

anterior thoracic wall, and to the structures that lie behind them. For the dissection of the pelvis and perineum a median section is selected. This gives a clearer appreciation of the pelvic structures which may be examined by rectal or vaginal examination, and at the same time allows a more satisfactory exposure of the structures on the lateral walls of the pelvis and tracing of vessels from the proximal parts of the lower limbs. It is of course no longer possible to examine the levator ani muscles as an entity, but there will be many who will prefer this dissection.

The diagrams and illustrations are excellent and the print stands out clearly, but the glossy paper, with the inevitable reflection of dissecting room lights, may prove a drawback. Again, a notable omission is the absence of any accompanying bibliography to lead the inquiring student to the appropriate text of embryology, histology, physiology or more detailed anatomy. But, like its preceding companion volume, this simple instruction manual, by reason of its advantages of size and price, and particularly the quality of its illustration and the clarity of its layout, should prove both popular and useful.

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## Year-book of Medicine

*Annual Review of Medicine*. Vol. 19. Edited by Arthur C. DeGraff. (Pp. 540 + viii; illustrated. \$9.) Palo Alto, California: Annual Reviews Inc.

This volume is one of a large series published by a non-profit corporation in California whose principal mission is the publication of annual reviews on many subjects. This one has 25 specially written articles, all at a somewhat advanced level, on subjects in which the most significant recent advances have been made.

Unlike some year-books which contain only dull synoptic summaries of published articles and very little editorial comment, the articles here are each the work of one or two authors who themselves evaluate the material they include. Looking at the contents list one is bound to feel a bit dismayed and to wonder which doctors will feel they must have this book. It is now difficult for any one physician to have a personal detailed interest in more than one or two branches of medicine. As many of the essays will be of interest only to those working in a specific field, the wisdom of lumping them all together is questionable. Some of the articles (for example, that on the physiological basis for diuretic action and the one on peripheral

vascular resistance) would seem more suitable for the *Annual Review of Physiology*. The difficulty of having to buy the whole book to obtain a special article may be resolved by the new venture of selling reprints of individual articles (at present restricted to the *Annual Reviews* of biochemistry and psychology). I hope that it will be extended to the *Annual Review of Medicine*.

Comment can be made on the content of only a few of the articles. The one on fibrinolysis is an able summary of present-day knowledge and emphasizes the great need for really effective clot-dissolving therapy. There is a very good discussion on specific plasma component therapy and the problem of how to overcome virus contamination of plasma products. Much interesting information on the role of aldosterone in hypertension (said to account for 20% of cases of benign essential hypertension) is given in the chapter on the adrenal cortex and hypertension.

The cumulative index of chapter titles shows what subjects have been reviewed in recent volumes. Every medical library should certainly have this book, and every physician will profit by reading the essay relating to his own field of practice.

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## Books Received

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

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**Caduceus in Saigon.** A Medical Mission to South Viet-Nam. By Barbara Evans. (Pp. 210 + xi; illustrated. 40s.) London: Hutchinson. 1968.

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**Old People in Three Industrial Societies.** By Ethel Shanas, Peter Townsend, Dorothy Wedderburn, Henning Friis, Poul Milhøj, and Jan Stehouwer. (Pp. 478 + x. £4 4s.) London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. 1968.

**The Congenital Methemoglobinemias. Physiology and Pathophysiology of the Hemoglobin Metabolism.** By Otmar Tönz. (Pp. 146 + v; illustrated. 78s.) Basel and New York: S. Karger. 1968.

**Vascular Diseases.** By Ag. M. J. Tsapogas, M.D., M.Ch., V. V. Kakkar, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.Ed., and E. N. Gleave, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Pp. 178 + ix; illustrated. £2 10s.) London: H. K. Lewis & Co. Ltd. 1968.

**Acquisitions Médicales Récentes.** 1968. Edited by Pasteur Vallery-Radot and P. Milliez. (Pp. 250; illustrated. No price given.) Paris: Expansion Scientifique Française. 1968.

**Épanchements Sous-Duraux Chroniques du Nourrisson.** By N. Neumann, J. Montaut, and J. Sapelier. (Pp. 207; illustrated. 56.30 F.) Paris: l'Expansion Scientifique. 1968.

