

Far from being abstruse, the subject matter is essentially practical. It is divided into sections dealing respectively with the anatomy, function, and pathology of the ureter; the aetiology and classification of various types of injury; the indications for treatment; and, finally, a general survey of available operative procedures. Apart from the well-established hazards of pelvic and gynaecological surgery which have undoubtedly increased with the wider adoption of radical techniques, it is perhaps not fully realized how often injury may result from unskilled or injudicious instrumentation. Simple diagnostic measures involving ureteric catheterization are not immune from risk, and attempts at stone extraction provide their own particular problems. Abnormal ureters and especially those associated with congenital anomalies are particularly liable to accident and may require exceptional treatment if injured.

All these matters, together with damage to the ureters by irradiation, are fully discussed in relation to both prophylaxis and management. Although some repetition is inevitable in describing similar procedures for different forms of injury, this has some advantage in facilitating rapid reference. Much thought

has obviously been given to the timing and choice of treatment where alternatives present themselves, and the author is to be congratulated on his discrimination and on the excellence of the illustrations which support his principles. A comprehensive review of the world's literature has been included, and the care with which this has been indexed must undoubtedly proclaim the work as the leading reference book on the subject for many years to come.

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Retinal Detachment

Modern Problems in Ophthalmology. Vol. 3. Edited by E. B. Streiff. (Pp. 320+xii; illustrated. sFr./DM. 80.) New York and Basle: S. Karger. 1965.

The Colloquia of the Gonin Club, founded as a compliment to Jules Gonin, who introduced the adequate surgical treatment of retinal detachment, are now becoming a regular and valued feature of international ophthalmic life. This is a report of the second meeting, held in Lausanne in 1961,

and deals with the potentialities and limitations of the new methods which have now been introduced for treating this retinal catastrophe. These now include a variety of techniques, among them exciting a choroidal reaction to occlude the retinal tear by diathermy, by electrolysis, and by photo-coagulation, the latest addition to which has been the use of lasers. In severe cases the reduction of the volume of the globe to approximate the retinal tear and its outer coats may be obtained by scleral resection; or it may be indented by the use of implants or encircled by rings; or foreign material, such as air, saline, silicone, or cadaver vitreous, may be injected into the vitreous. Many of these techniques carry some risk, but the result of doing nothing or too little is blindness. In this colloquium the dangers of these technical advances and the risks which they entail are discussed at length, and the speakers appreciate limits to even the most modern methods. In a subject so rapidly advancing and so ardently pursued in many clinics throughout the world it is of course a pity that the report of a valuable colloquium held in 1961 should not reach the press until 1965.

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

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Management of Cerebrovascular Disease. By John Marshall, M.D., F.R.C.P.(Ed.), M.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.P.M. Chapter on pathology by T. Crawford, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.C.Path., and M. R. Crompton, M.C., M.D.Path. (Pp. 199+vii; illustrated. 40s.) London: Churchill. 1965.

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Röntgen- und Kernphysik. Für Mediziner und Biophysiker. By Prof. Richard Glocker and Dr. Eckard Macherauch. (Pp. 520+xii; illustrated. DM. 69.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1965.

Arzneimitteldosierung im Kindesalter. Voraussetzungen, Methoden und Ergebnisse systematischer Dosisbestimmungen. By Prof. G.-A. von Harnack. Preface by Prof. K. H. Schäfer. (Pp. 64. DM. 12.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1965.

Radiology. For General Practitioners and Medical Students. By David Sutton, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.F.R. (Pp. 87+vii; illustrated. 12s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1965.

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Resistance to Tuberculosis: Experimental Studies in Native and Acquired Defensive Mechanisms. By Max B. Lurie, M.D. (Pp. 391+xix; illustrated. 80s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1965.

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Evolution of Parasites. 3rd Symposium of British Society for Parasitology. Edited by Angela E. R. Taylor. (Pp. 133+vii; illustrated. 27s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1965.

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