

NEW PREPARATIONS

Librium 'Roche': Roche has introduced a completely new substance chlordiazepoxide under the trade mark 'Librium', which is chemically unrelated to any psychotropic drug so far used in medical practice. The actions of 'Librium' include inhibition of spinal reflexes, relaxation of striated muscle, sedation, anticonvulsant effect, stimulation of appetite and facilitation of sleep. Clinically, 'Librium' exerts a prompt and profound therapeutic influence on a wide range of emotional, functional and muscular disorders; in therapeutic dosage it is among the safest psychopharmaceuticals.

Indications: 'Librium' is indicated whenever the clinical picture is dominated by tension, fear and anxiety.

In low doses (upto 30 mg. daily), 'Librium' is effective in mild to moderate anxiety and tension, tension headache and insomnia, pre- and post-operative apprehension, premenstrual tension and menstrual stress, behaviour disorders in children, and functional gastro-intestinal, cardiovascular, gynecological or dermatological disorders with emotional overlay. Because of its marked muscle relaxing property, 'Librium' is also indicated in muscular spasm of psychogenic, neurogenic or myogenic origin, fibrositis and rheumatic and arthritic contracture.

In higher doses (40—100 mg. daily or even more), 'Librium' is of value in the more severe anxiety and tension states, chronic alcoholism, agitated depression and ambulatory psychoneuroses. Whilst 'Librium' has no true antipsychotic action, it may be useful in controlling acute agitation in some forms of psychosis.

'Librium' is available as sugar-coated tablets 10 mg. in bottles of 25 and 100.

Further Particulars can be had from: Roche Products Ltd., P.O. Box 748, Bombay.

'Vallergan': May and Baker (India) Ltd. announce the introduction of 'Vallergan' brand trimeprazine tartrate. Trimeprazine is a phenothiazine derivative pharmacologically intermediate between promethazine and chlorpromazine. Its antihistamine action is greater than that of promethazine, but its actions on the central nervous system resemble those of chlorpromazine. It has a stronger spasmolytic action but a weaker anti-adrenaline action than chlorpromazine.

'Vallergan' is indicated in the relief of pruritus in various dermatological conditions such as atopic dermatitis, neurodermatitis, chronic urticaria, and infantile eczema. Trimeprazine has also been found to be a useful oral pre-anæsthetic medication for children, who arrive at the anæsthetic room free from apprehension and induction is faci-