used by' excepted. For all the other groups cited, this book is totally inadequate, and it cannot begin to compete with fuller texts of clinical immunology. In one respect only would research workers draw comfort from its perusal—the authors are honest men, and summarising statements such as 'it is extremely probable that lymphocytes have an effector role in the rheumatoid joint' and 'genetic viral and environmental factors might be operating together to produce the disease syndrome' will at least encourage them to believe that there is room for progress in this field.

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Pathology Annual, Volume 11, 1976. Edited by Sheldon C. Sommers. (Pp. x + 465; illustrated; £20.40.) New York: Appleton-Century-Crofts. 1976.

The current *Pathology Annual* contains 16 articles which are aimed largely at the diagnostic pathologist. As a whole, it is

disappointing and it contains little to excite the imagination. It is hard to justify the inclusion of a review of malignant struma ovarii based on a single case report, or an article concerning necropsy studies of liver cell carcinoma in Barcelona in a volume of this type. Some of the other articles are not up to the standard set in previous years, and the saga of Dr Job Plodd has surely outrun its initial humour. Nevertheless, there are good things in this annual. The review by Whitehead of intestinal ischaemia pulls together much material published in diverse journals and is a valuable summary of present views. Wheeler and Enterline write lucidly on lobular carcinoma of the breast, and Ober provides a good though rather discursive view of the effects of stilboestrol as seen by a histopathologist.

I will be happy to see this annual in the hospital library but it is of low priority among books to be purchased from my own pocket.

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Correction

On page 591 of the June issue, in a review of *Multiple Sclerosis: British Medical Bulletin*, vol. 33, no. 1, the year of publication should have been 1977.