

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

EYE SURGERY

Eye Surgery. By H. B. Stallard, *M.B.E., T.D., M.A. M.D., M.Chir., F.R.C.S. Eng., Hon. LL.D. St And.* Pp. xiv + 946. £13,25. Bristol: John Wright & Sons. 1973.

With modern emphasis on microsurgery and improved instrumentation, surgical skill, as an art, is underlined and the section on reparative plastic surgery affords a sound basis for the surgeon's artistic application to each individual case.

Anterior segment surgery is comprehensively covered, while retinal surgery awaits innovation.

B.P.G.

GREAT DOCTORS

The Great Doctors. By H. E. Sigerist. Pp. ii + 436. Illustrated. \$4,50. New York: Dover Publications. 1971.

This book by that noted medical historian is a biographical history of medicine of 58 men whose contributions mark some of the greatest advances in medicine in their own times. They range from Imothep to Osler and are presented in a style which makes for absorbing and interesting reading.

It is an admirable book and should be read by every medical student, members of the medical profession, and the layman, who will all find great stimulus as well as information.

C.A.

OPLEIDING IN CHIRURGIE

Basic Surgical Techniques. Deur R. M. Kirk. Pp. 168. Geïllustreer. Edinburgh en Londen: Churchill Livingstone. 1973.

Hierdie boek is hoofsaaklik bedoel vir die senior mediese student en internis, wat begin met hul opleiding in chirurgie. Die teoretiese sy word nie bespreek nie, dog die skrywer slaag daarin om eenvoudige, maar belangrike chirurgiese tegnieke aan die leser oor te dra. Die skryfstyl is maklik verstaanbaar en die illustrasies van 'n goeie gehalte. In kort, dus 'n boekie wat vir bogenoemde aanbeveel kan word.

L.D.S.

GASTRO-INTESTINAL HORMONES

Secretin, Cholecystokinin, Pancreozymin and Gastrin. Ed. by J. E. Jorpes and V. Mutt. Pp. xii + 376. Illustrated. DM 165,-. Berlin and New York: Springer. 1973.

The discovery and characterisation of the gastro-intestinal hormones has been one of the great medical events of this century, and the history of Secretin, Cholecystokinin and Pancreozymin is vividly told by the two editors in the first half of this book. What a pity that the book does not include a contribution by Gregory, who made the important breakthrough in the search for Gastrin.

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