

**BOEKBESPREKINGS : BOOK REVIEWS****THYROID DISORDERS**

*Thyroid Disorders.* A guide to diagnosis and treatment. By I. P. C. Murray, M.D., F.R.C.P.(Edin.). Pp. 88. R1.50. London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 1964.

This is an exceptional little book. In the short space of 80 pages it summarizes succinctly and accurately almost all that is known about the physiology and embryology of the thyroid gland and considers the clinical aspects and treatment of its diseases. The place of radio-iodine in the investigation of thyroid disease is also fully discussed. In spite of its brevity, there are very few omissions and inaccuracies. The book carries no illustrations, which is a pity, as the subject lends itself to photographic illustration. I strongly recommend this book to all who want a 'bird's-eye view' of current thoughts about the thyroid gland and its disorders. R.H.

**CARDIO-PULMONARY TECHNOLOGY**

*Manual of Cardio-pulmonary Technology.* By L. W. Piller. Pp. 287. Illustrated. R7.25. London: Staples Press. 1964. Available through Cotton & Hardie (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town.

An outstanding textbook for cardio-pulmonary technologists at all levels of experience. It emphasizes the overdue need for

such a manual to assist these technologists to obtain adequate training and higher qualifications. As a constant reference work in laboratories, it provides sufficient detail, particularly with regard to the cardiological aspect, and forms a useful initiation to pulmonary investigations. Any data omitted can only be attributed to recent rapid advances in this field of medicine. H.I.G.

**CARDIOVASCULAR SURGERY**

*Cardiovascular Surgery 1963.* Council on Cardiovascular Surgery, American Heart Association, Scientific Sessions, Los Angeles, California, 25-27 October 1963. Ed. by F. A. Simeone, M.D. Pp. 180. Illustrated. \$3.00. New York: American Heart Association. 1964.

This, the second cardiovascular surgery supplement to *Circulation*, provides the reader with a carefully selected series of papers dealing not only with several significant recent advances in the treatment and understanding of surgical cardiovascular disease, but also with the activities and observations of those actively engaged in the surgical field of cardiovascular research. It is a most instructive and stimulating monograph presented in a very clear and concise manner. J.C.v.d.S.