

Children and Heart Disease

Heart Disease in Children. Diagnosis and Treatment. By Benjamin M. Gasul, M.D., M.S., René A. Arcilla, M.D., and Maurice Lev, B.S., M.D. (Pp. 1,363 + xxiv; illustrated. £12.) Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott. London: Pitman. 1966.

This book originates in Chicago from Cook County Children's Hospital and the University of Illinois School of Medicine. It is in a sense a memorial to the senior author, the late Dr. B. M. Gasul, who conceived it and died during its period of gestation.

There are in fact 12 other contributors in addition to the three authors, all from the same centre. This doubtless accounts for a welcome consistency in manner and quality

of presentation, and the absence of overlapping. The clinical features of heart disease in its many forms in infancy and childhood are excellently described in a detailed and systematic fashion. There are also valuable and unusually practical chapters on radiography, electrocardiography, and vectorcardiography, cardiac catheterization, and angiocardiology. The detailed discussions of cardiac catheterization and angiocardiology will be particularly welcome to readers in view of their now almost universal use as essential diagnostic procedures. The earlier chapters in the book include beautifully illustrated accounts of the anatomy, embryology, and haemodynamics of the foetal and postnatal cardiovascular systems. Indeed, as we have come to expect of American textbooks, the illustrations—radiographs, angio-

graphs, electrocardiographs, and line-drawings—are of the highest quality.

There have been a number of excellent textbooks on heart disease in childhood in the past 15 years, and an addition to this number has to be something special to justify its publication. This book will have no difficulty in passing the test. Its excellence is largely due to the fact that its content is based upon the work of one centre with vast case material and the highest standards of practice. In the reviewer's opinion this is the best textbook yet published on the subject. It will be of value not only to paediatricians, paediatric cardiologists, and postgraduate students but also to general cardiologists and cardiac surgeons. It is good value even at £12.

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Books Received

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

Radiation Physics. By R. Oliver, M.A., M.Sc., F.Inst.P., A.M.I.E.E., M.I.Biol. (Pp. 120 + viii; illustrated. 22s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1966.

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International Directory of Nephrologists. Edited by C. Brun, J. P. Merrill, and J. L. Funck-Brentano. (Pp. 136 + viii. sFr. 15.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1966.

Der Stoffwechsel im Zentralnervensystem. By Dr. N. Seiler. (Pp. 139 + x; illustrated. DM. 24.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. 1966.

Handbook of Obstetrics & Gynecology. 2nd edition. By Ralph C. Benson, M.D. (Pp. 712; illustrated. 42s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1966.

Der Sauerstoffverbrauch des Normo- und Hypothermen Hundes vor und während Verschiedener Formen des Induzierten Herzstillstandes. By Karl Bonhoeffer. (Pp. 73; illustrated. sFr./DM. 20.) Basle and New York: S. Karger. 1967.

Care of the Patient in Diagnostic Radiography. 2nd edition. By D. Noreen Chesney, Hon. F.S.R., T.E.S.R.R., and Muriel O. Chesney, F.S.R., T.E.S.R.R. (Pp. 262 + xiv; illustrated. 35s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1966.

Human Microanatomy. 3rd edition. By Hans Elias, Ph.D., and John E. Pauly, Ph.D. (Pp. 380 + xiv; illustrated. 80s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1966.

Administration of a University. By Sir Robert Aitken, M.D., D.Phil., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 80. 8s. 6d.) London: University of London Press. 1966.

Medical Education and Anaesthesia. Clinical Anaesthesia Series 3/1966. Edited by Joseph M. White. (Pp. 154 + xiv. 40s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1966.

Hormoni Si Patologia Cardiovasculara. By Dinu Alex. Popovici and Victor Sahleanu. (Pp. 506; illustrated. Rumanian Lei 32.) Bucharest: Editura Academiei Republicii Socialiste Romania. 1966.

Report of the United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation. General Assembly. 23rd Session. (Pp. 153 + iii. No price given.) New York: United Nations. 1966.

Functional Neuroanatomy. 3rd edition. By Wendell J. S. Krieg. (Pp. 874 + xviii; illustrated. \$14.00.) Evanston, Illinois: Brain Books. 1966.

Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology. 12th edition. By John Glaister and Edgar Rentoul. (Pp. 724 + xi; illustrated. 80s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1966.

