

BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

PLASTIC SURGERY

Modern Trends in Plastic Surgery, 1. Ed. by T. Gibson, M.B., F.R.C.S.(Ed.), F.R.C.S.(Glasg.). Pp. xi + 311. Illustrated. R7.76. London and Durban: Butterworths. 1964.

We welcome the first appearance of a *Modern Trends* volume on plastic surgery. This is yet another indication that this rapidly expanding specialty has come of age. The author, faced with a wide range of subjects and special interests, has chosen wisely and has not limited his choice of contributors to the narrow range of his own country. This book is intended, primarily, for plastic surgeons but should be acquired by all general surgeons and postgraduate students in surgery. Apart from chapters on 'Tumours of the oral cavity' and 'Tumours of the skin', which are of special interest to general surgeons, the book faithfully presents an up-to-date glimpse of the range of plastic surgery. It is highly recommended. D.D.

PAEDIATRIC PROGRESS

Advances in Pediatrics. Vol. XIII. Ed. by S. Z. Levine. Pp. 288. Illustrated. \$10.00. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers. 1964.

Chapters are devoted to each of the following subjects: porphyrias and porphyrin metabolism, with special reference to porphyria in childhood; ventricular septal defect; progress toward transplantation of tissues in man; acute bacterial

meningitis; thyroiditis in childhood; and common nutritional disorders of childhood in the tropics. The latter, as well as the chapter on porphyria, will be of particular interest to South Africans. Work by South African authorities on these subjects is widely quoted.

It will be seen from the index alone that no attempt has been made to give a comprehensive review of recent advances in paediatrics. Instead, a few topics have been chosen and dealt with very thoroughly, including the presentation of original work by the authors concerned.

This is a book for the postgraduate student and the specialist, rather than the undergraduate or general practitioner. M.D.

ANATOMY FOR NURSES

Applied Anatomy and Physiology for Nurses. By P. E. Sylvester, M.R.C.S.(Eng.), L.R.C.P.(Lond.), D.C.H. Pp. xiii + 301. Illustrated. R3.00. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1964.

This is a very interesting book, useful for reference in any nurses' library, but it is a pity that more use has not been made of layout to emphasize the more important points. The diagrams are good, many excellent tables are given, and most subjects are well described. It is hoped that Dr. Sylvester will, in future editions, expand this very useful volume. S.J.

PARASITIC DISEASES

The Treatment of Mycotic and Parasitic Diseases of the Chest. Ed. by J. D. Steele, M.D. Pp. xviii + 259. Illustrated. \$14.75. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1964.

Few places in the world can speak with more authority on mycotic and parasitic diseases of the chest than the two American continents. This valuable contribution in the John Alexander Monograph Series, edited by Dr. Steele, discusses

fully the significant mycoses and outlines both medical and surgical therapy. The two practically important parasitic infestations of the lungs, hydatid disease and amoebiasis, are particularly well covered. A useful chapter on laboratory aspects of pulmonary mycotic disease is included.

This book is well illustrated and well documented and will be of great benefit to chest surgeons and physicians in this country where mycoses in the lungs are relatively uncommon.

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