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This volume is a verbatim report (edited to an unknown degree) of a Ciba Foundation Symposium devoted to aspects of the circulation. The participants, all accepted authorities, were drawn mainly from the British Isles, but there were also some eminent visitors from overseas.

The programme was arranged as a series of papers (25 in all) read by workers with some special knowledge of that field, each followed by a general discussion. These discussions are of particular value for the authoritative criticisms and because an opportunity is presented for other workers to describe their experiences in similar fields.

The papers mostly contain original work and are of high quality. The field covered is wide but will be indicated generally, although it would be invidious to select any particular section for special mention.

Part I is devoted to the vascular architecture of the lungs, alimentary canal, kidney and the liver. The subject of arteriovenous anastomoses appears frequently but is to be handicapped by the lack of any generally acceptable definition for such structures.

Part II contains papers on physical laws of fluid flow, some pharmacological subjects and the relationship of blood vessels to visceral pain.

The largest section is Part III with contributions on the regional regulation of blood flow. This displays well the modern trend to give special consideration to this aspect of the circulation. Some figures on human hepatic blood flow are now available with the bromsulphalein clearance method.

Part IV is concerned with the interaction of the circulation as a whole to regional changes in the intestine and kidney, and the circulatory adjustments in fainting.

Though few problems are solved, many are placed in a clearer light, and reading this book cannot fail to arouse interest and clarify ideas, if not directly to inform, all who are concerned in any aspect of the circulation of the blood.

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CHANGE OF NAME

The name of the Journal *The Southern Surgeon* has been changed to *The American Surgeon* as from 6th January, 1953. The agents throughout the British Commonwealth are Baillière, Tindall & Cox and the subscription price is 82s. post free.

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