

The book is profusely illustrated, but it is very doubtful whether so many pictures are really needed. Fifteen patients are shown with bilateral gynecomastia and three with unilateral. And it is not clear why full-length photographs of 25 different women with ovarian dysplasia or failure are needed. They must increase the cost of the book considerably, for such profusion is found elsewhere also. But then we find that the cost of some of the plates has been in part defrayed by grants from six well-known pharmaceutical firms.

The text is, on the whole, up to date, and references are well chosen and adequate. It is very practical in outlook and draws freely on the author's extensive experience. The author is less happy on the theoretical background and some errors have crept in. Thus the claim (page 720) that the placenta produces enough corticoids to replace exogenous supplies is contrary to the evidence. And ketogenic steroids are certainly not ketosteroids (page 1096).

But in spite of such drawbacks the work has a great many virtues, and practical endocrinologists will find these volumes a mine of information especially on the more commonly encountered endocrine disorders.

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Intersexuality

Intersexuality. Edited by Claus Overzier. (Pp. 563 + xiv; illustrated. £8 8s.) London and New York: Academic Press. 1963.

Some two or three individuals per 1,000 of the total population are believed to be affected

by one or other of the numerous forms of intersexuality. It is therefore not an uncommon condition. Recent advances, both scientific and clinical, have led to better understanding and greater awareness of its existence, and hence more frequent diagnosis, as well as more effective treatment of the affected individuals. Dr. Claus Overzier, who is without doubt the leading German clinical authority on this subject, has led an international team of experts who have produced an outstanding contribution that will interest a wide variety of clinicians—paediatricians, gynaecologists, surgeons, general physicians, and endocrinologists—as well, no doubt, as others concerned more with laboratory investigation. A quick glance through the list of contributors reveals such names as Barr, Davidson, Ford, Lennox, and Witschi—to mention only a few—and confirms the standard of authority of the contributors. Originally the text was published in German; now a sumptuous, beautifully produced and illustrated English edition is available.

There is no need to dwell at length on the contents. Suffice it to say that the subject is very fully covered, from the fundamental aspects of sex, the normal development of the gonads and genital tract, and intersexuality in mammals, to a full consideration of clinical intersexuality, not excluding transvestitism. The literature is extensively reviewed, with references at the end of each chapter, which terminates with a useful summary. It is important to note that the presentation makes this book not one merely for a small circle of research workers, but a source of outstanding interest to a large group of practising doctors. Its price, unfortunately, is likely to compel most of these to borrow it

from libraries rather than acquire copies of their own.

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Gastric Surgery

Gastric Surgery. Errors, Safeguards and Management of Malfunction Syndromes. By Moses E. Steinberg, M.S., M.D. (Pp. 342 + x. \$12.95.) New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 1963.

The first part of this book reviews at some length the history of gastric surgery, from the first gastro-jejunostomy performed by Wolfer in 1881 and the first gastrectomy by Rydygier in 1882, and covers the modifications introduced by Billroth, Moynihan, Mayo, and Finsterer. Then there are several chapters dealing with the various complications of gastrectomy, among which Dr. Steinberg recognizes as separate entities the gastric pouch malformation, the dumping malfunction, the late post-cibal symptoms, the afferent loop reflux, and various nutritional disturbances.

Dr. Steinberg's main contribution to the ulcer problem has been to devise what is rather inelegantly known as the pantaloon anastomosis. In this operation the afferent and efferent jejunal loops of a gastrectomy are slit longitudinally for several centimetres and sutured one to the other so as to form a large jejunal pouch, the object being to increase the residual capacity related to the stomach, and to prevent reflux. The greater part of the book is taken up with describing the details of technique, and with quoting case histories in support of it.

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Books Received

Review is not precluded by notice here of books recently received.

Uric Acid Lithiasis. By Abraham Atsmon, M.D., André De Vries, M.D., Ph.D., and Menachem Frank, M.D. (Pp. 252 + ix; illustrated. 80s.) Amsterdam, London, and New York: Elsevier Publishing Company. 1963.

