Notes and activities

Oxford Course in Postgraduate Gastroenterology

For the fifth year running, there will be a three day course on gastroenterology in Oxford, 9-12 January 1977, for consultants and registrars, including those not specialising in gastroenterology. On this occasion, there will be four main topics: drugs and the liver, surgical problems with the bile duct, bile reflux and its consequences, and cancer of the large bowel. In addition, there will be a group of lectures on miscellaneous topics, such as viral gastroenteritis, Yersinia infections and the carcinoid syndrome. Anyone interested should apply to Dr S. C. Truelove, Nuffield Department of Clinical Medicine, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases

A postgraduate symposium on viral hepatitis will be held on 3 and 4 November 1976, at Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, USA. Details may be obtained from AASLD Symposium, c/o Charles B. Slack, Inc. 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, N.J. 08086, USA.

Notes on books

The Principles and Practice of Diagnostic Enzymology by J. Henry Wilkinson. (Pp. 592; illustrated; £17-50) Edward Arnold: London. 1976. The extensive use of enzyme activity estimations as aids to the diagnosis of disease is one of the most impressive developments in modern medicine. This book will be the major source for reference in this field and will be needed in every hospital library. The liver, hepatobiliary tract, and alimentary tract are covered in depth, and the book will be consulted by gastroenterologists as well as by clinical biochemists.

Actinomycosis by Marcell Bronner and Max Bronner. (Pp. 355; illustrated; £8-00) John Wright: Bristol. 1971. This extensive survey of actinomycosis is primarily concerned with oral manifestations but the wealth of background information both in man and the animal world makes it a book worth having in general hospital libraries as a constant reminder to include this diagnostic possibility in abdominal problem cases.

Modern Stoma Care. Edited by Frank C. Walker. (Pp. 193; illustrated; price £8-00). Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh. 1976. This book provides a comprehensive account of the management of the three main abdominal stomata. It gives details of the support provided by the community health services, together with specialised advice on the problems of skin care, the choice of appliance, the organisation of stoma clinics, and requirements of stoma therapists. Each section has been compiled by experts in the field and is based on personal experience and research. The information it contains will be of use to the doctor, nurse, and stoma therapist, as well as patients obliged to live with a permanent stoma.

Taking the Rough with the Smooth. Dietary Fibre and Your Health—a New Medical Breakthrough by Andrew Stanley. (Pp. 255; £3-50). Souvenir Press: London. 1976. This book is of equal interest to the general public and to the profession. The evidence for taking less sugar and more unrefined cereal in the diet has become impressively strong. A paperback edition will be forthcoming and this will enable it to reach a wider audience. In the meantime, all concerned with instructing students and paramedical staff should have a copy available.

Correction

‘Intestinal perfusion studies in tropical sprue’ by M. D. Hellier et al. (Gut, 1976, 17, 511-516).

The authors regret that the headings in Fig. 4 were transposed.

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