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Book reviews

Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology, Volume I, Number 1, January 1975. Journal of the British Neuropathological Society. Edited by J. B. Cavanagh. (Pp. vi + 110; illustrated. Published quarterly. Annual subscription: £14.00; £4.00 single issue.) Oxford: Blackwell Scientific Publications.

A new baby is always a fascinating phenomenon. How will it fare and what will it become as it ages? *Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology* is the offspring of an active, energetic, and still rapidly developing parent just about to celebrate a 25th birthday, the British Neuropathological Society. The infant shows no signs of disease. The layout is clear, the design is good, the paper of high quality, and the illustrations excellent. Abstracts of the communications made at each meeting of the British Neuropathological Society are given, and there is a section devoted to book reviews. It is much to be hoped that

the able editorial board will demand as high a standard for the papers to be accepted in the future as it has achieved in the first number of the first British journal to be devoted to neuropathology and allied subjects. We look forward to the 25th anniversary of this child, of which so much is expected.

P. M. DANIEL

A Colour Atlas of Forensic Pathology. Wolfe Medical Atlases—12. By G. Austin Gresham. (Pp. 304; illustrated; £7.00.) London: Wolfe Medical Books. 1975.

There seems to be a minor epidemic of gaudily illustrated books on forensic pathology. This one comprises 292 illustrations, and the text is mostly the captions to the illustrations. There is nothing in this volume that should not be familiar to anyone engaged in forensic practice, and colour photographs are poor substitutes for the real thing. It can be argued that no path-

ologist should be engaged in forensic work unless he has had actual first-hand experience in a training situation.

It is difficult in this particular case to know exactly at whom the book is aimed. The illustrations include, for example, a picture of a frozen section of pulmonary fat embolism and the marks on the neck of a strangled woman.

A worrying slight implication of this publication is that the examination of a death of major forensic importance can be undertaken by a general pathologist with only a superficial acquaintance with the discipline of forensic pathology and this atlas in his left hand.

A. C. HUNTER

Iron in Biochemistry and Medicine. Edited by A. Jacobs and M. Worwood. (Pp. xiv + 769; illustrated. £15.20.) London and New York: Academic Press. 1974.

The publishers announce that this book