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Notes and activities

Ambuj Nath Bose Prize

Gastroenterology has been selected for the Ambuj Nath Bose prize which is a triennial award. On the recommendation of the Council of the Royal College of Physicians the award has been presented to Sir Francis Avery Jones for his outstanding contributions in the field of gastroenterology.

International Symposium on Gastrointestinal Motility

The Third International Symposium on Gastrointestinal Motility was held in Saltsjöbaden near Stockholm from 16 to 18 September 1971 under the able management of Dr Franz Bárány. Some 140 participants from all parts of the globe attended scientific sessions dealing with experimental and clinical aspects of gastrointestinal motility. A separate session devoted to the electrophysiology of gastrointestinal smooth muscle reflected the growing interest in this area of research. Abstracts of papers presented at the Symposium have appeared in *Rendic. R. Gastroenterol.* (1971), 3, 103-153, and summaries will be published in *Scand. J. Gastroent.*, *Amer. J. dig. Dis.*, and *Rendic. R. Gastroenterol.* in the near future.

The fourth symposium will be held in September 1973 in Banff, Alberta, Canada.

Gastroenterology Club of Glasgow

The autumn meeting was on Thursday, 18 November and was held in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow. The meeting took the form of a symposium into the new investigative methods in gastroenterology, and speakers included Professor Lindner from Hamburg, Germany, who spoke on laparoscopy, and Mr Allan Dean from Edinburgh who spoke on colonoscopy.

Notes on books

Laboratory Diagnosis of Diseases Caused by Toxic Agents Compiled and edited by F. William Sunderman, and F. William Sunderman, Jr. (Pp. xvii + 592, Warren H. Green, St Louis, Missouri, 1970; Adam Hilger, London, 1971. £12.60). This book brings together the experience of 80 authorities in the field of toxicology and provides a bridge between the wards and the laboratory. There are chapters on enterotoxins, ethanol, antibiotics, and liver toxins.

Modern Trends in Surgery-3 Edited by W. T. Irvine. (Pp. x + 325, Butterworths, London, 1971. £4.50 cased, £3.00 limp). This report on modern surgery includes chapters on the surgical treatment of oesophageal hiatus hernia (R. A. Mustard, Toronto), radiotherapy of oesophageal cancer (J. G. Pearson, Edinburgh), current trends in surgery for peptic ulcer (A. G. Cox, London), results of treatment of carcinoma of the colon and rectum (G. Slaney, Birmingham), rectal prolapse (H. C. Duthie, Sheffield), and sigmoid myotomy for diverticular disease of the colon (Michael Reilly, Plymouth). Diagnostic aids in the management of pancreatic disease is discussed by Dan W. Elliott (Pittsburgh), and the multiglandular syndromes by J. E. Jesseph and R. M. Zollinger (Ohio). These chapters all give a careful reappraisal of the current experience and they add up with many other facets of surgery to a timely progress report.

Diet and Tradition in an African Culture by Michael Gelfand. (Pp. ix + 248, Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, 1971. £2.75). An account of indigenous cultures and tribal feeding customs which may prove of interest to those concerned with geographical variations in alimentary disorders.

Elements of Medical Statistics Revised Edition. J. V. Smart, B.Sc., M.I.Biol., F.S.S. Published by Staples Press. Price: £2.50 This book is written by a pharma-

cologist who has worked in the pharmaceutical industry as a specialist in bioassay. The emphasis is on practical applications rather than mathematical discussion, and all the examples are taken from actual investigations in medicine and pharmacology.

The Digestive System: An Ultrastructural Atlas and Review By P. G. Toner, K. E. Carr, and G. M. Wyburn. Published by Butterworths. Price £10.00 This unique publication brings together for the first time present-day knowledge of the electron microscopy of the alimentary tract, and provides a complete list of references for this new world in alimentary morphology. It will prove of special interest to all engaged in alimentary research.

Surgery of the Biliary Tract, Pancreas and Spleen By Charles B. Puestow, published by Year Book Medical Publishers, Inc., Chicago, distributed in the UK by Lloyd-Luke (Medical Books) Ltd, London. (397 pages; price £7.00). This fourth edition of a well known book has been brought up to date with a full account of present-day diagnostic procedures including radioisotope scanning.

The Plain Radiograph in the Diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen By Malcolm H. Gough and Michael W. L. Gear, published by Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1971. (pp. xi + 188; price £3.50). This book will be of special value for junior medical staff. The plain radiograph of the abdomen can give much valuable information without any discomfort to the patient and is therefore an investigation which should be fully utilized. The illustrations are excellent and the text brief and to the point.

Symposium on Intestinal Absorption and its Derangements

The papers given at the symposium held by the Royal College of Pathologists in February 1971 on 'Intestinal absorption and its derangements' (edited by A. M. Dawson) are now published and the volume is available from the Publishing Manager, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR, price £2.00 including postage, but members of the British Society of Gastroenterology may buy the symposium at the special price of £1.75 including postage.

