BOOKS RECEIVED

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


BOOK REVIEWS

Clinical Bacteriology


The new edition is somewhat enlarged by the inclusion of new material, yet the use of better quality paper has resulted in a slimmer volume.

The first edition of the book established it as a valuable practical guide to routine hospital bacteriology for all who understood the elementary principles of the subject. Although individual clinical pathologists may prefer in some instances other well-established methods, the techniques described are sound.

Recent advances in antibiotic and antibacterial treatment have necessitated the inclusion of new data on the preparation of sensitivity discs and media which will be invaluable to the pathologist and laboratory technician. The problem of hospital wound infection is discussed in greater detail in the light of new developments.

The book will also be read with profit by many clinicians as it is particularly valuable in the interpretation of the significance of positive cultures from various body sites. The description of the normal flora is excellent.

A Synopsis of Fevers and Their Treatment


This small book of 184 pages is packed with factual information about the commoner infectious fevers. The first chapter deals with diagnosis, while the last two chapters give consideration to treatment and to the control of infectious diseases. The remaining 17 chapters deal concisely with the bacterial and viral infectious diseases, including gastro-enteritis in infants and food poisoning. The practitioner in this country, meeting a case of infectious disease occasionally, will find this book a safe guide, while practitioners working in tropical and other areas of the world where so many of these diseases are widespread will find the information given here of the greatest value. While the place of antibiotics in treatment of some of the conditions is stressed, some valuable rules governing their use are listed. The book has a detailed index. It can be firmly recommended to the final-year medical student, the public health worker, and to the practitioner, whether at home or overseas.