

Tumour Pathology

Tumours of the Soft Tissues. By Arthur Purdy Stout, M.D., and Raffaele Lattes, M.D. (Pp. 196; illustrated, \$4.) Washington, D.C.: Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. 1967.

Tumours of the Gallbladder and Extrahepatic Bile Ducts. By Hugh Edmondson, M.D. (Pp. 167; illustrated, \$3.35.) Washington, D.C.: Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. 1967.

For 20 years, from 1947 to 1967, the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington has published a series of fascicles of tumour pathology that have earned the respect of pathologists and have become standard works in most laboratories. By now the earlier ones have become out of date, and it has been wisely decided to issue new fascicles, sometimes with new authors, rather than to re-edit old ones. In addition, the format has been improved in various ways. The figures are conveniently placed in the text instead of on separate sheets. The cover is of better quality and there is a much-needed index.

The original fascicle on tumours of soft tissues by Purdy Stout published in 1953 is now out of date. The new one includes the various tumours and tumour-like lesions that have been recognized since then, many of them first described by the present authors. With these additions, and often with new interpretations, this volume gives an up-to-date and authoritative account of the tumours of soft tissues, and, perhaps more important, accounts of the tumour-like lesions that can so easily be confused with malignant tumours microscopically. The number of illustrations has been nearly doubled, and the text has increased by a third. The descriptions and

figures are excellent. The only criticism is that the volume is perhaps too small for so large a subject. Tumours of the haematopoietic system ran to 440 pages, and one feels that tumours of soft tissues might have justified a little more than half of this. This brevity shows itself in the descriptions of the histology, which are often far too brief. In spite of this criticism, and though the price has doubled since 1953, this is an excellent work.

The second fascicle includes more than its title suggests. Not only are there accounts of the true tumours of the biliary tree, but also of the tumour-like lesions that can come into the differential diagnosis. There are accounts of rare and bizarre tumours as well as of the expected ones. The accounts are lucid and the illustrations impeccable. The format is that of previous volumes in this admirable series. It is unnecessary to recommend these fascicles to pathologists; they are one of the most valuable series available and a remarkable bargain as well. It suffices to say that this one is fully up to the standard of its predecessors.

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R.A.M.C. "Lives"

Commissioned Officers in the Medical Services of the British Army, 1660-1960. Vol. 2. By Sir Robert Drew. (Pp. 452 + xxx. £9 9s.) London: The Wellcome Historical Medical Library. 1968.

Johnston's *Roll* of medical officers serving with the British Army from 1727 to 1898 has been a valuable source book for medical

military historians for many years. Crawford's *Roll of the Indian Medical Service, 1615-1930*, was modelled on Johnston, which is much better known than its predecessor, Peterkin's *Roll*, 1660-1727. Both Johnston and Peterkin are now out of print.

The Wellcome Trust has now most generously provided historians with reprints of Peterkin and Johnston, and, under the editorship of Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Drew, the present D.G.A.M.S., has sponsored this new volume, which records the lives and main appointments held by all regular officers of the R.A.M.C. from the formation of the Corps in 1898 till 1960.

The introduction written by the late Colonel A. D. Young gives a succinct account of the conditions of service and causes of discontent which led to the formation of the now distinguished Corps, and refers to the vigorous part played by the B.M.A. and the B.M.J. in bringing the Corps into being; it touches lightly on present-day difficulties. The biographical details are strictly confined to appointments held during regular army employment, and do not—as in Crawford—deal with interesting and important facts in the officer's post-army career. The only awards made to medical men in the past 30 years of that rare and exalted order the Knight Commander grade of the Star of India—usually the close preserve of members of the Viceroy's council and governors—were to two regular R.A.M.C. officers, Sir Gordon Wilson and Sir Treffry Thompson, as recorded here. This is an attractively printed and well-indexed book.

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Books Received

Books noticed here may be reviewed later.

New Findings in Blood Flowmetry. Edited by Chr. Cappelen, jun., M.D. (Pp. 223; illustrated. N. Kr. 130.) Oslo 3, Norway: Universitetsforlaget. 1969.

The Head and Neck. By Gilbert H. Fletcher and Bao-Shan Jing, M.D. (Pp. 380 + xi; illustrated. 187s.) Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. 1969.

Intestinal Absorption and Malabsorption. Edited by D. H. Shmerling, H. Berger, and A. Prader. (Pp. 214 + viii; illustrated. DM. 50.) Basle: S. Karger. 1968.

