

## Books received

- The Acute Abdomen for the Man on the Spot.* By J. C. ANGELL. Pp. 95. London: Pitman Medical, 1968. 20s.
- La Porphyrie Cutanee dite Tardine.* By H. PERROL. Pp. 200, illustrated. Lyon: Simep Editions, 1968. Price not given.
- Priorities in Medicine.* By W. J. H. BUTTERFIELD. Pp. 198. London: Nuffield Provincial Hospital Trust, 1968. Price not given.
- L'Hypophosphataise.* By P. GUIBAUD. Pp. 143. Lyon: Simep Editions, 1968. Price not given.
- L'Insufficance Medullaire Globale Idiopathique.* By PAUL-ANDRE BRYON. Pp. 176, illustrated. Lyon: Simep Editions, 1968. price not given.
- Toxicity of Anaesthetics.* Edited by B. R. FINK. Pp. 332, illustrated. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. £7 7s. 6d.
- Prognostic Factors in Breast Cancer.* Edited by A. P. M. FORREST and P. B. KUNKLER. Pp. 481, illustrated. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. 70s.
- Clinical Diabetes and its Biochemical Basis.* By W. L. OAKLEY, D. A. PYKE and K. W. TAYLOR. Pp. 786. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1968. £6.
- Heart Disease in Infants, Children and Adolescents.* By A. J. MOSS and F. H. ADAMS. Pp. 1140, illustrated. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. £22 10s.
- In Vitro.* Edited by M. M. SIGNAL. Publication of the Tissue Culture Association. Pp. 211, illustrated. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. £5 7s. 6d.
- Computing in Medicine. British Medical Bulletin.* Vol. 24, p. 276. Scientific Editor C. C. SPICER. Pp. 276. London: The British Council, 1968. £2
- Haematology in Diagnosis and Treatment.* Edited by M. MAIZELS, T. A. J. PRANKERD and J. D. M. RICHARDS. Pp. 336. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell, 1968. 70s.
- Epithelial-Mesenchymal Interactions.* Edited by R. FLEISCHMAYER and R. E. BILLINGHAM. Pp. 326, illustrated. Baltimore: Williams & Wilkins. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. £7 5s.
- Composition of the Peripheral Nerves.* By I. A. BOYD and MARY DAVEY. Pp. 57, illustrated. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. 30s.
- Hutchinson's Clinical Methods.* Edited by D. HUNTER and R. R. BOMFORD. Pp. 416. London: Baillière, Tindall & Cassell, 1968. 20s.

### New Editions

- Dangerous People.* By ELIZABETH GUNDRY. Pp. 36. London: Spectator Publications, 1968. 15s.
- Operative Surgery—Thorax.* Edited by C. ROB, R. SMITH and W. P. CLELAND. Second Edition. Pp. 426, illustrated. London: Butterworths, 1968. £50 per set (not available separately).
- Atlas of Haematology.* Edited by G. A. McDONALD, T. C. DODDS and B. CRUICKSHANK. Second Edition. Pp. 212, illustrated. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. £5 5s.
- Calcium Metabolism and the Bone.* By P. FOURMAN and P. ROYER. Second Edition. Pp. 656, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1968. 84s.
- Physicians Handbook.* By M. A. KRUPP, N. J. SWEET, E. JAWETZ and E. G. BIGLIERI. Fifteenth Edition. Pp. 639, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1968. 45s.
- Neurological Examinations in Clinical Practice.* By E. R. BICKERSTAFF. Second Edition. Pp. 378, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1968. 63s.
- Disease in Infancy and Childhood.* By R. W. B. ELLIS and R. G. MITCHELL. Sixth Edition. Pp. 687, illustrated. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. 80s.
- B.D.S. Textbook of Physiology and Biochemistry.* By G. H. BELL, J. N. DAVIDSON and H. SCARBOROUGH. Seventh Edition. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone, 1968. 80s.

## Book reviews

### Neurology in Orthopaedics

By PAUL H. SANDIFER. Pp. xi + 63. London: Butterworths, 1957. 16s.

This text was originally written as a chapter in the orthopaedic volume of *Clinical Surgery* and was intended to aid orthopaedic surgeons faced with neurological problems. A great many neurological conditions, some common and others uncommon, are described briefly and succinctly. In the context in which it was originally set, it provides useful additional reading for the established Orthopaedic Surgeon or Orthopaedic Trainee. Some of the more esoteric conditions and the more complex neurology and mycology tend to leave the surgical mind rather bewildered and not a little respectful of the late Dr Sandifer's experience and competence.

As a separate publication, it suffers from being inadequate in content for the Specialist Neurologist or Paediatrician and from imbalance and unnecessary complexity for those of

other disciplines. The inclusion of a great variety of conditions under the Floppy Baby Syndrome would probably not appeal to many Paediatricians and the advice on the treatment of myelocoele by the application of skin grafts will certainly not recommend itself to Paediatric Surgeons or Neurosurgeons. Cervical intervertebral disc lesions and spondylitis are discussed, but there is no mention of the neurological manifestations of thoracic or lumbar intervertebral disc lesions or of the manifestations of spinal cord tumours, which may well be a hazardous differential diagnosis for the Orthopaedic Surgeon.

Paul Sandifer was obviously under great difficulties in compressing his text, when his experience both of neurology and of the difficulties that may face Orthopaedic Surgeons, was so great. It is to be hoped that others may be inspired to consider publications that may help to bridge the problems of communication between disciplines with common interests.