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**MISADVENTURES IN ANESTHESIA** "Negligence," in the words of Mr. Justice McNair, is described in the following way: "It is a term well-known to lawyers but liable to be misunderstood by the layman, to whom it may convey some sense of censure. But a finding of negligence does not in any way necessarily involve any finding of moral blame, indifference or recklessness, though in particular cases each of these may be present." In seeking a word which anesthetists would accept as fulfilling the definition of negligence in law, the word "stupidity" has been suggested, that is, all anesthetic accidents may be attributed to either "ignorance or carelessness." (McConnell, W. S.: *Misadventures in Anaesthesia, Proc. Roy. Soc. Med.* 63: 691 (July) 1970.)