investigations now available. The work can be recommended as a didactic adjunct to the study of clinical neurology.

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Primer for the Psychotherapist

J. A. BOCKAR. 2nd edn. Pp. 149. MTP Press, Lancaster, 1981. £8.95.

The title of this book suggests that it is an introduction to psychotherapy for both medical and non-medical psychotherapists at the beginning of their training. Instead it is written for non-medical psychotherapists to provide them with detailed information on medical disorders and organic aspects of psychiatry in the hope that this will help them spot patients referred to them with psychological problems for psychotherapy but who are actually suffering from an organic illness. It deals, therefore, with descriptive and psychophysiological aspects of anxiety and depression, with schizophrenia, organic brain disorders, alcoholism and the side effects of psychotropic drugs. It also includes an account of how to conduct a diagnostic psychiatric interview, to be used by non-medical psychotherapists; such an interview would appear inappropriate for a patient who is being seen for the first time in a psychotherapeutic context by a specialist psychotherapist. The more appropriate way of ensuring that a correct diagnosis is made before a patient is offered psychotherapy is to insist that non-medical psychotherapists work in close collaboration with psychiatrists and that patients taken on by them for psychotherapy are, in case of doubt, first assessed by a psychiatrist or other medical practitioner. In spite of these reservations some non-medical psychotherapists may find this volume useful on account of the medical information it contains, provided it is recognized that theoretical knowledge of organic aspects of psychiatry cannot make up for the absence of medical training, and that the essential training for all psychotherapists must be in the practice of psychotherapy itself.

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Topics in Respiratory Disease:

Airways Obstruction

By D. M. GEDDES. Pp. 92.

Assessment of a Patient with Lung Disease

Edited by J. R. WEBB. Pp. 92.

Interstitial Lung Disease

By C. A. C. PICKERING, L. DOYLE and K. B. CARROLL. Pp. 116.

Radiology of the Respiratory System

By C. FLOWER. Pp. 122.

Respiratory Infections and Tumours

By R. WHITE. Pp. 92. Illustrated. MTP Press, Lancaster, 1981. £5.95 each.

These small books give an excellent, thoroughly up-to-date, easily readable and individually convenient account of chest medicine. Publication in this form inevitably means some overlap and reduplication and at the same time some failure of comprehensiveness (no overall editor for the series is named). The small size has denied the authors the opportunity to speculate and stimulate which is a pity because several of them are highly original thinkers on their subjects.

The texts are all absolutely first class but the books are handicapped by the poor quality of many of the chest X-ray reproductions (in practice the chest radiograph is the key to virtually all investigation of pulmonary disease). This disability is, of course, most noticeable in Dr Flower's otherwise splendid description of chest radiology. The colour pictures are of good quality but probably not really essential. (The photograph of a positive Mantoux test looked very like a positive reaction to a Heaf test).

All in all these books deserve much praise and can be recommended for both undergraduates and postgraduates, but the potential reader may well decide to prefer to buy a complete textbook of chest diseases of which there are now available two outstanding British examples.

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Notice

Clinical Cytopathology for Pathologists—Postgraduate Course

The Twenty-fourth Postgraduate Institute for Pathologists in Clinical Cytopathology is to be given at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, April 18–29, 1983. The full two-week program is designed for pathologists who are Certified (or qualified) by the American Board of Pathology (PA) or their international equivalents.

It will provide an intensive refresher in all aspects of the field of Clinical Cytopathology, with time devoted to newer techniques, special problems, and recent applications. Topics will be covered in lectures, explored in small informal conferences, and discussed over the microscope with the Faculty. Self-instructional material will be available to augment at individual pace. A loan set of slides with texts will be sent to each participant for home-study during March and April before the Institute. Credit hours 125 in AMA Category 1.

Application is to be made before February 2 1983. For details, write to: John K. Frost, M.D., 610 Pathology Building, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland 21205, U.S.A.

The entire Course is given in English.