

which indeed is very difficult to fault. It should prove both valuable and stimulating, not only to medical students as an excellent introduction to endocrinology, but equally to general clinicians who wish to keep abreast of the rapidly advancing knowledge of the hormones.

CUTHBERT L. COPE.

Obstetrics for Finals

Obstetrics. 2nd Edn. J. M. Holmes, M.D., F.R.C.O.G. (Pp. 301 + viii; illustrated. 28s.) London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell. 1969.

Many students need a concise textbook as an introduction to obstetrics and, perhaps more importantly, for last-minute revision before examinations. This manual meets these needs ideally, and as an additional benefit fits easily into the pocket, allowing study at odd moments.

The book has been improved since the 1st edition with several chapters re-written and modernized. There are 39 chapters in all, and amazing detail is included, thanks to a brevity of style and useful line drawings. Especially good are chapters on maternal diseases in pregnancy and psychiatric complications, the latter being so detailed as not to be out of place in a large textbook. Included in techniques are those of episiotomy, regional nerve block, and circumcision and, rather unexpectedly, symphysiotomy. In

a condensed book, a few over-simplifications may appear as dogma, but this is unavoidable. Deviations from accepted practice are occasionally introduced as a minority view, but would be best omitted from a student textbook.

The book is meant to meet the entire requirements for the final examination in obstetrics. It succeeds in this, but most students would also want to supplement their knowledge from larger textbooks.

D. L. MORRISON.

Advice about Drugs

Drugs of Choice 1970-1971. Ed. Walter Modell. (Pp. 924; 185s.) Henry Kimpton. 1970.

A new edition of this handsome work, involving 43 distinguished American authorities, has appeared regularly every two years since 1958. In 42 chapters it advises the physician as to the drug of choice for any therapeutic problem likely to confront him. Each section contains a short introduction to the condition under consideration, an account of the several agents commonly employed in its treatment, and the nature of the available data which makes one or other the more desirable. At the end of every chapter is a selected list of references, largely culled from American litera-

ture, and the book ends with a valuable drug index containing proprietary and official names, doses, and method of administration. The distinction of the editor in the field of clinical pharmacology is reflected by the accuracy, wisdom, and common sense of the advice given. Further, the information is presented delightfully simply (apart from the fact that many American writers never seem to use a word of one or two syllables when they can find one of three or four), and is beautifully arranged and indexed.

In the field of treatment which undergoes such rapid change it is rather doubtful whether most doctors in this country can afford to possess a large and very expensive work which is not a text on applied pharmacology or one on therapeutics but something between the two. It can hardly replace the latter as there are so many diseases in the management of which drugs play little or no part, and even the treatment of those in which drugs are of great importance cannot be dealt with adequately by the method adopted. Thus, the treatment of diabetes involves vastly more than the administration of a suitable insulin or oral hypoglycaemic agent; and a physician's responsibility in a case of rheumatoid arthritis is not liquidated by even the efficient use of analgesics, gold, or corticosteroids.

If then there may be some doubt about the wisdom of producing a volume which is a cross between applied pharmacology and therapeutics it is certain that the resulting hybrid is, nevertheless, impressive and popular.

DERRICK DUNLOP.

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Books noticed here may be reviewed later

The Vocabulary of Science. Lancelot Hogben. (Pp. 184; 42s.) William Heinemann. 1970.

Self-Poisoning. Geoffrey R. Burston. (Pp. 168; 30s.) Lloyd-Luke. 1970.

The Thoughtful Surgeon. James Rognvald Learmonth 1895-1967. Ed. Donald M. Douglas. (Pp. 106; 15s.) University of Glasgow. 1970.

A Student's Guide to Piaget. D. G. Boyle. (Pp. 156; 15s. Paperback. 30s. Hardcover.) Pergamon Press. 1970.

Modern Trends in Urology—3. Ed. Sir Eric Riches. (Pp. 344; 96s.) Butterworths. 1970.

Alcohol Abuse. (Pp. 40; 3s.) Office of Health Economics. 1970.

