

BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

SKIN DISEASE

Systemic Effects of Skin Disease. By S. Shuster, M.B., Ph.D., F.R.C.P. and J. Marks, M.A., D.M., M.R.C.P. Pp. 137. Illustrated. £2.0.0. London: William Heinemann Medical Books. 1970.

Shuster and Marks have brought their researches together in a small volume which should be of much interest to dermatologists and physicians. Very few dermatologists will disagree with the concluding remark that skin diseases are mostly diseases of the skin and not due to systemic dysfunction, mental or physical.

The chapters on malabsorption and skin enteropathy are of special interest, and, although certain of their findings still need confirmation, this is certainly a very stimulating booklet.
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IMMUNOLOGY

Basic Immunology. By E. R. Gold, M.D. and D. B. Peacock, M.B., Ch.B. Pp. xii + 416. Illustrated. £4.10.0. Bristol: John Wright & Sons. 1970.

This is a thoroughly readable and up-to-date account of the modern concepts of immunology in general and of the cell-mediated immune response in particular. The chapter devoted to laboratory studies on the cell-mediated response will be of considerable value to students of immunology, as it explains the underlying principles and interpretation of the new techniques currently employed in experimental immunology. Current knowledge of the immunology of tumours, auto-immune disease and organ transplantation is clearly and concisely summarized. This book is highly recommended.

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