mumps synovitis occur without orchitis; and what is the relevance and relative value of some of the newer tests for rheumatoid factors? Like all reference books it seems to skate thinly over ground with which I am familiar, and it was most useful for subjects about which I needed rapid recourse to the basic facts. For those dealing with rheumatological problems it will remain a superb reference book.

D SCOTT


This supplement, published in 1984, summarizes advances in thyroid histopathology and the epidemiology of thyroid carcinoma that have been published since the appearance in 1969 of Meissner and Warren's fascicle on Tumors of the Thyroid Gland. Dr Meissner has covered numerous aspects that include the normal thyroid and tumor like lesions, as well as benign and malignant tumors. One major advance detailed has been the recognition of the many different histological appearances of medullary carcinoma recognised by immunoreactivity of the component cells with anticalcitonin. Dr Meissner has managed to convey a considerable amount of information in a most readable manner, combined with tables, photomicrographs, and about 150 pertinent references. The supplement is an essential addition to the library of every histopathology department. In fact, it may be regarded as a slim textbook that stands on its own.

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This book is edited by two of the leading exponents in Britain of the application of histochemistry to diagnostic histopathology. It is a collection of articles of varied length written mainly by pathologists from almost all over the world. Some are introductory texts, like the first three dealing with the principles of fixation (Hopwood), substances identified by histochemical methods (Stoward), and the value of immunohistochemistry in diagnosis (Heborow). Others deal with particular topics ranging widely over the body organs and tissues. Thus there are three papers on the central nervous system, three on the gastrointestinal tract, two on the liver, and separate papers dealing with the cardiovascular system, skin, skeletal muscle, etc. Nine of the papers deal with tumours of various types.

The Editors state that the book is aimed at the pathologist and that they hope it may persuade pathologists to adopt histochemistry as an integral part of histopathology. Certainly, this book has collected information on which pathologists could base such a decision.

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Correction

On page 905 of the August issue the formula should read:

$$T^2 \leq \frac{(N_1 + N_2 - 2)p}{N_1 + N_2 - p - 1} f_{p, N_1 + N_2 - p - 1}$$

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