

are so important that they cannot be emphasized too frequently or too strongly, and others direct attention to little-known symptoms or signs. Thus in one it is pointed out that "any localized thickening of a foot of an African may be the result of Kaposi's tumour." Many of the precepts reflect the great prevalence of parasitic disease in Africa, yet there are important warnings against too ready acceptance of parasitic origin for all diseases there. Thus it is stated: "Very few tropical diseases produce a marked loss of weight. Visceral disease is much more likely to be the cause than a parasite, even if it be present coincidentally," also, "In the tropics not every fever is malarial."

It would be a mistake to think that one going to the tropics can learn tropical medicine from precepts, but they will be of interest to all who work in Africa or with Africans. They are valuable guides and certainly reflect their author's great wealth of experience.

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BIOCHEMISTRY FOR FRENCH SURGEONS

Introduction Biochimique à la Chirurgie. By Marcel Florkin. (Pp. 248; illustrated. 38 NF.) Paris: Masson et Cie, Editeurs. 1962.

As indicated by its title, *A Biochemical Introduction to Surgery*, this is a textbook of biochemistry for French-speaking surgeons. The first section provides a clear and concise account of various topics of surgical interest, such as water and electrolyte metabolism, pH regulation, and blood coagulation. The second section deals with the biochemical disorders likely to be encountered in surgical practice and their correction. The book will not be of much interest to English-speaking surgeons, as there are already several well-known British and American works which cover the same ground. For biochemists it offers nothing new, but it might be of service to a reader seeking to familiarize himself with French biochemical terminology.

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