

BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

ADVANCES IN ANATOMY

Recent Advances in Anatomy. 2nd series. Ed. by F. Goldby, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P. and R. J. Harrison, M.A. M.D., D.Sc. Pp. ix + 477. Illustrated. R6.00. London: J. & A. Churchill. 1961.

In the preface the editors state that they realize they will be

criticized for their emphasis on certain topics and their partial or complete omission of others. This is the most obvious criticism. One sympathizes with the problems which faced the editors and comes to the conclusion that the topics selected were included partially on merit and partially because of the special interests of the various authors in these particular fields of anatomy.

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TREATMENT OF BEHAVIOUR DISORDERS

The Chemistry and Therapy of Behavior Disorders in Children. By H. Freed, M.D. Pp. x + 78. R3.60. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas; and Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1962.

This is, more or less, a review of the literature dealing with the effects of tranquilizers and stimulants on behaviour pro-

blems, schizophrenia and mental deficiency in childhood. The chemistry is minimal. Much of the phraseology is unfortunately of the obscure type favoured by so many psychologists, but the main theme seems to be that a combination of psychotherapy and drugs is better than either alone and that many drugs are not habit-forming or harmful. The book should be helpful to all who have to deal with these problems.

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