

Essentials of Chemical Pathology. By D. N. Baron. (Pp. xii+247; 28 figures. 25s.) London: The English Universities Press. 1957.

Dr. Baron, in 200 pages, summarizes with remarkable clarity the application of biochemistry to the day-to-day problems of chemical pathology. The text is supplemented by some excellent tables. I like particularly a separate table which gives the normal values for children.

This book could be read with pleasure and reward by senior registrars as well as by senior students. It is well indexed, totally devoid of frills, and many busy clinical pathologists will find it a valuable, though inexpensive, addition to the library of reference books.

Unfortunately there are a certain number of somewhat irritating type-setting errors, suggesting hasty preparation. These, with a few textual errors which are so obvious that they will not mislead, can easily be corrected at the next reprinting.

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The Nature of Brucellosis. By Wesley W. Spink. (Pp. xiv+464; 56 figures. 63s.) Minnesota University Press (London: Oxford New Press). 1957.

The publisher states that "in this volume, Dr. Spink, a world authority on the disease, presents a comprehensive review of human and animal brucellosis and the results of important new research." This is certainly true, as there is scarcely a phase of this fascinating disease that Dr. Spink has not adequately covered. The opening chapter gives an accurate review of the evolution of the concept that brucellosis is a disease of animals and man, the early work of British, American, and Maltese scientists being fully described. The chapters on epidemiology and pathogenesis are quite outstanding. The description of the clinical features of the disease is admirable. Appendices comprise over 100 pages and include the protocol of 244 cases of brucellosis. The book is to be recommended to anyone anxious to gain accurate information on brucellosis, and it should be invaluable to the clinical pathologist. The style is always interesting, and the publishers have produced a manual which is a pleasure to read.

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BOOKS RECEIVED IN 1957

(Review in a later issue is not precluded by notice here of books received.)

Die arterio-venösen Anastomosen. By Max Clara. (Pp. vii+315; 101 figures. £5 4s.) Vienna: Springer-Verlag. 1956.

Hématose spontanée, plaquettes sanguines et parois vasculaires. Ier Symposium de la Fondation Valentine Baldacci (Madrid, 27-30 mai, 1955). (Pp. 190; 5 figures.) Pisa: Edizione "Omnia Medica." 1956.

Physiopathology of the Reticulo-Endothelial System. A Symposium organized by the Council for International Organizations of Medical Sciences. (Pp. xii+317; illustrated. 45s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1957.

Blood and Bone Marrow Patterns. By G. D. Talbott, Elmer R. Hunsicker, and Jonah Li. (Pp. 59; 145 colour plates. \$12.) New York and London: Grune and Stratton. 1957.

Les Nouveaux Syndromes Hémorragiques: La Dysprothrombie. By Paul Chevallier and A. Fiehrer. (Pp. 128; 25 figures. Fr. fr. 1,500.) Paris: Masson. 1957.

La Puberté: Étude Clinique et Physiopathologique, 2nd ed. By Guy Laroche and collaborators. (Pp. 394; 42 figures. Fr. fr. 2,800.) Paris: Masson. 1956.

An Introduction to Blood Group Serology: Theory, Techniques, Practical Applications, Apparatus. By Kathleen E. Boorman and Barbara E. Dodd. (Pp. viii+317; 30 figures. 40s.) London: J. and A. Churchill. 1957.

Radiologie Clinique de L'Estomac Opéré. By P. Porcher and P. Buffard, in collaboration with R. Guillet and Cl. Couinaud. (Pp. 660; 507 figures. Fr. fr. 7,200.) Paris: Masson. 1957.

Maladies des Veines. By Claude Olivier; Foreword by Prof. H. Mondor. (Pp. 600; 342 figures. Fr. fr. 6,700.) Paris: Masson. 1957.

Transactions of the American Goiter Association 1956. (Pp. xiii+473; illustrated. £6 6s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications; Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1957.

The Clinical Application of Antibiotics, Vol. III: Chloramphenicol and the Tetracyclines. (Pp. ix+393; illustrated. 84s.) London: Oxford University Press. 1957.

Cerebral Lipidoses: A Symposium. *Chairman:* L. van Bogaert; *Editor:* J. N. Cumings; *Associate Editor:* A. Lowenthal. (Pp. x+212; illustrated. 42s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1957.

Clinical Pathology Data, 2nd ed. By C. J. Dickenson; Foreword by C. E. Dent. (Pp. xiii+91. 20s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1957.

The Clinical Aspects of Arteriosclerosis. By Seymour H. Rinzler. (Pp. xiii+339; 57 figures, 11 colour plates. 66s.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications; Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1957.

Mechanisms of Hypertension: With a Consideration of Atherosclerosis. By Henry Alfred Schroeder. (Pp. xv+379; 39 figures. 67s. 6d.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications; Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1957.

Spondylitis Andylopoetica (Der Rheumatismus, Vol. 3). By Victor R. Ott and Hans Wurm. (Pp. xii+246; 137 figures. DM.38.) Darmstadt: Verlag Dr. Dietrich Steinkopff. 1957.