

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

OSTEOLOGY

Symposium Ossium. European Association of Radiology. Ed. by A. M. Jelliffe and B. Strickland. Pp. xii + 340. Illustrated. £7.18. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone. 1970.

The proceedings of the European Association of Radiology's Symposium Ossium, as published in this book, cater for a great variety of workers interested in all aspects of osteology, and the Association is to be congratulated on this outstanding contribution to the literature.

This volume must not be regarded as a text book, but rather as a brief resumé and review of some of the modern thinking in the study of bones. It cannot be recommended for general reading by practising radiologists, but must be placed in all libraries for reference by workers interested in this field.

P.S.

SPINAL VENOGRAPHY

Intra-osseous Spinal Venography. By H. Vogelsang. Pp. 117. Illustrated. £4.60. Amsterdam: Excerpta Medica. 1970.

This Monograph describes a relatively new (1952) X-ray technique of intra-osseous spinal venography. It contains a very extensive review of the literature and details of the anatomy, physiology and techniques of the procedure of the radiography and injection. It describes the normal and abnormal findings and most important of all, the limitations of the procedure as well as the contra-indications and difficulties which may ensue.

The book clearly describes a simple and safe diagnostic method which, though it will not replace myelography, will be an excellent adjunct to it. As such this work is recommended to radiologists, neurosurgeons and neurologists.

R.L.

MOTOR CONTROL

The Basis of Motor Control. Integrating the activity of muscles, alpha and gamma motoneurons and their leading control systems. By R. Granit. Pp. vii + 346. Illustrated. £5.00. London and New York: Academic Press. 1970.

This book by a recent Nobel Laureate is a clear and very comprehensive review of aspects of motor activity. The author discusses in a humble way his own, not insignificant, contribution against the background of advances made in the past 20 years, beginning with a presentation of the basic physiological facts pertaining to the triad consisting of muscle, sense organ and motoneuron. There follows a discussion about the relationship between this triad and higher spinal, brainstem, cerebellar and cortical centres. Some basic knowledge of neurophysiology is required in the reading of this book. It will be an invaluable asset to the research worker in this field.

D.S.

ANATOMY MADE EASY

Visual Anatomy. Vol. 1. Head and Neck. By S. M. Friedman, M.D., Ph.D., F.R.C.S. Pp. x + 217. Illustrated. \$11.50. New York: Harper & Row. 1970.

This book is an attempt to present to the anatomy student, to the final year student, as well as to the student studying for higher degrees, an anatomical treatise which will make anatomy logical and easy to comprehend. It is an attempt to get the student away from the external memorizing of anatomical facts. In this it succeeds admirably inasmuch as the subject is taught visually by simple but excellent drawings, supported by minimal texts, interspersed by short clinical illustrations.

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