A Laboratory Guide to Clinical Diagnosis. 2nd edn. R. D. Eastham. (Pp. 268; 20s.) John Wright. 1970.

The Biology of Twinning in Man. M. G. Bulmer. (Pp. 205; 40s.) Clarendon Press. 1970.

The Pharmacology of Synapses. J. W. Phillis. (Pp. 358; 120s.) Pergamon Press. 1970.

Automation, Mechanization and Data Handling in Microbiology. Ed. Ann Baille and R. J. Gilbert. (Pp. 233; 65s.) Academic Press. 1970.

The Therapy of the Word in Classical Antiquity. Pedro Lain Entralgo. (Pp. 255; 90s.) Yale University Press. 1970.

The Truth about Breath Tests. Ronald C. Denney. (Pp. 90; 25s.) Nelson. 1970.

Congenital Mental Retardation. A Symposium. Ed. Gordon Farrell. (Pp. 356; 95s.) University of Texas Press. 1970.

The Doctor and the Law. J. Leahy Taylor. (Pp. 176; 40s.) Pitman. 1970.

The Human Placenta. J. D. Boyd and W. J. Hamilton. (Pp. 365; 360s.) W. Heffer. 1970.

Man and Food. Magnus Pyke. (Pp. 256; 35s. Hardback. 16s. Paperback.) Weidenfeld & Nicolson. 1970.

The Intelligent Eye. Richard Gregory. (Pp. 191; 42s.) Weidenfeld & Nicolson. 1970.

Animal Taxonomy. Theodore Savory. (Pp. 101; 21s.) Heinemann. 1970.

Endurance Fitness. Roy J. Shephard. (Pp. 246; 63s.) Oxford University Press. 1970.

The Sexuality of Women. Paul H. Gebhard *et al.* (Pp. 144; 36s.) Andre Deutsch. 1970.

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Clinical Electromyography. J. A. R. Lenman and E. A. Ritchie. (Pp. 175; 42s.) Pitman. 1970.

Adaptation in Cultural Evolution: An Approach to Medical Anthropology. Alexander Alland, jun. (Pp. 203; 63s.) Columbia University Press. 1970.

The Physiology of Bone. Janet M. Vaughan. (Pp. 325; 50s.) Clarendon Press. 1970.

Psychiatric Examination of Children. J. E. Simmons. (Pp. 184; 43s.) Henry Kimpton. 1970.

Men, Money and Medicine. Eli Ginzberg. (Pp. 291; 76s.) Columbia University Press. 1970.

Genetic Epistemology. Jean Piaget. (Pp. 84; 45s.) Columbia University Press. 1970.

Brother Animal: The Story of Freud and Tausk. Paul Roazen. (Pp. 221; 45s.) Allen Lane The Penguin Press. 1970.

The Epidemiology of Oral Health. Walter J. Pelton *et al.* (Pp. 167; 48s.) Harvard University Press. 1970.

Tuberculosis: Morbidity, Mortality and Infection. Anthony M. Lowell *et al.* (Pp. 230; 58s.) Harvard University Press. 1970.

Ocular Syndromes. 2nd edn. Walter J. Geeraerts. (Pp. 289; 81s.) Henry Kimpton. 1970.

Chemotherapy of Cancer. Ed. Warren H. Cole. (Pp. 349; 112s.) Henry Kimpton. 1970.

Reproductive Endocrinology. Symposium held in Edinburgh May 1969. Ed. W. James Irvine. (Pp. 182; 50s.) E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

Biology of Populations: The Biological Basis of Public Health. Ed. Brenda K. Sladen and F. B. Bang. (Pp. 449; 175s.) Elsevier. 1970.

Advances in Teratology. Vol. 4. Ed. D. H. M. Woollam. (Pp. 240; 100s.) Logos Press. 1970.

Guide to Clinical Laboratory Diagnosis. John A. Koepke. (Pp. 310; 60s.) Butterworths. 1970.

Lectures in Chest Medicine. John R. Edge. (Pp. 260; 75s.) Staples Press. 1970.

