

The Gross Anatomy of the Human Brain: A Manual of Dissection. By W. HEWITT, M.B., B.S., Senior Lecturer in Anatomy, St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, London. 10½×7 in. Pp. 170. Illustrated. 1967. London: Pitman Medical Publishing Co. Ltd. 30s.

THIS manual of dissection should prove of real value to the medical student, for the brain is almost a closed book to many of them.

The great advantage of this manual is that there are a vast number of original black-and-white drawings depicting the various stages in the dissection of the human brain. These line drawings are excellent, and there is not too much anatomical detail in any of them. This is a good idea, for the student is able to understand the basic facts about the brain.

This book provides an excellent account of the gross structure of the human brain and includes some descriptions of the spinal cord and its membranes. All the major features of the central nervous system are described in the early chapters, while a more detailed account is given in the later chapters.

At the end of the book a glossary of alternative terms is given; this also should prove of real value to the student.

A quite original and stimulating book.

The Surgical Relief of Pain in Arthritic Disease: The Hip and Knee Joints. By ROBERT A. HERFORT, M.D., F.A.C.S., New York. 9×6 in. Pp. 97+x, with 22 illustrations. 1967. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. \$7.50.

THIS monograph gives a good résumé of the various methods which have been used in the treatment of painful hip- and knee-joints resulting from painful arthritis.

A very full description of the periarterial plexuses around the hip- and knee-joints is given, and of the afferent pathways in the lumbar and sympathetic trunks.

During the past ten years the author has treated some 150 patients who have suffered from painful hip- or knee-joints by surgical denervation. His results have been uniformly good.

The operation advised for these painful joints is a combined perifleural-lumbar sympathectomy.

After reading this book, one is bound to feel that this operation is worth an extended trial in this country.

A Surgeon's Guide to Cardiac Diagnosis. Part II: The Clinical Picture. By DONALD N. ROSS, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., Consultant Thoracic Surgeon, Guy's Hospital, London. 9½×6½ in. Pp. 88+viii, with 53 illustrations. 1967. Berlin: Springer. DM.24.

HAVING read the first volume, which dealt with the diagnostic approach to cardiac diagnosis, one felt that the second volume, devoted to the clinical picture, would be just as interesting as the first one. We are not disappointed. Mr. Ross seems to have the knack of explaining difficult conditions in a simple and lucid way.

This admirable illustrated booklet will be valued by all surgeons who are interested in the surgery of the heart. It should prove of very real interest to all those who are preparing for higher surgical degrees or diplomas. The illustrations throughout the book are excellent, and are beautifully produced.

Practical Anaesthesia for Lung Surgery. By RUTH E. MANSFIELD, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., F.F.A.R.C.S., D.A., Consultant Anaesthetist, Brompton Hospital, King George V Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, and Milford Chest Hospital, and RICHARD JENKINS, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., F.F.A.R.C.S., D.A., Consultant Anaesthetist, United Cardiff Hospitals and Welsh Hospital Board. 8½×5½ in. Pp. 193+x, with 47 illustrations. 1967. London: Baillière, Tindall, & Cassell Ltd. 50s.

WITH progressive thoracic surgery it is paramount that anaesthesia should keep pace. The authors of this book have grasped the problem and written a very useful and interesting volume in which modern methods of anaesthesia are advanced, the real value of relaxant drugs are stressed, and anaesthetic techniques are explained in detail.

An interesting chapter on the mechanics of breathing and respiratory physiology should prove most valuable to students and nurses. Pharmacology plays an ever-increasing part in the day-to-day practice of the modern anaesthetist, and the various anaesthetic agents are discussed and their administration, action, duration, and interaction are set out in a very detailed way.

The anaesthetist of today is part of the surgical team and plays an ever-important role in the preoperative and postoperative care of the patient.

A very important and practical book which will play its part in the education of young anaesthetists.

BOOK NOTICES

[The Editorial Committee acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following volumes. A selection will be made from these for review, precedence being given to new books and to those having the greatest interest to our readers.]

Malignant Tumours of the Thyroid Gland. By EDITH BEREGI, R. JANKOVICS, and Z. BRASCH. 9½×6½ in. Pp. 81+vi, with 50 illustrations. 1967. Budapest: Akadémiai Kiadó. 42s.

Intra- and postoperative Zwischenfälle. Volume I: Allgemeiner Teil Thorax-Hals. Edited by Prof. Dr. med. GEORG BRANDT, Prof. Dr. med. HUBERT KUNZ, and Prof. Dr. med. RUDOLF NISSEN. 10½×6½ in. Pp. 428+xvi, with 139 illustrations. 1967. Stuttgart: Georg Thieme. DM.98.

Die Hirndurchblutung unter Neuroleptanaesthesia. By H. KREUSCHER. 9½×6 in. Pp. 85+viii, with 19 illustrations. 1967. Berlin: Springer. DM.19.80.

Nouvelle Pratique Chirurgicale Illustrée. Second series, first part. Edited by JEAN QUÉNU. 10½×7 in. Pp. 292, with 235 illustrations. 1967. Paris: Editions Doin. 75F.

The Human Adrenal Cortex: Its Function throughout Life. Being No. 27 of Ciba Foundation Study Group. Edited by G. E. W. WOLSTENHOLME and RUTH PORTER. 7×4½ in. Pp. 146, with 26 illustrations. 1967. London: J. & A. Churchill Ltd. 22s. 6d.

Ambroise Paré: Surgeon of the Renaissance. By WALLACE B. HAMBY, M.D. 9×6 in. Pp. 251+xxii, with 11 illustrations. 1967. St. Louis, Missouri: Warren H. Green, Inc. \$9.50.