

Books received

- Energy Metabolism in Trauma.* Edited by RUTH PORTER and JULIE KNIGHT. Ciba Foundation Symposium. Pp. 202, illustrated. London: J. & A. Churchill, 1970. £2.50.
- Diseases of the Gastro Intestinal Tract.* Edited by W. R. O. GOSLINGS. Boerhaave Series. Pp. 126, illustrated. Leiden: University Press, 1970. £4.00.
- Scientific Foundations of Anaesthesia.* Edited by CYRIL SCURR and STANLEY FELDMAN. Pp. 456, illustrated. London: Heinemann, 1970. £7.50.
- Catapres in Hypertension.* Edited by MATTHEW E. CONOLLY. Proceedings of a symposium held at the Royal College of Surgeons of England in March 1969. Pp. 245, illustrated. London: Butterworths, 1970. £3.50.
- The Care of Hand Infections.* By JOAN SNEDDON. Pp. 88, illustrated. London: Edward Arnold Ltd, 1970. £1.30. (Limp edition.)
- The Epidemiology of Non-Communicable Disease.* Scientific Editor E. D. ACHESON. A British Medical Bulletin. Pp. 94, illustrated. London: The British Council (Medical Department), 1971. £2.00.
- The Biology of Large RNA Viruses.* Edited by R. D. BARRY and B. W. J. MAHY. Result of a meeting convened by the Editors in Cambridge. Pp. 736, illustrated. London: Academic Press, 1970. £10.00.
- Iron Deficiency.* Edited by L. HALLBERG, H.-G. HARWERH and A. VANNOTTI. Colloquia Geigy. Includes pathogenesis, clinical aspects, therapy. Pp. 628, illustrated. London: Academic Press, 1970. £6.00.
- Adolescent Endocrinology.* Edited by FELIX P. HEALD and WELLINGTON HUNG. Pp. 174, illustrated. London: Butterworths, 1970. £4.20.
- The Orthopaedic Management of Spina Bifida Cystica.* By MALCOLM B. MENELAUS (foreword by H. JACKSON BURROWS). Pp. 116, illustrated. Edinburgh: E. and S. Livingstone, 1971. £3.00.
- Cardiac Arrhythmias.* Edited by ERIK SANDOE, ELLEN FLENSTED-JENSEN and KNUD H. OLESEN. Proceedings of a symposium organized by the University Hospital of Copenhagen in April 1970. Pp. 826, illustrated. Denmark: Astra, 1970. On request, free of charge.
- Better Medical Writing.* By CHARLES THORNE. Pp. 96. London: Pitman Medical and Scientific Publishing Co. Ltd, 1971. £0.88.
- Chemotherapy and Drug Resistance in Malaria.* By PETERS. Pp. 876, illustrated. London: Academic Press, 1970. £13.00.
- Psychologic Cues in Forecasting Physical Illness.* By SAMUEL SILVERMAN. Pp. 402. London: Butterworths, 1971. £5.10.

New Editions

- Compendium of Emergencies.* Edited by H. GARDINER-HILL, 3rd edition. Pp. 427, illustrated. London: Butterworths, 1971. £4.40.
- An Atlas of Bone-marrow Pathology.* By M. C. G. ISRAELS, 4th edition. Pp. 82, illustrated. London: Heinemann, 1971. £3.00.
- Cleft Lip and Palate.* By W. G. HOLDSWORTH, 4th edition. Pp. 267, illustrated. London: Heinemann, 1971. £5.00.
- Ventilation/blood flow and Gas Exchange.* By JOHN B. WEST, 2nd edition. Pp. 117, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1970. £1.50.
- Elements of Medical Statistics.* By J. V. SMART. Pp. 184, illustrated. London: Staples Press, 1970. £1.75.
- Operative Obstetrics.* By MUNRO KERR, 8th Edition (edited by MOIR and MYERSCOUGH). Pp. 971, illustrated. London: Bailliere, Tindal and Cassell, 1971. £9.00.

Book reviews

Recent Advances in Neurology

Edited by FRED PLUM. Pp. ix+254, illustrated. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications, 1970. £3.00.

Recent Advances in Neuropsychiatry

Edited by the late LORD BRAIN and MARCIA WILKINSON, 8th edition. Pp. viii+252, illustrated. London: J. & A. Churchill Ltd., 1969. £3.00.

It is of interest that there is very little overlap in the subject matter of these two publications on recent advances in neurology. The work edited by Fred Plum is the sixth volume in the highly successful series of monographs on contemporary neurology edited by Plum and Fletcher McDonald. It begins with a short but authoritative chapter on the physiology of spasticity and rigidity by William Landau. This is followed by a chapter on one of the most important advancing fronts in neurology, namely slow and chronic viral infections of the nervous system, contributed by R. T. and K. P. Johnson. Recent years have witnessed a considerable amount of over-zealous speculation in this field, and it is timely to have a reasoned appraisal of the present situation.

The third chapter is on biochemical methods in the diagnosis of neurological disorders, contributed by J. H. Menkes and L. Eviatar. The title of the chapter is a little misleading, as the emphasis is not so much on biochemical methods themselves, but on the abnormalities found in inborn errors of metabolism that give rise to neurological disorders. Finally, there is a chapter on the chemotherapy of brain tumours by W. R. Shapiro and J. I. Ausman. Although this approach has not been found to have great therapeutic importance, this is a useful review of the subject.

The book edited by the late Lord Brain and by Marcia Wilkinson covers a wider selection of subjects and therefore gives a broader view of what is going on in neurology at present, although neither book has included a discussion of the use of L-Dopa in Parkinsonism. Presumably the recent developments in this direction came too late for inclusion. The main chapters are on memory disorders, carcinomatous 'neuromyopathies', otoneurology, muscle disease, disorders of the cerebral circulation, the surgery of cerebral haemorrhage, stereotaxic surgery, electroencephalographic changes in epilepsy, and neuroradiology. There is also a chapter with short notes on a number of miscellaneous advances.