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Coming Events

Corrected Announcement.—The North London Postgraduate Medical Centre lecture at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital by Dr. L. Schamroth (Johannesburg) on "Electrocardiographic Studies of Mechanisms in Reciprocal Rhythm" will be delivered at 1 p.m. on Friday, 1 May (not Sunday, 3 May as previously announced).

Anglo-American Medical Society.—Symposium, "The Battered Child," 7 May, 8 for 8.45 p.m., Columbia Officers' Club, 95 Lancaster Gate, London W.2 Fee £1. Details from Dr. J. Carne, 7 Wood Lane, Highgate, London N.6 (Tel. 01-883 3366).

"Health and Humanism."—This will be the subject of the Winchester Address organized by the Winchester Division of the B.M.A. and to be delivered by Professor T. McKeown on 27 May, 8.30 for 9 p.m., at Winchester College. Admission by ticket from Dr. C. W. Jenkins, St. Ippolyts, 128 Christchurch Road, Winchester, Hants.

Scottish Council for the Unmarried Mother and Her Child.—Day conference, "At this Time," 30 May, Edinburgh University. Dr. E. V. Kuenssberg will preside. Applications for tickets (£1 10s. including lunch), before 15 May, to the Conference Secretary of the Council, 44 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QR. (Tel. 031-556 3899).

Colon and Rectum.—The fourth meeting of the National Society for the Study of Diseases of Colon and Rectum will be held in Budapest at the Hungarian Academy of Science on 4-6 June 1970. Details from Mr. W. F. W. Southwood, 13 Circus, Bath.

Transplant Association.—25-27 June 1970, Barcelona. Details from the Congress Secretary, Instituto Polyclinico, Platon 21, Barcelona, Spain.

Societies and Lectures

For attending lectures marked ● a fee is charged or a ticket is required. Applications should be made first to the institution concerned.

Monday, 4 May

INSTITUTE OF LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLARYNGOLOGY.—5.30 p.m., Clinicopathological conference. **NUFFIELD DEPARTMENT OF ANAESTHETICS.**—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, 7.30 p.m., Dr. J. Milic-Emili (Montreal): Airway Closure—a Common Cause of Impaired Gas Exchange within the Lungs.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—6 p.m., anaesthetics lecture. **ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.**—At Wright Fleming Institute lecture theatre, 5 p.m., Almroth Wright lecture by Dr. T. S. Work: Biochemical and Genetic Significance of Mitochondrial Nucleic Acids.

Tuesday, 5 May

B.B.C. 1 TELEVISION.—11.20 p.m. (approx.), Medicine Today: Anticoagulants (Repeat). (Prepared in collaboration with A.S.M.E.)

INSTITUTE OF DERMATOLOGY.—4.30 p.m., Dr. H. Baker: Percutaneous Absorption.

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Hammersmith Hospital, 2 p.m., Dr. H. Barrie: The Brain Damaged Child—Implications for the Obstetrician; 4.30 p.m., Dr. G. B. Young: Radiology in Obstetrics. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.1.)

LONDON MEDICAL GROUP.—At London Hospital Medical College, 5.45 p.m., the Chief Rabbi, Dr. I. Jakobovits, Ph.D.: Jewish Medical Ethics.

NORTH LONDON POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At St. Ann's General Hospital, 1 p.m., symposium by Dr. G. D. W. McKendrick, Dr. Ian Bouchier: Treatment of Hepatitis.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL COLLEGE.—5 p.m., Mr. K. Till: Diagnosis and Management of Subdural Haematoma in Infancy.

SOCIALIST MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At House of Commons, 7.30 p.m., Professor C. F. Ballard: The Dental Team.

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—4 p.m., Mrs. C. Grubb: Gynaecological Cytology.

Wednesday, 6 May

ASSURANCE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Medical Society of London, 5 p.m., Professor J. N. Walton: Classification and Prognosis of some Neuromuscular Diseases.

CHILTERN MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Wycombe General Hospital, High Wycombe, 8.30 p.m., film.

GWENT POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL CENTRE.—At Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, Mon., 2.15 p.m., combined round by Dr. R. Evans; 5 p.m., surgical meeting, clinicopathological conference.

