At a time when interest in helping in the process of dying is growing and will be becoming accepted as an urgent medical task, displacing the *laissez faire* attitude of a few years ago, this book is particularly timely.

Not that it provides all the answers-far from it- but it does point the way forward. It may therefore encourage (if any encouragement were needed) those workers in reorganized health service to put more forcefully the case for more provision of domiciliary service to a much greater extent.

Apart from improvement in levels of service, better co-ordination between general practitioner, hospital and community services is indicated, and much greater involvement of relatives in care of the patient would be an advantage.

The index of this book is good and the references wide and comprehensive. The results of carefully planned research should make a valuable and lasting contribution to our knowledge of needs in this field. *J. Adrian Gillet.*

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