

Boekbesprekings : Book Reviews

GYNAECOLOGY

Fundamentals of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Vol. II. Gynaecology. By D. Llewellyn-Jones, *O.B.E.*, M.D., M.A.O., F.R.C.O.G. Pp. 281. Illustrated. £2.75. London: Faber & Faber. 1971. Obtainable from MacMillan South Africa, Joubert Park, Johannesburg.

This volume is the sequel to the writer's recent book on obstetrics and like its predecessor has been written mainly for undergraduates and newly qualified residents. With this aim in mind the author has been very successful. Very correctly the main emphasis is on the medical rather than the surgical aspect of the subject and the student will find excellent guidance in those sections dealing with gynaecological endocrinology which with an economy of words is made clear and understandable.

The book is very well illustrated with line drawings and photographs. The approach is practical, the prose readable and to the point, the presentation admirable—the whole an outstanding effort which, together with its twin partner, should find acclaim and wide popularity among the readers for whom it is intended.

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CONCEPTION

Pathways to Conception. The role of the cervix and the oviduct in reproduction. Ed. by A. I. Sherman, M.D. Pp. xii + 299, Illustrated. \$22.50. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1971.

This book represents a collection of papers read at a symposium at which the roles of the cervix and fallopian tubes in the mechanism of conception were discussed. The speakers were drawn from several branches in the field of reproduction and the result is a volume which comprises some of the most recent work in this fascinating subject.

While the clinician will find much here to stimulate his interest he will not meet with a great deal that can be of practical use to him except for the chapter on tubal reconstructive surgery. The other 15 chapters are devoted almost entirely to the physiology, endocrinology and anatomy of the cervix and oviduct. This work will therefore be of value mainly to those engaged in research in reproductive biology and to those on the academic rather than the practical side of this subject.

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