

which all workers can be expected to turn to original papers in the literature for instruction; it has now become a clinical discipline in which there is an increasing demand for textbooks and reviews. Thus, more than 30 textbooks and monographs devoted to electromyography have already been published, most of them during the last few years.

The latest arrival is by Dr. Forbes Norris, of the University of Rochester, New York, who has already made distinguished contributions to the subject. As a teaching monograph his book can be warmly recommended. The simple and lucid presentation will be valuable for beginners; on the other hand, the treatment is sufficiently detailed to be of real help to those personally carrying out electromyographic procedures. The selected references from the literature are well chosen for further reading, and the illustrations have been carefully picked and clearly reproduced. In view of their

number the price of this book does not seem unreasonable.

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Best of Best

Selected Papers of Charles H. Best, C.B.E., M.A., M.D.(Tor.), D.Sc.(Lond.), F.R.S.C., F.R.C.P.(C.), F.R.C.P., F.R.S. (Pp. 723 + xix; illustrated. £8 8s.) London: Cassell. 1964.

The papers collected together in this large volume span 40 years of scientific work. The selection is made by the author, and the individual papers are linked by a commentary which explains their background, their intent, and often their failings. Half the book is devoted to insulin, from its discovery to the recent studies of the factors influencing the insulin content of the pancreas in human and experimental diabetes. These constitute a large part of the foundation of our present

knowledge of the aetiology of diabetes, and should be compulsory reading for all who undertake the treatment of diabetics. Fifteen papers deal with choline and its lipotropic action, and are well summarized by the Croonian Lecture for 1955. They are of fundamental importance, though they are of interest, as yet, more to the biochemist than to the clinician, as is also the case with the studies of histamine and heparin which conclude the book. There is a substantial bibliography of over 800 references. There are also a number of review articles, and several addresses to learned societies are reprinted; here better selection would have avoided repetition. The core of the book remains the ill-written reports by two young men, working unpaid and in the absence of their professor during three months in the summer of 1921, on the internal secretion of the pancreas.

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