

PRESCRIBING FOR CHILDREN

The Paediatric Prescriber. 2nd ed. By P. Catzel, M.B., B.Ch. (Rand), M.R.C.P. (Edin.), D.C.H., R.C.P. & S. (Edin.), D.C.H., R.C.P. & S. (Eng.). Pp. xx+261. R2.00. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1963.

Although this is a small book and priced very modestly, the print is also small and the amount of information packed into it is remarkable. It is up to date, covers all that one would expect from the title, and a great deal more, e.g. infant feeding, fluid replacement, and poisoning. The treatment of many conditions, including a minor course in dermatology, far exceeds the range of contents one anticipates. A valuable addition to any medical bookshelf. F.J.F.

CRIME IN SOUTH AFRICA

Crime in South Africa. An integralist approach. By L. F. Freed, Hons. B.A., M.A. (S.A.), D.Phil. (Pret.), M.B., Ch.B. (St.And.), M.D., D.P.M., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H. Pp. xv+423. R6.00. Cape Town: Juta & Co. 1963.

Dr. Freed has written an interesting book to show that crime in South Africa has many predisposing factors and causes

which act interdependently. As befits such a complex subject, he elucidates it by a variety of means—anecdotally; by consulting with those such as police, lawyers, etc., who deal with it and criminals daily; the analysis of official published reports; and last, but perhaps most revealingly, by a careful and detailed study of 131 criminals with whom he has had personal contact. His erudition and the broad basis of his enquiry is everywhere apparent, and the result of his labours is always interesting and at times most lively. He has many valuable ideas about the prevention of crime and the management of criminals. A definitely worth-while book. L.S.G.

BACTERIOLOGY

Essentials of Bacteriology. By R. G. White. Pp. ix + 283. Illustrated. R3.50. London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. 1963.

This book is easy to read and up to date. It explains to the medical and dental student, as briefly as possible, the essentials of bacteria, viruses, fungi and rickettsiae. The text is well illustrated and some references given may stimulate further reading. Dr. White has written a sound guide to the application of bacteriology to clinical medicine. H.D.B.