

Many of the discussions are exceedingly brief but all are succinct and lucid. The student as well as the advanced scientist will continue to use this revised standard text for solid reference material. S. O. W.

The Family Medical Encyclopedia, by J. J. Schifferes. Little, Brown & Company, Boston, 1959, pp. 617, \$4.95.

This book is an alphabetical listing of medical terms which are defined and described in varying detail. It is written for "the average reader" and makes use of a greatly simplified language, including a number of slang and popular terms (e.g., "tired blood," "clap," etc.). A number of drugs are listed by their brand names; for example, Miltown, Orinase, Luminal, etc.

Most of the descriptions, although possibly irritating to a medical pedant, are adequate for their purpose. The difficulties in describing various symptoms, illnesses, and physiologic processes in lay terms are great, and this fact is generally appreciated. Some may take legitimate exception, however, to the statement that folic acid is "related to but not identical with vitamin B₁₂;" it is especially useful in treating pernicious anemia." This reviewer is unfamiliar with the basis for the statement that young children often get carsick because they cannot see out of the windows of a moving vehicle. In addition, the current treatment of celiac disease is no longer a reduction of fat and sugar.

Certain topics receive special attention, and several pages are devoted to each of such topics as ear trouble, heredity, Blue Cross, teeth, vaccines. Much good medical advice is presented and, together with certain rather clear descriptions, makes for a useful family medical encyclopedia. S. O. W.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Books received for review by THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CLINICAL NUTRITION are acknowledged in this column. As far as practicable, those of special interest are selected, as space permits, for a more extensive review.

Handbook of Diet Therapy, third edition, by Dorothea Turner, University of Chicago Press, Chicago, 1959, pp. 222, \$5.00.

Proteins in Foods, by S. Kuppaswamy, M. Srinivasan and V. S. Brahmanyam, Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi, pp. 290, Rs. 12.

Food Values in Shares and Weights, second edition, by Clara Mae Taylor, The Macmillan Co., New York, 1959, pp. 116, \$4.00.

The Mast Cells, by James F. Riley, E. & S. Livingstone, Edinburgh, 1959 (Williams & Wilkins, exclusive American agents), pp. 182, \$6.75.

ABC für Zuckerkrankhe: Ein Ratgeber für den Kranken, by F. Bertram, Georg Thieme Verlag, Stuttgart, 1959, pp. 88, DM 4.20.

Ciba Foundation Symposium on Carcinogenesis: Mechanism of Action, edited by G. E. W. Wolstenholme and Maeve O'Connor, Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1959, pp. 336, \$9.50.

Ciba Foundation Symposium on the Regulation of Cell Metabolism, edited by G. E. W. Wolstenholme and Cecilia M. O'Connor, Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1959, pp. 387, \$9.50.

Clinical Evaluation of New Drugs, by S. O. Waife and Alvin P. Shapiro, Paul B. Hoeber, Inc., New York, 1959, pp. 223, \$7.50.

Steroids, by Louis F. Fieser and Mary Fieser, Reinhold Publishing Corp., New York, 1959, pp. 945, \$18.00.

Alcoholism—The Nutritional Approach, by Roger J. Williams, University of Texas Press, Austin, 1959, pp. 118, \$2.50.

The Truth About Your Eyes, by Derrick Vail, Farrar, Straus & Cudahy, New York, 1959, pp. 180, \$3.50.

Nutritional Diagnosis, by Grace A. Goldsmith, Charles C Thomas, Springfield, Ill., 1959, pp. 164, \$5.50.

Our Food, by M. Swaminathan and r. K. Bhagavan, Ganesh & Co. (Madras) Private Ltd., Madras, India, 1959, pp. 88.

Trace Element Problems in Nature—A Symposium, edited by K. H. Schutte, University of Cape Town, Rondebosch, Africa, 1959, pp. 55.

The Arterial Wall, edited by Albert Lansing, Williams & Wilkins Co., Baltimore, 1959, pp. 259, \$7.50.

Food: The Yearbook of Agriculture 1959, edited by Alfred Stefferud, The U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C., 1959, pp. 736, \$2.25.