weeks. However, this aspect is briefly mentioned in the glossary of terms.

Finally, with reference to phenylketonuria, some of our patients are now teenage or young adults and may be contemplating pregnancy. Possibly some mention should be made of the need for strict dietary control before conception and during pregnancy.

In conclusion, the book is recommended to parents and to those who have close contact with or responsibility for young children.

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Thymus, Lymph Nodes, Spleen and Lymphatics, 3rd edition, edited by K. Henry and W. St C. Symmers. Pp. 1042, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, Melbourne, New York, Tokyo, 1992. Hardback £140.00.

This book is volume 7 in the Systemic Pathology series, now in its third edition. The 1042 pages make for a big book but at £140.00 it is relatively inexpensive for a text of this size. The book is divided into nine chapters. An introductory chapter describes immune function and is similar to many undergraduate texts, but is a nice summary nevertheless. This is followed by an informative chapter on the pathology of the thymus gland and straightforward chapters on non-neoplastic lymph node disorders. There is a good chapter on splenic pathology, a notoriously difficult area, and then a large chapter, some 350 pages, on neoplastic disorders of lymphoreticular tissue. The bulk of this is devoted to detailed descriptions of the various sub-types of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. The classification used is that of the British National Lymphoma Investigation, for which the author is a proponent. Enough information is given about other classification systems but I wonder if basing a major textbook on a classification like that of the BNLI is really appropriate for the 1990s. There is a short chapter, 22 pages, on immunocytochemistry which again is a reasonable summary but there are many larger texts available. The final chapter on the lymphatic vessels is very good.

Apart from two pages of coloured plates at the start of the book, the remainder of the illustrations, and they are plentiful, are in black and white. Most are of fairly high quality although a number are of poor quality sections or are not crisply focused. There are large reference lists at the end of each chapter, with relatively few errors.

Comparison with other books is difficult as no other

book has quite this range. The *Histopathology of non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas* by Lennert and Feller (Springer-Verlag) and the second edition of Stansfeld's *Lymph Node Biopsy Interpretation* (Churchill Livingstone) would be very strong competitors for some parts. Whether or not the information contained in the other chapters makes this a worthwhile buy is a decision that prospective purchasers will have to make individually. I do not feel able to recommend the book wholeheartedly.

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Clinical Paediatrics for Postgraduate Examination, Terence Stephenson and Hamish Wallace. Pp. 167, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, Melbourne, New York, 1991. Paperback £12.50.

Written for the DCH and second part of the MRCP, this handy paperback deserves to be read by examiners as well as candidates! Those bounders Stephenson and Wallace lay bare the structure and scoring system for the MRCP. They have the temerity to advise which signs to use, because the poor addled examiners can only agree 50% of the time on clubbing, percussion notes, etc. and even less often in assessing tracheal displacement.

The relative likelihood of conditions appearing in the exam, and the commensurate amount of knowledge required, is considered. Their approach gives a new meaning to the appliance of science, and is above the traditional and often suicidal 'spotting questions' approach. In an informal, chatty prose, the essentials of history taking in specific conditions, interpretation of signs, and a bedside discussion of investigations and treatment are outlined. Discussion points are included, providing intelligent suggestions and ideas of the questions the candidate should be prepared for in the clinical and oral. Syndromes which commonly appear in exams are reviewed.

There is little to criticize, and if they were not competitive exams, and this book were to be used more widely, I think the College wine stocks could follow the same path as the business recession.

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