Tropical Neurology. Proceedings of the First International Symposium held in Buenos Aires, November 29–December 2, 1961. Organized by World Federation of Neurology and Sociedad Neurológica Argentina. Edited by Ludo Van Bogaert, José Pereyra Käfer, and Gustavo F. Poch. (Pp. 329; illustrated. No price.) Buenos Aires: Lopez Libreros Editores S.R.L. 1963.

Techniques in Medical Communication. By Warner F. Bowers, A.B., B.Sc., M.D., M.S., Ph.D., F.A.C.S. (Pp. 88 + v. \$4.50.) Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1963.

The Postgastrectomy Syndromes. By E. R. Woodward, M.D. (Pp. 56 + v; illustrated. \$3.75.) Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1963.

An Atlas of Vascular Rings and Related Malformations of the Aortic Arch System. By James R. Stewart, M.D., M.S. in Radiology, Owings W. Kincaid, M.D., M.S. in Radiology, and Jesse E. Edwards, M.D. (Pp. 171 + xi; illustrated. \$10.75.) Illinois: Charles C. Thomas, Publisher. 1964.

Brain Mechanisms. Progress in Brain Research. Volume 1. Edited by Giuseppe Moruzzi, Alfred Fessard, and Herbert H. Jasper. (Pp. 493 +

xix; illustrated. £7.) Amsterdam, London, and New York: Elsevier Publishing Company. 1963.

Recueil Périodique de l'Encyclopédie Médico-Chirurgicale. Psychiatrie Clinique et Thérapeutique. Edited by Henri Ey. 34th year, section no. 46–47. (No price.) Paris: Editions Techniques. 1963.

Le Thermalisme. "Que Sais-Je?" Le Point des Connaissances Actuelles. No. 229. By Émile Duhot and Michel Fontan. (Pp. 126. No price.) Paris: Presses Universitaires de France. 1963.

New Ideas on Rehabilitation. Report of a Study Day on Facilities for Education, Rehabilitation and Care Services held in London, June 1963. (Pp. 102; 10s. 6d.) London: Chest and Heart Association. 1963.

The Pelger Anomaly. Genetic, Cytologic and Epidemiologic Aspects of Some Data from Sweden. By Eggert Ö. Jöhanisson. (Pp. 142; illustrated. No price.) Uppsala: Institute for Medical Genetics of University of Uppsala, Sweden. 1963.

Klinische Chirurgie für die Praxis. In four volumes. Volume IV, Section 4. Edited by Prof. Dr. med. O. Diebold, Prof. Dr. med. H. Hunghanns, and Prof. Dr. med. L. Zukschwerdt. (Pp. 623–878; illustrated. DM. 49.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1963.

Psychiatry for Students. By David Stafford-Clark, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M. (Pp. 277. 35s.) London: George Allen & Unwin Ltd. 1964.

The London. A Study in the Voluntary Hospital System. Volume 1840–1948. The Second

Hundred Years. By A. E. Clark-Kennedy. (Pp. 310 + xii; illustrated. 50s.) London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1963.

Diseases of the Liver. Edited by Leon Schiff, M.D., Ph.D. With a Foreword by Cecil J. Watson, M.D., Ph.D. Second edition. (Pp. 916 + xix; illustrated. £8 8s.) Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company. London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1963.

Perception and the Conditional Reflex. By Ye. N. Sokolov. Translated by Stefan W. Waydenfield. (Pp. 309 + x; illustrated. 80s.) Oxford, London, New York, and Paris: Pergamon. 1963.

Surgical Gynecology. A Handbook of Operative Surgery. By J. P. Greenhill, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S.(Hon.), F.A.C.O.G. Third edition. (Pp. 368; illustrated. 72s.) Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. London: Lloyd-Luke. 1963.

Journal of a Younger Brother. The Life of Thomas Platter as a Medical Student in Montpellier at the Close of the Sixteenth Century. Translated and Introduced by Sean Jennett, with a foreword by Jack Lindsay. (Pp. 275; illustrated. £2.) London: Frederick Muller. 1963.

A Guide to Psychiatry. For Students of Medicine. By John Gibson, M.D., D.P.M. (Pp. 243. 27s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1963.

The Unseen Killer. A Study of Suicide, its History, Causes and Cures. By Donald McCormick. (Pp. 219. 35s.) London: Frederick Muller. 1964.