

**BOEKBESPREKINGS : BOOK REVIEWS****ELEMENTARY PATHOLOGY**

*A Primer of Pathology.* By F. A. Ward, L.R.C.P.I., L.R.C.S.I., L.M. (Rotunda). Pp. viii + 116. R1.60. London and Durban: Butterworth. 1962.

The author has set himself the very difficult task of discussing pathology for the medical student in 113 short pages. A wide field has been chosen and there are no less than 36 chapters. He is a bit out-of-date in suggesting that medical students find it difficult to attend pathology lectures, and occasionally the information provided is similarly dated. Efforts are made to brighten the subject in the style of *The Microbe Hunters*, and some good points are made, but this book cannot be recommended to medical students. Medical laboratory technologists, and other medical auxiliaries, however, may find it of interest.

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**SEX HORMONES**

*Chemistry of the Sex Hormones.* By P. M. F. Bishop, D.M. (Oxon.), F.R.C.P. (Lond.). Pp. xi + 100. Illustrated. \$5.75. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1962.

This book does clearly what it set out to do—it presents the chemistry of the sex hormones (and the derived 'anabolic agents') in simple language.

It also mentions the uses of the hormones, but does not argue them. Similarly it mentions some of the methods of estimation and their values. For the endocrinologist, the laboratory and clinical aspects are too brief to be of any help; but for the specialist, as for anyone who ever uses sex hormones, the chemical presentation and also the lists of available preparations should be very valuable. This book can be read through with pleasure and enlightenment and afterwards used as a work of reference.

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