Notes in Paediatric Gastroenterology
This book reports on the papers and discussion at a symposium of which the
date and site are unfortunately not mentioned in the book. (On inquiry, the pub-
lisners tell us that it was held at the Welsh National School of Medicine on
7, 8, and 9 July 1975 and that it was a
Postgraduate Course in paediatric gastro-
enterology organised by J. A. Dodge). It
covers development of the gut in the fetus
and young children; infancy and its
problems; diarrhoea; abdominal pain,
and constipation. It conveniently brings
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International Directory of Specialized
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full address and telephone number;
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heads; number of personnel; budget in
national currency and in dollars; annual
cancer-patient statistics; a review of the
establishment's activities in cancer treat-
ment and rehabilitation, clinical cancer
research, experimental cancer research
and professional education; and, finally,
data on the availability of postgraduate
training posts and special cancer library
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Safer Prescribing: A Guide to Some
Problems in the Use of Drugs By Linda
1976.
This 42-page pocket notebook is packed
with tabulated information on drug inter-
actions, the effect of food on drug absorp-
tion, and prescribing in liver failure, renal
failure, and in pregnancy and lactation. A
very practical guide for avoiding iatrogenic
complications.

Trace Elements in Human Health and
2. Essential and Toxic Elements By A. S.
Prasad (Pp. 470; illustrated; £20-30; and
pp. 525; illustrated; £20-90 respectively)
These two volumes bring together a vast
amount of information on trace elements
zinc and copper, magnesium, selenium,
fluoride, cadmium, lead, and mercury.
They will be of great value to physicians,
nutritionists, and toxicologists. A par-
cularly interesting section relates to the
leaching of important trace metals by ex-
cess dietary fibre in some developing
countries. These are books which should be
easily available in all major gastro-
enterological research centres. It is one of
the important monograph series published
by the American Nutrition Foundation.

Nutrition Bulletin British Nutrition
Foundation: London.
This authoritative bulletin, published
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medical practice. This current number
includes contributions on 'Chappati flour
and vitamin D,' 'Multiple sclerosis and
diet,' 'Injury, operation, wound healing—
nutritional implications' (Sir David
Cuthbertson). In addition, there are studies
on current national dietary change with
their implications for food supplies, and
papers on the safeguarding of food
standards and on the brewing of beer. The
Nutrition Bulletin is published in
January, May, and September by the
British Nutrition Foundation, 15 Belgrave
Square, London, SW1X 8PS. Annual
subscription £3.

Gastrointestinal Emergencies Edited by
Illustrated. $30-00). Pergamon: Oxford.
This is the proceedings of the 1st Inter-
national Symposium on this subject, held
at the Wenner-Gren Centre, Stockholm,
in September 1975, and includes the edited
discussion and a considerable number of
illustrations. The various sessions covered
severe diarrhoea, severe upper gastro-
intestinal bleeding, acute liver failure,
acute serious pancreatitis, and the
organisation of gastrointestinal intensive
care units. There are 55 contributors from
many countries, assuring an authoritative
statement on and critical discussion of,
in particular, present-day techniques in
diagnosis and treatment.

Nutrition and its Disorders By Donald S.
McLaren. (Pp. 293; £3-25). Churchill
This is the second edition of a compact
and most informative book. It covers (a)
normal nutrition, (b) primary and second-
ary nutritional disorders, (c) nutrition and
diet in other conditions, (d) nutrition in the
community. It is a book to be studied by
junior doctors and kept in a departmental
library. Fibre has come into this edition
but should be covered in more detail next
time in view of its importance.

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