

DIAGNOSTIESE METODEDES

Diagnostic Methods in Clinical Virology. By N. R. Grist, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P. (Edin.), M.C. Path., C. A. C. Ross, M.D., M.C. Path., E. J. Bell, B.Sc., Ph.D. and E. J. Stott, B.A. Pp. x + 129. R2.50. Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1966.

Kort en bondig word in hierdie boek diagnostiese metodes wat by die Streeks Virus Laboratorium van die Ruchill Hospital in Glasgow gebruik word, meegedeel. Die doel van die boekie is om vir die „kliniese patoloog“ as handleiding te dien. In 11 kort hoofstukke word die virus-isolasie, serologiese diagnose, veiligheidsmaatreëls, versameling en vervoer van virus-monsters, eier-embriotegniek, weefselkultuur, neutralisasie- en komplementbindingstegniek, hemagglutinasie, tegnieke besonderhede by die werk met virusse wat die asemweë aantast, virussiektes van die vel en slymvliese en akute neurologiese siektes behandel. Min literatuurverwysings volg na elke hoofstuk. Hierdie boek is nie in staat om groter werke te vervang nie, maar is egter geskik om vir die laboratorium-geneesheer binne 'n kort tyd 'n elementêre indruk van die virologie te gee.

Papier en drukkwaliteit is goed, en 'n harde omslag maak dit geskik vir werk op die laboratoriumbank. Die prys is redelik. H.D.B.

LIVER DISEASES

Progress in Liver Diseases, Vol. II. Ed. by H. Popper, M.D., Ph.D. and F. Schaffner, M.D., M.S. Pp. xii + 554. Illustrated. R12.50. London: William Heinemann Medical Books. 1965.

This volume follows the first volume of the same title published in 1961. It is a remarkably comprehensive compilation of 31 chapters by authors from many parts of the world. Modern concepts of matters hepatic, functional, pathological and clinical are well presented. Of special interest are the sections on the liver in haemopoiesis and blood coagulation, on the hepatitis problem, and on the value and limitations of electron-microscopy applied to the normal and pathological liver (a very well-illustrated 70-page chapter). It is a book to be studied by surgeon and internist, and to be used as a book of reference by all interested in liver disease.

G.E.

RESEARCH AND NEEDS IN PERINATAL STUDIES

Research Methodology and Needs in Perinatal Studies. Proceedings of the Conference on Research Methodology and Needs in Perinatal Studies, held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Ed. by S. S. Chipman, M.D., A. M. Lilienfeld, M.D., B.G. Greenberg, Ph.D. and J. F. Donnelly, M.D. Pp. xvi + 309. \$16.50. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1966.

This is a verbatim account of a conference held in 1963 when the problems of research projects in aspects of obstetrical-paediatric interest were discussed. No attempts were made to evolve any solutions.

Difficulties in coding information for computers, in checking diets of pregnant women, in assessing prematurity, in collaborative studies of pregnancy wastage, cerebral palsy, etc., were indicated.

There are interesting surveys of prematurity of neonatal problems and the bibliography might be very helpful to anyone with these interests. F.J.F.

TAXPAYER AND INCOME TAX

What Every Taxpayer Should Know About Income Tax. By D. Shrand, M.Com. F.S.A.A., C.A. (S.A.). Pp. 210. R2.50. Cape Town: Legal & Financial Publishing Co. 1966.

This book, which is written in an easy-to-read style, is an authoritative guide to the current income tax legislation and is up-to-date in respect of the income tax assessments for 1966.

Although it contains much information which is not necessary for medical practitioners, it gives a wide scope which covers the problems of both salaried persons and also the problems of professional persons and partnerships. Other information included covers some of the more unusual items which can be deducted from taxable income, e.g. membership of professional bodies connected with the profession concerned, regardless of whether or not this membership is essential in the practice of that profession. A short chapter on objections and appeals is written with example letters, a great help for anyone wishing to appeal against their assessment.

To sum up, this lucid book can be recommended to everyone who pays income tax, as a better understanding of the legislation invariably leads to the paying of less taxation.

J.G.