**Pathologische Anatomie. Band II, Spezielle Pathologie.** By H. U. Zollinger. (Pp. 560 + xvi; illustrated. DM. 14.80.) Stuttgart: Georg Thieme Verlag. 1968.

**An Atlas of Clinical Neurology.** By John D. Spillane, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Pp. 376 + viii; illustrated. 70s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1968.

**Labor Clinical Evaluation and Management.** By Emanuel A. Friedman, M.D., Med.Sc.D. (Pp. 397 + xiv; illustrated. £5 12s. 6d.) New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 1968.

**Internal Medicine. Based on Mechanisms of Disease.** Edited by Peter J. Talso, A.B., M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.C., and Alexander P. Remenichik, B.S., M.D., F.A.C.P. (Pp. 797 + xiii; illustrated. 157s. 6d.) Saint Louis: The C.V. Mosby Co. London: Henry Kimpton. 1968.

**Handbook of Medical Treatment.** 11th edition. Edited by Milton J. Chatton, M.D., Sheldon Margen, M.D., and Henry Brainerd, M.D. (Pp. 769. 50s.) Los Altos, California: Lange Medical Publications. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1968.

**Cystic Fibrosis.** Edited by Ruth Porter and Maeve O'Connor. (Pp. 150 + vii; illustrated. 25s.) London: J. & A. Churchill Ltd. 1968.

**Unit Processes in Pharmacy.** By David Ganderon, B.Pharm., Ph.D. (Pp. 244 + vii; illustrated. 40s.) London: William Heinemann (Medical Books) Ltd. 1968.

**Hypersensitivity Mechanisms and Management.** By William B. Sherman, M.D. (Pp. 443 + xii; illustrated. £7 13s.) Philadelphia, London, Toronto: W. B. Saunders Co. 1968.

**Faith Healing.** By Louis Rose. Edited by Bryan Morgan. (Pp. 191. 30s.) London: Victor Gollancz Ltd. 1968.

**Tablets and Tabletting.** By H. Burlinson, F.P.S., D.B.A. (Pp. 70 + vii; illustrated. 15s.) London: William Heinemann (Medical Books) Ltd. 1968.

**Aggression and Defense. Neural Mechanisms and Social Patterns.** Edited by Carmine D. Clemente and Donald B. Lindsley. (Pp. 361 + xv; illustrated. £7 2s. 6d.) Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press. 1967.

**Pastoral Care in Hospitals.** By Norman Auton. (Pp. 156 + ix. 17s. 6d.) London: S.P.C.K. 1968.

**Auscultation of the Heart.** Third edition. By Richard W. D. Turner, O.B.E., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Pp. 53 + vi; illustrated. 6s.) Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1968.

**Surgery of Repair as Applied to Hand Injuries.** Third edition. By B. K. Rank, C.M.G., M.S. (Melb.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.A.C.S., F.A.C.S., A. R. Wakefield, M.S.(Melb.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.A.C.S., and J. T. Hueston, M.S.(Melb.), F.R.C.S.(Eng.), F.R.A.C.S. (Pp. 350 + xv; illustrated. 75s.) Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1968.

**Medical Physiology.** 12th edition. Vol. II. Edited by Vernon B. Mountcastle, M.D. (Pp. 1055-1858 + 38 + xii; illustrated. 216s. for two volumes.) Saint Louis: The C.V. Mosby Co. London: Henry Kimpton. 1968.

**Radiation and the Control of Immune Response.** Report of a Panel on Radiation and the Control of Immune Response Organized by the International Atomic Energy Agency, Paris, 22-24 June 1967. (Pp. 126; illustrated. £1 0s. 10d.) Vienna: International Atomic Energy Agency. 1968.

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**Medicare and the Hospitals. Issues and Prospects.** By Herman Miles Somers and Anne Ramsay Somers. (Pp. 303 + xvi. Cloth bound 64s., paper 24s.) Washington, D.C.: The Brookings Institution. 1967.

**Contemporary Biology. A Biologist's Physical Chemistry.** By J. Gareth Morris, B.Sc., D.Phil. (Pp. 367 + ix; illustrated. 80s.) London: Edward Arnold. 1968.

**Contemporary Biology. Principles of Animal Physiology.** By Dennis W. Wood, B.Sc., Ph.D. (Pp. 332 + x; illustrated. 72s.) London: Edward Arnold Ltd. 1968.