

## BOOKS RECEIVED

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

'Teaching the Severely Subnormal'. A Handbook for the Staff of Junior Training Centres. Edited by E. B. McDowall. Pp. viii + 128. London: Edward Arnold. 1964. 20s.

'The Health Services of Tanganyika'. A Report to the Government. Edited by R. M. Titmuss. Pp. xiii + 265. London: Pitman Medical. 1964. 25s.

'Easy Childbirth'. By Elliot Philipp and Erna Wright. A Family Doctor booklet. Pp. 31 illustrated. London: British Medical Association. 1964. 1s.

'An Outline of Pulmonary Function and Pulmonary Emphysema'. By E. Rosenman, M.D. Pp. xii + 137. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C Thomas. 1964. 6 dollars 50 cents.

'Hemoglobin and Oxygen. Carbonic Acid and Acid-Base Balance'. By J. P. Peters and D. D. Van Slyke. Pp. 500 illustrated. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins. London: Bailliere, Tindall and Cox. 1964. 68s.

'The Treatment of Mycotic and Parasitic Diseases of the Chest'. Edited by J. D. Steele. Pp. xviii + 259, illustrated. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C Thomas. 1964. 14 dollars 75 cents.

'Viruses of Vertebrates'. By Sir Christopher Andrewes. Pp. xi + 401. London: Bailliere, Tindall and Cox. 1964. 63s.

'The Uses of Psychology in Geriatric Ophthalmology'. By Werner Bab, M.D. Pp. x + 94. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C Thomas. 1964. 5 dollars.

### NEW EDITIONS

'Pulmonary Tuberculosis'. By W. Pagel, F. A. H. Simmonds, N. Macdonald and E. Nassau. Fourth edition. Pp. x + 520 illustrated. London: Oxford University Press. 1964. £5 5s.

'An Introduction to Electrocardiography'. By I. Schamroth. Pp. x + 165, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwells. 1964. 20s.

'Practical Obstetric Problems'. By I. Donald. Third edition. Pp. xix + 811 illustrated. London: Lloyd-Luke. 1964. 70s.

'Leprosy in Theory and Practice'. Edited by R. S. Cochrane and T. F. Davey. Second edition. Pp. xix + 659, illustrated. Bristol: John Wright. 1964. 115s.

'Clinical Psychiatry for Practitioners and Students'. By Ian Skottowe. Second edition. Pp. x + 306. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1964. 42s. 6d.

'The Doctor, His Patient and the Illness'. By Michael Balint. Second edition. Pp. xii + 395. London: Pitman Medical. 1964. 40s.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### Selective Vulnerability of the Brain in Hypoxaemia

Edited by J. P. SHADÉ and W. H. McMENEMEY. Pp. xii + 395, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwell. 1963. 70s.

Some 29 articles comprising the proceedings of a symposium on the effects of oxygen lack on the brain, are here presented in book form. The general discussions following each group of papers are also included, and form a valuable addition to the impressive material of the articles, which deal with experimental work concerning the cerebral circulation, blood flow, oxygen diffusion and metabolism. The cellular results of hypoxia and of hypercapnia, and the patterns of brain damage which follow this and liver and other extra-cerebral diseases, are fully described. The results of isotope studies, electron microscopy work, and physiological experiment are detailed, and accompanied by excellent photographs.

This book will be valuable to workers in aviation medicine and space research, to neuro-pathologists and physiologists, and perhaps to a limited extent to clinical neurologists and neuro-surgical teams. The book is well produced, but a little expensive.

### The Etiology of Myocardial Infarction—Henry Ford Hospital: International symposium

Edited by T. N. JAMES and J. W. KEYES. Pp. xxi + 669, illustrated. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1963. £6 10s.

Outside the United States of America, the Henry Ford Hospital is probably best known for the invaluable symposia on various important medical subjects held there. The published symposia have become valuable works of reference. This, the most recent, has certainly maintained the high standards of the earlier symposia, and provides a comprehensive and authoritative review of the numerous facets of the subject.

It is becoming progressively more apparent that myocardial infarction is multifactorial in aetiology and pathogenesis, and an adequate review of all the relevant and interrelated factors could probably not be dealt with by any one authority, so wide an area of knowledge do these factors encompass. In this symposium a large number of distinguished contributors have presented their original contributions to the understanding of myocardial infarction or have reviewed current knowledge on a particular aspect of it. All books by multiple authors must naturally suffer from some unevenness of

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