

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

HAEMATOLOGY

Progress in Hemostasis and Thrombosis, Vol. 2. Ed. by T. H. Spaet, M.D. Pp. xii + 373. Illustrated. £10,80. London and New York: Grune & Stratton. 1974.

This volume maintains the high standard set by its predecessor. It is laboratory-orientated but chapters on bleeding in the newborn and the diagnosis of venous thrombosis are of direct clinical interest. The other eight articles include a clear exposition of vascular intimal structure and platelet secretion, both enhanced by excellent electron microscopic studies, the properties of Factor VIII (a good review but already slightly obsolete in places), the structure of FDPs, oral anticoagulants and a warmed-up essay on the bleeding time. Jean Dodds has collected useful information about animals with haemorrhagic disorders and there is a rather technical chapter on thrombo-embolism from prosthetic devices. Altogether a valuable collection for a haematology library.

C.D.K.

GESKIEDENIS VAN DIE MONOSIET

Monocytes, Monocytosis and Monocytic Leukemia. Deur L. Kass, M.S., M.D. en B. Schnitzer, M.D. Pp. ix + 109. Illustrated. \$16,75. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1973.

Die geskiedenis van die monosiet word bespreek en normale en abnormale vorme geïllustreer deur middel van sketse en mikrofoto's verleen van die oorspronklike werke, en waterverf sketse deur een van die skrywers. Lig- en elektronmikroskopiese bevindings, asook die sitochemiese en fisiologiese aspekte, word bespreek.

Die etiologie van monositose word bespreek, en die oorspronklike artikels gekwoteer. Monositiere leukemie word veral met klem op die morfologiese aspekte voorgedra en die skrywers verwys na redelik onlangse behandelingsmetodes. 'n Interessante gedeelte handel oor die spektrum van leukemiese retikulo-endoteliose en daar word gepoog om dit in perspektief te stel.

Hierdie is 'n interessante monogram vir die hematoloog en patoloog.

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THE MENTALLY HANDICAPPED

New Perspectives in Mental Handicap. Ed. by A. Forrest, M.D., M.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.C.Psych., B. Ritson, M.D., M.R.C.Psych. and A. Sealley, M.D., M.R.C.P.E., M.R.C.Psych. Pp. 235. Illustrated. £2,50. Edinburgh and London: Churchill Livingstone. 1973. Available from Longman Southern Africa, Paardeneiland, Cape.

In the United Kingdom there have been numerous changes regarding the care of the mentally retarded. As our services to this group of patients are similar in many ways to their services of a number of years back, this book is of particular interest to those who are interested in the retardate and his problems.

This book is unusual in that it has been written by a multidisciplinary group, and it lays a particular emphasis on prevention and provisions of care. The contributors are psychiatrists, a paediatrician, a geneticist, a nurse, a group secretary of hospitals, an educationalist and a sociologist.

The book is up-to-date and humanitarian and is highly recommended, especially to those who work with the retardate.

A.B.D.

DR LEONARD COLEBROOK

Coli: Great Healer of Men. The biography of Dr Leonard Colebrook, F.R.S. by W. C. Noble, Ph.D., M.R.C.Path. Pp. 149. Illustrated. £1,25. London and Johannesburg: William Heinemann Medical Books. 1974.

Colebrook's most important contribution to medical science was probably his vital role in the use of sulphonamides soon after Domagk's epoch-making publication in 1935. His application of chemotherapy to the treatment of puerperal fever stands out as a particular milestone in the history of midwifery, and for this he received one of the first two honorary fellowships conferred by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. The prevention of burns and the control of infection in cases of burns constituted another major field of Colebrook's activities. In his ageing years he concerned himself with the cause of voluntary euthanasia. This short biography is written with sympathy and with insight into the life of a modest and humane bacteriologist who certainly deserves to be remembered.

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