BOOKS RECEIVED

The Editorial Board acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following volumes.
A selection from these will be made for review.


NEW EDITIONS


BOOK REVIEW

The Afferent Innervation of the Heart

This is the authorized translation of a monograph published in Russian in 1961. This highly specialized book reports the author's investigations of the afferent innervation of the human and mammalian heart studied by means of methylene blue and silver impregnation methods. The afferent plexus attains its maximum development in the posterior wall of the atria, at the orifices of the vena caveae, and in the atrial septum. Both compact and diffuse receptor endings have been observed. It is suggested that this investigation may be of importance when surgical techniques for operations on the heart are being devised since it would seem desirable to avoid those areas which have been demonstrated to be of maximum concentration for these receptor endings.

This monograph is obviously for the specialist; it is pleasantly produced and the illustrations are of high standard.

Practical Neurology

This is a delightful book for bedside reading, which will be enjoyed by general physicians, psychiatrists, and all general practitioners. It is easy, pleasant reading, simple in style and sufficiently dogmatic, illustrated freely by brief case histories, and it emphasizes throughout the difficulties of practical neurology.

Headache and giddiness, black-outs and epilepsy, strokes and dementia, pains in the limbs, difficulty in walking, involuntary movements, and the management of the incurable case, are all treated from a practical point of view, with minimal reference to neuro-anatomy and physiology. It is a book written from the author's wide experience, with a sympathetic and realistic outlook, emphasizing the essential details of the diagnosis and treatment of common neurological disorders.

It is not a comprehensive textbook for examination candidates.