Preface

The symposia of the Royal College of Pathologists are selected by the Academic Activities Committee from among topics suggested by the various specialist advisory committees of the College. This symposium was conceived by Professor J. H. Adams and organized in detail by a working party of the Academic Activities Committee, the members of which included Professor J. H. Adams, Professor F. V. Flynn, Dr B. C. Morson, Professor J. G. Widdicombe and Dr Joan F. Zilva.

As Editor, I would like to thank the Chairman of the Academic Activities Committee, Professor F. V. Flynn, the Secretary, Mrs Sue Finch, and the other members of the working party for their patience and hard work in the organization of the symposium. This was widely regarded as a success because of the quality of the contributions and the topicality of the subject. The College is grateful to all the speakers for taking part and for speedily submitting their manuscripts so that this publication could be ready in time for the 1977 European Congress of Pathology in London.

This symposium brought together a collection of specialist pathologists, physiologists, anaesthetists, surgeons, physicians and other research workers who have special experience of the effects of hypoxia and ischaemia. The problems of anoxia and ischaemia are of interest to us all whatever our special experience of medical practice. They impinge on day-to-day problems of aetiology, diagnosis and treatment and I am therefore convinced that this collection of papers contains much of interest for all medical scientists and not only for pathologists.

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