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AIDS TO OSTEOLOGY

Aids to Osteology. Sixth Edition. By Nils L. Eckhoff, M.S. (Lond.), F.R.C.S. and J. Joseph, M.D. (Glas.), M.R.C.O.G. Pp. viii + 193. 42 Figures. 10s. 6d. London: Baillière, Tdalinl and Cox Ltd. 1957.

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The author who sets out to produce a small book on a large subject must follow a difficult course between two abysses. On the one hand is the danger of a text so abbreviated as to become vapid, on the other that horror of horrors, a 'cram-book'. The

authors of the many volumes in the 'Students' Aids' series are thus set a difficult task, but one which is increasingly worthy of accomplishment as the price of standard text-books progressively rises.

It may fairly be said that in the present edition of *Aids to Osteology* Drs. Eckhoff and Joseph have in a very large measure succeeded in their object. Their production can justifiably be recommended to the student who finds it advantageous to have a small-sized text in osteology at hand in preference to a section in a bulky text-book. Such a student, working from the bones with this text to guide him, is not likely to go seriously astray.

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