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Book reviews

The Handbook of Physiology

Section 6. *Alimentary Canal* (five volumes). Volume I, *Food and water intake* (pp. 459), Volume II, *Secretion* (pp. 1055), Volume III, *Intestinal absorption* (pp. 1570); are reviewed here (the remaining volumes are: Volume IV, *Motility*, Volume V, *Bile digestion: Ruminal physiology*). Washington, D.C.: American Physiological Society, 1968. Price not given.

This mammoth reference work, by multiple authors under the Section Editor, the doyen of Gastroenterology, Charles F. Code, is difficult to review without sounding like an advertizing handout. The presentation and production are of the highest order, but above all the content is superb.

Almost universally each author has been selected for his expertise and the fact that he is a current worker in his field. This fact stands out in the manner in which the individual chapters are presented. Generally textbooks are, by their nature, skimpy, patchy and out of date on the day of publication. Because of the selection of active workers this last is avoided and the authors take us into the work in hand, and point the direction of the future of gastrointestinal physiology. There is nothing skimmed in the detail of each subject, the chapters being a review in depth of current thought and work. The standard is remarkably uniform for a work by some 150 authors, and is a triumph of editorial workmanship.

One of the major breakthroughs in recent years has been the use of the electron microscope, and the chapters concerning these investigations warrant special mention, as does the quality of reproduction of the photographs. Experimental methods are well described and this work is of no less use to the research worker than the student and the clinician.

Although this is the child of the American Physiological Society national frontiers are ignored and the authors and their bibliography show this to be a truly international effort. The bibliography is vast and comprehensive.

This section of a remarkable undertaking can only be described as magnificent, and only be improved by the issue of yearbooks to keep it up to date.

Common Medical Emergencies. A Guide for Junior Physicians Ed. by R. H. SLATER. Pp. 148. Bristol: John Wright and Sons, 1968. 18s.

This book sets out to guide the newly qualified house-physician in the emergency management of medical disorders. It has the advantage of being compact and is small enough to be carried in the pocket. The book is well laid out giving a chapter to each of the fifteen major medical emergencies discussed. As a rule each subject is briefly introduced and is followed by sections on the clinical features, investigations and differential diagnosis ending with a fuller discussion of the immediate management. No attempt is made to give a complete picture either of the condition or the management but a short list of suggested references for further reading on each subject is given at the end of the book.

Although this book is obviously confined to medical emergencies, it is perhaps surprising that there is no reference to the acute abdominal conditions which may be admitted to the medical wards such as acute pancreatitis, cholecystitis, pyelitis, gastro-enteritis, and ulcerative colitis, nor is there any mention of acute renal failure and its management.

The main criticism however must rest with the basic format of the book; at present it could be argued that this represents

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gram(s)	g	second(s)	sec
kilogram(s)	kg	cubic millimetre(s)	mm ³
milligram(s)		millimetre(s)	mm
(10 ⁻³ g)	mg	centimetre(s)	cm
microgram(s)	·	millicurie(s)	mCi
(10 ⁻⁶ g)	µg	millilitre(s)	ml
nanogram(s)		pound(s)	lb
(10 ⁻⁹ g)	ng	milliequivalent	mEq
picogram(s)			
(10 ⁻¹² g)	pg	R _F values	R _F
hour(s)	hr		
minute(s)	min	gravitational acceleration	g
micron(s)	µ	per cent	%

Example: mg/100 ml, for biochemical values; mEq/l

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