

BOEKBESPREKINGS : BOOK REVIEWS

YEARBOOK OF PATHOLOGY

The Year Book of Pathology and Clinical Pathology. (1962-1963 Year Book Series.) Ed. by W. B. Wartman, B.S., M.D. Pp. 488. Illustrated. \$9.50. Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers, 1963.

As in previous years, the *Yearbook* again encompasses an appealing range of information. A satirical story of the intellectual murder of bench scientists by committee work sets an unflagging pace of interest and style. The evaluations of laboratory reports and of ultramicro-analytical methods are welcomed topics.

Key articles are reported almost in full, such as the biochemical mechanisms of fatty liver lesions and of plasma cell hepatitis. The works of South African authors H. W. Weber and W. P. U. Jackson are considered.

Acquisition of this *Yearbook* is a necessity, as was the case with the earlier issues.

R.S.

CEREBRAL PALSY

Paediatric Aspects of Cerebral Palsy. By T. T. S. Ingram, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., D.C.H. Pp. xii + 515. Illustrated. R8.40. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1964.

The aetiological, clinical and sociological features of cerebral palsy are very fully dealt with in this 10-year study by Ingram. Reference is made to close on a thousand sources of information and the author's personal experience with 208 cases is fully analysed. Little reference is made to the subject of treatment, or education, but the book is rich in information concerning the natural history of this group of conditions.

Social planners dealing with future care of cerebral palsied individuals will find the last chapter entitled 'The fate of the patient ten years later' of particular interest.

W.H.

PSYCHIATRY FOR STUDENTS

Psychiatry for Students. By D. Stafford-Clark, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.M. Pp. 277. R3.50. London: Allen & Unwin Ltd. 1964. Available from Howard Timmins Ltd., Cape Town.

There are already a number of textbooks about psychiatry in existence; the point of view from which this one is written is that clinical study of the subject must include an appreciation of how it feels to be the patient.

Dr. Stafford-Clarke, a pre-eminent exponent in the field, has produced a book which lucidly achieves this objective. It aims at interesting and informing the student, whether medical, dental, sociological, psychological or philosophical. Undergraduate and postgraduate students as well as workers in the field in these disciplines should find this book of great value. H.M.

PSYCHIATRY

Guide to Psychiatry. By M. Sim, M.D.(Edin.), D.P.M. Pp. ix + 868. R5.50. Edinburgh and London: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963.

This book provides an unbiased critical approach to the aetiology, symptomatology, dynamics and treatment of modern psychiatry in its broadest sense. Subjects covered vary diversely from genetics, cybernetics, social psychiatry, psychopharmacology, and psychotherapies to more orthodox organic and functional psychiatry.

For the undergraduate and medical practitioner, the book is an easily readable and informative introduction to psychiatry. For the psychiatrist and aspirant psychiatrist, it provides sound fundamental concepts which can be enlarged upon by the many references supplied. A book recommended to practitioners in all branches of medicine.

C.I.