

steroid biochemistry group of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund laboratories in London.

Hayward and his colleagues have made two notable contributions in endocrine control of breast cancer: firstly, by pioneering controlled clinical trials of the management of the disease, and secondly, in studying the relationship between the urinary excretion of the C-19 steroids and its behaviour. Although they are dealt with fully, the book is not limited to these subjects but takes the reader step by step through the whole relationship of the endocrine glands and their hormones to the natural history and treatment of breast cancer. It is the most comprehensive and critical account of the subject yet written. Moreover, it is a joy to read, combining clarity, breadth of thought, and scholarly presentation.

A. P. M. FORREST.

Children's Surgery

Clinical Paediatric Surgery: Diagnosis and Management. Ed. Peter G. Jones. (Pp. 511; 120s.) John Wright. 1970.

This book was designed to provide senior medical students and hospital residents with information about the conditions which require surgical treatment during infancy and childhood at a price which they could afford. It has been written by the staff of the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne and reflects the experience and teaching there.

The whole field of paediatric surgery is covered, but particular attention is given to the more common conditions. A systematic approach is used and emphasis is achieved by the extensive use of different type sizes. In the main this is successful, though occasionally it becomes confusing, rather like a student's notebook which has been too much underlined. The diagrams are simple, clear, and good and so are most of the other illustrations. The amount of material is almost overwhelming, and is probably much more than even the most demanding medical school would require of its final year students or junior graduates. Indeed, there is more information in this book than in any other of similar size on the same subject and among it there is a lot of wise advice.

This is an excellent book with an original approach to the subject, beautifully produced on expensive paper, and well bound, but not all the final year students and new graduates for whom it has been specifically written will be able to afford it.

A. W. WILKINSON.

"Join the Army ..."

Surgeon in Nepal. Peter Pitt, F.R.C.S. (Pp. 225; 50s.) John Murray. 1970.

As a side-effect of the British policy of maintaining a military presence in Malaysia and Hong-Kong, a British military cantonment with a British military hospital was

established in a small township in the sub-montane Terai region just within the Nepal border to deal with the recruitment and pension payments of Gurkha troops. At the present time the words Nepal, Katmandu, and Gurkha are among the most evocative in the English language and the publishers have taken advantage of the current trend to produce this well illustrated book.

At the expense of the British taxpayer, to whom the book is dedicated, the B.M.H. treats Nepalis of all kinds who come from near and far to avail themselves of the surgical and nursing skills of a dedicated team of British personnel equipped with the latest drugs and antibiotics, x rays, and a ventouse extractor. Peter Pitt, a highly qualified temporary officer of the R.A.M.C., spent two busy years at Dharan accompanied by his wife and family, and coped successfully with a mixed bag of the apparently hopeless surgical and gynaecological conditions which fall to the lot of the frontier surgeon to whom patients often come as a last resort after travelling for weeks. Everything from bear-mauls to vesico-vaginal fistula (treated by ureteral transplantation), from burns to cholera, were included in the day's work.

The book is written mainly for the general public, and operative and medical procedures are explained in laymen's language and a glossary is supplied. The illustrations are excellent and the sections on witch doctors, snakes, bears, and tigers will interest many. Peter Pitt made good use of his time in Nepal and will be remembered there. I can imagine no book better calculated to attract recruits to the R.A.M.C.

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Introduction to Psychology: 2nd edn. D. E. James. (Pp. 400; 50s.) Constable. 1970.

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Life Under the Microscope. J. LeRoy Conel. (Pp. 240; 75s.) Peter Owen. 1970.

Synopsis of Dermatology: 2nd edn. W. D. Stewart, F.R.C.P. (Pp. 445; 125s.) Henry Kimpton. 1970.

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