Operative Surgery. Abdomen, Rectum, and Anus. Vol. 4 (Part 1, pp. 467 + viii; illustrated) and Vol. 5 (Part 2, pp. 367 + xviii; illustrated). 2nd edition. Edited by Charles Rob, M.C., F.R.C.S., and Rodney Smith, F.R.C.S. Vols. 1-6, subtitled General Surgery, £50. (Full 14-vol. set, £97.) London: Butterworths. 1969.

The Role of Medical Inspection of Labour. (Pp. 111 + v. 15s. 6d.) London: International Labour Office. 1968.

Les Consultations Journalières en Gériatologie. By P. Baumgartner. 2nd edition. (Pp. 132; illustrated. 24 F.) Paris: Masson. 1968.

Journey to Harley Street. An Autobiography, by Dr. William Evans. (Pp. 251. 42s.) London: David Rendel. 1969.

La Myasthénie. By Jean Cambier. (Pp. 122; illustrated.) Paris: J.-B. Baillière. 1968.

Physiotherapy in Artificial Respiration. By P. J. Waddington, M.C.S.P., Dip.T.P. (Pp. 50; illustrated. 6s.) Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1969.

Lectures on the Comparative Pathology of Inflammation. Delivered at the Pasteur Institute in 1891. By Elie Metchnikoff. (Pp. 224 + xx; illustrated. 26s. 6d.) London: Constable. New York: Dover Publications. 1969.

St. Helena during Napoleon's Exile. By James Kemble, Ch.M., F.R.C.S. (Pp. 297 + ix; illustrated. 55s.) London: Heinemann. 1969.

Bacterial Toxins and Selected Topics in Virology. Edited by F. Patočka and C. John. (Pp. 407; illustrated.) Prague: Charles University.

Low Back Pain Syndrome. 2nd edition. By Rene Cailliet, M.D. (Pp. 134 + vii; illustrated. 28s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1969.

Advances in Oto-Rhino-Laryngology. Vol. 15. Edited by L. Rüedi. (Pp. 261 + viii; illustrated. 150s.) Basle and New York: S. Karger, U.K.: Academic Press. 1968.

Notes on Leprosy. 2nd edition. By Dharmendra, M.B., B.S. (Pp. 408 + xii; illustrated.) New Delhi: Government of India. 1968.

Interactions of Nutrition and Infection. By Nevil S. Scrimshaw, M.D., M.P.H., Carl E. Taylor, M.D., and John E. Gordon, F.R.C.P. (London). (Pp. 329. £2 14s.) Geneva: World Health Organization. 1968.

Transurethral Prostatectomy. By George Otto Baumrucker, M.D. (Pp. 141 + xii; illustrated. 85s.) London: E. & S. Livingstone. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. 1968.

The University of Edinburgh and Poland. Edited by Wiktor Tomaszewski M.D., Ph.D. (Pp. 95 + ix; illustrated. 60s.) Edinburgh: Polish School of Medicine. 1968.

Cervical Spondylosis and its Neurological Complications. By Bernard H. Smith, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 231 + viii; illustrated. \$12.) Springfield: Charles C. Thomas. 1968.

Wohlfahrtsflüchtlinge. By E. Pintér. (Pp. 220 + vii. 62s.) Basle: S. Karger. 1969.

Fibel der Praktischen Geburtshilfe. By Paulus Bsteh. (Pp. 175 + xii; illustrated. DM. 8.80.) Munich: Urban & Schwarzenberg. 1968.

Das Akute Nierenversagen. By Lutz Braun. (Pp. 243 + viii; illustrated. DM. 49.) Stuttgart: Ferdinand Enke Verlag. 1968.

The Growth Plate and its Disorders. Edited by Mercer Rang, M.B., F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.C.S.(C.). (Pp. 203 + xi; illustrated. 55s.) Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone. 1969.

Funktionsdiagnostik und Pathophysiologie des Asthma Bronchiale. By Lothar Jäger. (Pp. 221; illustrated. £3 6s.) Jena: Veb Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1968.

Ménière's Disease. Mechanism and Management. By M. Spencer Harrison, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., and Lionel Naftalin, F.C.Path. (Pp. 226 + xvii; illustrated. \$12.) Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1968.

Virology Monographs. Vol. 3. **Cytomegaloviruses**, by J. B. Hanshaw. **Rinderpest Virus**, by W. Plowright. **Lumpy Skin Disease Virus**, by K. E. Weiss. (Pp. 131; illustrated. \$8.50.) New York: Springer-Verlag. 1968.