

found the chapter on human diseases the most disappointing and one could certainly quarrel with a number of statements made about the Marfan syndrome, Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and scleroderma; perhaps the commonest elastic tissue disorder, emphysema, was not mentioned. Nevertheless this is a useful work for those particularly interested in this protein. It contains all the basic information necessary for a thorough understanding of elastin biochemistry. It is perhaps overdetailed for the amateur and a chapter with flow diagrams on methods of extracting and characterising soluble and insoluble elastins would have enhanced its value for investigators interested but not expert in its study.

FM POPE

Manual of Surgical Pathology Gross Room Procedures. J Rosai. (7 sections; illustrated; \$17.95.) University of Minnesota Press. 1981.

This, in case the title is not clear, is how to do the surgical cut-up. For too long this has been a neglected subject; too often our techniques have been inflexible, inappropriate, inadequate. It is a spiral-bound bench book, by a distinguished surgical pathologist, that tells you what to look for, what to write, which blocks to take. The emphasis is on paraffin sections, but special methods have not been forgotten. If the instructions are followed to the letter, there may be a workload crisis in the morning, but the introduction stresses that this is only a general guide. There are blank spaces suitable for the insertion of local modifications, or for normal weights, sizes, ranges, which are seldom given. All who cut up should read this and by the use of its methods, or by variations on a theme by Rosai, little will be missed and the number of second cut-ups will be reduced.

RAB DRURY

Notices

Experimental Pathology Club

A prize of £100 is offered for an essay or paper (published or unpublished) embodying original research on some aspect of pathogenesis by student or graduate under 30 years old. The closing date for entries is 31 January 1982. For information please write to Dr RA Little, MRC

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Symposia in Basic Gastroenterology

The Second Symposium in this series entitled "Autonomic nerves of the gut", organised by the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in collaboration with the Medical Department of Glaxo Group Research, will be held in London on 22 September 1981. The organisers are JM Polak, SR Bloom, NA Wright, M Daly. For information, please write to: Dr M Daly, Glaxo Group Research, Ware, Herts SG12 0DJ England.

8th Marconi International Fellowship

Nominations are requested for the 8th Marconi International Fellowship which this year takes the form of a US\$35000 award. There is no specified subject for the 8th fellowship, although preference will be given to those working in emerging technologies. Nominations must be received by 15 September 1981 and should be addressed together with any enquires to: Dr Walter Orr Roberts, The Aspen Institute of Humanistic Studies, 1229 University Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, 80303 USA.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

Applications are invited for the Churchill Travelling Fellowships 1982. These are open to all UK citizens regardless of age, occupation, politics, religion, or race, and no special educational or technical qualifications are needed. Fellowships are offered in different categories each year and among those for 1982 is included "Medical research into the relief of pain" which is aimed at doctors, scientists, and research workers associated with the development of new methods to alleviate suffering. Candidates are asked to propose a project they wish to carry out in any country they choose. The grant will cover return air fare, plus all travel and living expenses abroad for a period of up to three months. Final selection by interview will be made in January 1982. For information please contact Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, 15 Queen's Gate Terrace, London SW7 5PR.

Stereology 82

A European Symposium of the Inter-

national Society for Stereology will be held in the University of Sheffield on 5-7 July 1982. The symposium will deal with all aspects of quantitative image analysis, stereology, and applications in biology and other disciplines. Sessions of Tuesday, 6th July will be reserved for papers on Stereology in Pathology. For further details contact Dr NT James, Department of Human Biology and Anatomy, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN, UK.