The Sixth European Congress of Allergy. Stockholm, 1965. Edited by Erik Skog. (Pp. 72; illustrated. 20 Swedish crowns.) Stockholm: Acta Dermato-Venereologica. 1966.

Sven Hellerström. Edited by Karin Collvin, Ake Nilzen, and Erik Skog. (P. 170 + xiv; illustrated. 40 Swedish crowns.) Stockholm: Acta Dermato-Venereologica. 1966.

Heparin and Lipid Metabolism. An Annotated Bibliography. By Myer M. Fishman, Ph.D. (Pp. 96. \$5.50.) New Jersey: Technical Service Laboratories. 1966.

A Survey of Surgical Shock. With Special Reference to Fluids, Electrolytes and Metabolites. By Joseph H. Pollock, B.S., M.D., F.I.C.S. (Pp. 710 + xi. \$28.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1966.

Obstetrics and Gynaecology. 3rd edition. By J. Robert Willson, M.D., Clayton T. Beecham, M.D., and Elsie Reid Carrington, M.D. (Pp. 776 + xiii; illustrated. £5 16s.) London: Henry Kimpton. 1966.

Lung Function Tests. An Introduction. 3rd edition. By B. H. Bass, M.D., M.R.C.P.(Lond.) (Pp. 96 + xi; illustrated. 15s.) London: H. K. Lewis. 1966.

An Introduction to Dermatology. 13th edition. By G. H. Percival, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Pp. 396 + vii; illustrated. 75s.) Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1967.

Doctors and State Medicine. A Study of the British Health Service. By Gordon Forsyth. (Pp. 169 + viii. 30s.) London: Pitman. 1966.

Radiographic Atlas of the Genitourinary System. By Charles Ney, M.D. and Richard M. Friedenberg, M.D. (Pp. 741 + xvi; illustrated. £14.) London: Pitman. 1966.

Genetics and Environmental Factors in Human Ability. Symposium, Cambridge, 1965. Edited by J. E. Meade, C.B., M.A., F.B.A., and A. S. Parkes, C.B.E., M.A., Sc.D., F.R.S. (Pp. 242 + xi. 57s. 6d.) Edinburgh and London: Oliver & Boyd. 1966.

Medical Aspects of Sport and Physical Fitness. By J. G. P. Williams, M.B., B.Chir., F.R.C.S.(Ed.), D.Obst.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 192 + viii. 15s.) Oxford: Pergamon. 1965.

Clinical Evaluation in Breast Cancer. Symposium, London, 1965. Edited by J. L. Hayward and R. D. Bulbrook. (Pp. 296 + xii; illustrated. \$14.) London and New York: Academic Press. 1966.

Man Alive. A Survey of Human Physiology. by G. L. McCulloch. (Pp. 156; illustrated. 32s. 6d.) London: Aldus Books. 1967.

Patient Studies in Maternal and Child Nursing. A Family-centred Student Guide. By Ann L. Clark, R.N., M.A., Hella M. Hakerem, R.N., M.A., Stephanie C. Basara, R.N., M.A., and Diane A. Walano, R.N., M.A. (Pp. 305 + xii. 60s.) London: Pitman. 1966.

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Sociology in Social Work. By Peter Leonard. (Pp. 119 + viii. 15s. Paper 7s. 6d.) London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. 1966.

Insects and Hygiene. By James R. Busvine, Ph.D., D.Sc., F.I.Biol. (Pp. 467 + xi; illustrated. £5.) London: Methuen. 1966.

Enzymologie für den Praktischen Arzt. By Hermann Mattenheimer. (Pp. 156. DM. 29.80.) Stuttgart: Hans Huber. 1966.

Public Health and Preventive Medicine. By J. B. Meredith Davies, M.D.(Lond.), D.P.H. (Pp. 310 + vi. 25s.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell. 1966.

Culture, Race, Climate, and Eye Disease. By Ida Mann, C.B.E., M.A.(Oxon.), D.Sc., M.B., B.S.(Lond.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.A.C.S. (Pp. 580 + xi; illustrated. \$21.00.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1966.

The Drug Treatment of Tuberculosis. By Archibald C. Cohen, M.D. (Pp. 184 + xi; illustrated. \$7.75.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1966.

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