INSTITUTE OF PSYCHIATRY.—5.30 p.m., Dr. J. A. Corbett: Reading Backwards and Maladjustment in Adolescence.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, 5 p.m., Dr. J. M. Barnes: Poisons as Research Tools.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PATHOLOGISTS.—At Royal College of Physicians of London, 5.45 p.m., Roy Cameron lecture by Professor B. M. Wagner: The Moon and Beyond—Some Problems in Space Medicine.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—4 p.m., Sir James Young Simpson memorial lecture by Mr. J. R. Cameron: The Man and His Discoveries.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.—Large Lecture, Red, 5.15 p.m., Professor T. A. J. Prankerd: Red Cell Oedema.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10.15 a.m., Medicine staff round; 2 p.m., Dr. Ruth Sanger: Blood Groups and Human Genetics.

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—1.30 p.m., Dr. P. Zinkin: Problems of Speech and Language in the Early Years; 5 p.m., Dr. R. Williams: Current Status of Liver Transplantation.

Thursday, 7 May

ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY.—At large lecture theatre, Foresterhill, 5 p.m., Davidson lecture by Dr. F. Dudley Hart: Extra-articular Manifestations of Rheumatoid Disease.

HONYMAN GILLESPIE LECTURE.—At Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, surgery lecture theatre, 5 p.m., Dr. L. F. Prescott: Drug Metabolism and Therapeutics.

LONDON MEDICAL GROUP.—At St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, 5.45 p.m., Rev. H. Trowill, M.D.: Some Problems of the Doctor—Patient Relationship.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS: NORTH-EAST ENGLAND FACULTY.—At Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, 6.30 p.m., Pfizer lecture by Professor J. Anderson: Computers—New ways of looking at patient problems.

WESTMINSTER MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Page Street lecture theatre, 5.15 p.m., Dr. M. G. Lewis: Host Factors in Human Malignant Melanoma.

Friday, 8 May

INSTITUTE OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.—At Queen Charlotte's Hospital, 9.45 a.m., Mr. R. W. Beard: Continuous Monitoring in Labour; 2 p.m., Dr. R. L. Gadd: Liquor Amnii. (Admission by ticket only, obtainable from Secretary, Institute of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea Hospital for Women, London S.W.1.)

NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE REGIONAL NEUROLOGICAL CENTRE.—At Newcastle General Hospital, 5.30 p.m., Dr. P. Larson: Regeneration of Muscle.

ROYAL POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL.—10 a.m., Surgery staff round, 11 a.m., profile on Surgery of Sex.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH.—3 p.m., Professor P. A. M. F. Fitzgerald: Aortoiliac Arterial Disease—Surgical Considerations.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—5 p.m., Webb-Johnson lecture by Mr. N. L. Rowe: History of Treatment of Maxillo-facial Trauma.

Saturday, 9 May

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.—10.30 a.m., Therapeutics by Dr. R. L. A. Jayaweera: Drugs in Relation to Anaesthesia.

Sunday, 10 May

EDGWARE POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Edgware General Hospital, 10.15 a.m., film: The Story of a Hormone; 11 a.m., Dr. J. G. Lewis: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Pitfalls in the Elderly. **ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL POSTGRADUATE CENTRE, LONDON.**—10.30 a.m., Visiting the special departments: Physical Medicine.

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Dr. W. L. Parry-Jones has been awarded the Ralph Noble prize for 1968-9.

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DUNDEE

Appointment.—Dr. A. H. Reid (lecturer in psychiatry).

LONDON

M.D.—H. Vincent Chan. Ph.D.—In the Faculty of Medicine: K. E. Kendle, I. C. M. MacLennan, J. M. Offer.

Correction

Septic Shock

In the article on "Intravenous Isoprenaline in Treatment of Septic Shock in Man" by J. L. Wosornu and C. O. Easmon, 21 March, p. 723, the recommended dose (and that actually given to the patients) of isoprenaline was 2 to 4 µg./min. and not 0.4 µg./min. as stated.

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