

BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

CONNECTIVE-TISSUE CHEMISTRY

The Chemistry of Connective Tissue. By D. A. Hall, Ph.D. Pp. xv + 110. R4.40. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas; and Oxford: Blackwells. 1961.

This is an ordered presentation of the major facts of connective-tissue biochemistry. The presentation is of biochemical morphology rather than functional biochemistry, of reasonably secured facts rather than possible inferences. A chapter on

enzymes affecting connective tissue is present, the approach still emphasizing the site of origin and known activities of the enzymes rather than possibilities of functional significance. Consistent with this the work and concepts of Gersh, Catchpole and their group is omitted, and others of a similarly functional nature. The result is a good straightforward nutritious and sober account — 'bovril', not champagne.

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