Books

1985 Year book of digestive diseases Edited by N J Greenberger, F G Moody. (Pp. 495; illustrated; £41.00). Chicago: Year Book Medical Publishers Inc, 1985.

This is the second in the series of a compilation of original papers that have been selected and abstracted by two distinguished American gastroenterologists, one a physician and the other a surgeon. Each paper is reduced to a summary of the original paper, sometimes accompanied by a key Table or Figure, and followed by a comment from one of the editors. The layout, typography, and indexing are excellent, and make this a very easy way to keep up with what has been going on across the spectrum of clinical gastroenterology.

In no way can this anthology be described as comprehensive; the reduction of a year's publishing output to 250 papers inevitably reflects personal choice and national preoccupations. Others might choose differently – I would like to have seen the inclusion of more pathophysiology – but the book gains precisely because it is a personal selection, and is enlivened by the incisive and critical comments of the authors. It is a pity it is so expensive, at least for British gastroenterologists.

DAVID WINGATE

Manual of paediatric gastroenterology Edited by J H Tripp and D C A Candy. (Pp. 168; illustrated; £8.95.) Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, 1985.

This is a practical manual for clinicians for the practice of paediatric gastroenterology. It gives a practical didactic account without any references and this does not permit the reader to check upon what authority the views stated are based. The approach to management is very practical, however, and will be of particular value to new senior house officers in paediatrics. The book is full of lists and will be most helpful as a quick source of reference and should be available in busy children's departments and casualty departments for rapid referral. It should also be a useful aid to general practitioners. Its non-academic practical approach does limit, however, its educational value to stimulate the enquiring mind.

J A WALKER-SMITH

News

British Society of Gastroenterology

The Spring meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology was held at the University of Lancaster from 9–11 April 1986, under the Presidency of Dr G P Crean. The first day was devoted to the BSG/Glaxo International Teaching Day, consisting of four symposia on the theme of 'Controversies in gastroenterology'. Special interest (endoscopy, pathology, surgery, and basic science) groups met during the first half of the second morning, before the start of the main scientific meeting. The plenary session included two 'State of the Art' Lectures (Dr P M Smith and Professor A S McNeish) and the 1986 Research Medal Lecture (Dr P J Ciclitira) as well as six free papers. The social programme included not only a civic reception and the conference dinner but also a cabaret evening; the highlight of the latter was a group from the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra under the 'mis-direction' of no less a person than the President of the Society.

BSG Research Award 1987

A three page summary of personal research work is invited by the Award Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology who will recommend to Council the recipient of the 1987 Award. A bibliography may also be submitted if desired. The Award consists of a medal and £100 prize. Entrants must be 40 years or less (on 31 December 1987) but need not be a member of the BSG. All (or a substantial part) of the work must have been performed in the UK or Eire. The recipient will be required to deliver a 40 minute lecture at the Plenary Session of the Spring meeting in 1987. Applications (*six* copies) should be made to: The Honorary Secretary, BSG, 3 St. Andrew's Place, London NW1 4LB. *BY 1 DECEMBER 1986.*

Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

To be held from 1–5 September 1986 in the Dept. of Medicine, St James's University Hospital, Leeds. Further details from Mr T D Bilham, Dept. of Adult and Continuing Education, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Correction

In the paper by Gledhill *et al* entitled 'Single nocturnal dose of an H₂ receptor antagonist for the treatment of duodenal ulcer', *Gut* 1983; **24**: 904–908; the dose quoted in the Summary, cimetidine 300 mg nocte should have read 800 mg nocte as in the remainder of the paper.