

not the statistics. The "t" test does not change its spots from field to field; the theory of the life table can be applied and is applied to many inanimate objects—for example, light bulbs and motor-cars.

That said, this is an excellently written and well-produced book. It makes the standard methods of presentation intelligible, and deals effectively with frequency distributions (it could have said more about the importance of distribution in medicine). Sampling and tests of significance are difficult subjects to treat at a sufficiently elementary level, and the author can claim a real degree of success. It is a pity that there is no bibliography for those interested in taking the subject further—for example, on measures of morbidity (on which the book is thin).

B. BENJAMIN.

Breast Tumours

Tumours of the Breast. By Robert W. McDivitt, M.D., Fred W. Stewart, M.D., Ph.D., and John W. Berg, M.D. (Pp. 156; illustrated. No price given.) Washington, D.C.: Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. 1969.

The original fascicle by Dr. Stewart was published in 1950, and comprised 114 pages and 68 figs. This new one retains the general plan of its predecessor and uses the same classification. The text has been expanded partly by the inclusion of a few new sections such as epidemiology, the prognostic significance of metastases, and carcinoma in unusual hosts, but mainly by enlargement of the various sections.

The particular virtue of this edition is its concentration on the practical problems of histological diagnosis. Ultimately the question that the pathologist has to answer is

always, "How is this lesion going to behave?" (for which "benign" or "malignant" are convenient abbreviations), and this is exactly what the authors try to answer. They have nearly doubled the number of illustrations, and by putting pictures of malignant lesions and their benign mimics on facing pages they have made it much easier for the reader to appreciate the diagnostic features mentioned in the text. In fact the authors rely heavily on the illustrations—which are excellent—and have kept their text as brief as is compatible with clarity. Again because the stress is on diagnosis, difficult and uncommon lesions receive more attention than the well known. The authors have drawn on their own enormous collection of well-followed breast lesions and are able to support their conclusions by good evidence. Where uncertainty of behaviour still exists they say so.

The format of this second series is significantly better than the old series and the index is a valuable addition. In future editions it would be helpful if "continued on p. —" were added to the text where it is interrupted by several pages of figures. This new fascicle can be heartily recommended to all histopathologists.

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Common Sense in Paediatrics

Common Symptoms of Disease in Children. 2nd edition. By R. S. Illingworth, F.R.C.P. (Pp. 297+x. 42s.) Oxford: Blackwell. 1969.

The fact that a second edition of this book has been published less than two years after the first is good evidence of its value to

family doctors for whom its contents have been specifically orientated. It is also the ideal aid for the young doctor in hospital who is frequently presented with a child or infant with a single symptom or, perhaps, a bewildering variety of symptoms. The well-chosen lists of references at the end of each section are likely to be particularly appreciated by the recent graduate who is preparing for a senior diploma or who simply wishes to enlarge his knowledge of a subject somewhat briefly dealt with in his undergraduate days. The average medical student is less likely to consult this type of book, which demands a considerable basic knowledge of its readers.

It would be impracticable for a reviewer to catalogue all the symptoms which are considered, but the doctor will rarely fail to find the answer to his problem in the form of a helpful and expert discussion of the diagnostic implications. The section on the side-effects of drugs is particularly opportune in these days when over-prescribing is much more common than inappropriate inactivity, and when side-effects are sometimes confused with the results of the disease itself. It would be unreasonable to expect that one paediatrician must agree in every respect with the practice of another, and perhaps the experienced paediatrician would not always practise precisely what he advises for an inexperienced younger colleague. I found little to disagree with in this book, but one recommendation I cannot subscribe to is that every fevered child who has a convulsion should be submitted to lumbar puncture.

Those who are familiar with Professor Illingworth's many contributions to paediatric literature will find that he has again "delivered the goods" in the form of a most readable book, packed with practical information and common sense.

J. H. HUTCHISON.

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Anovulatory Infertility. By David Ferriman, D.M., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 114+ix; illustrated. 25s.) London: William Heinemann. 1969.

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Management of Medical Emergencies. 2nd edition. Edited by John C. Sharpe, M.D., and Frederick W. Marx, jun., M.D. (Pp. 756+xv. 187s.) London and New York: McGraw-Hill. 1969.

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Clinical Laboratory Medicine. Application of Laboratory Data. By Richard Ravel, M.D. (Pp. 415. 84s.) Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. Chichester: John Wiley. 1969.

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Clinical Interpretation of Laboratory Tests. 6th edition. By Raymond H. Goodale, M.D., and Frances K. Widmann, M.D. (Pp. 568+xii; illustrated. 107s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis. 1969.

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