ascites and abscesses. As ultrasound has become such a reliable and well-established technique in the investigation of the upper abdomen it is very useful for the gastroenterologist to have such a book devoted entirely to the digestive diseases.

In 500 pages, Professor Weill has provided a detailed account of the anatomy, pathology, and techniques of examination in relation to each organ. The relative values of real-time ultrasound and static 'B' scanning are assessed in each area and the various opportunities for fine needle aspiration stressed.

There is a most acceptable uniformity in the presentation of the numerous illustrations, all being in a 'white-on-black' format. They are well chosen, invariably showing the appropriate point. The ultrasonographer looking for an example of a less common pathology is quite likely to find it here, as the book represents an extensive atlas of ultrasound appearances as well as a helpful text.

There are numerous flashes of humour. The reader is introduced to two respectable learned gentlemen of the first century BC, Hillel and Schammai, who always adopted opposing points of view. Professor Weill considers that the schools of Schammai and Hillel have survived through the generations and that their students continue to oppose each other in the medical domain. Throughout the book, opposing points of view are brought out in this humorous way, making lighter reading.

In conclusion, this would be a most helpful textbook for any gastroenterologist or abdominal surgeon seeking a detailed knowledge of ultrasound of the digestive tract. It can certainly be recommended to radiologists, both with experience, or in training. At £54 it is well worth a place on the shelves of any radiographic or gastroenterology library.

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BSG Spring Meeting: London
The Spring Meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology took place at the University of London Institute of Education on 20–22 April, under the Presidency of Professor J E Lennard-Jones. The first day was devoted to a BSG/Glaxo Teaching Day on 'The practical management of obstructive jaundice'; the scientific sessions of the Society were held on the following two days, and included a lecture by the 1983 BSG Research Medallist, Professor R C N Williamson, on 'Intestinal growth: compensatory and new'. The Conference Dinner was held at the Guildhall, and the guests included two distinguished members of the Society, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons (Professor G Slaney), and the Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of London (Professor L P Lequesne).

American Pancreatic Association/National Pancreatic Project
The annual joint scientific meeting will be held on 3 and 4 November 1983, at the Ambassador West Hotel, in Chicago, Illinois. This meeting is devoted to clinical and basic research on the pancreas. Further information from: Dr Vay Liang W Go, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota 55905, USA.

5th Congress of the European Society of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
This symposium will be held in Brussels, Belgium from 12–14 September 1983, at the Palais des Congres, Coudenberg 3, B-1000 Brussels. Details from Dr Reynaert Marc, Department of Intensive Care, Saint-Luc University Hospital, Avenue Hippocrates 10, B-1200 Brussels, Belgium.

Clinical Nutrition Course, Leeds
This course will be held at St James's University Hospital, Leeds, from 13–15 September 1983, and is intended for clinicians and allied workers interested in all aspects of clinical nutrition. Topics include, fundamentals of nutrition, clinical states associated with nutritional problems, and the treatment of nutritional disorder. Details may be obtained from Mr F Moran, Senior Administration Assistant, Postgraduate Dean's Office, Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds LS1 3EX.

2nd Triennial International Congress of the International Society for Diseases of the Oesophagus
This congress will be held on 3–6 October 1983 at the Cavalieri Hilton, Rome, Italy. Details from the Scientific Secretariat, 2nd Surgical Clinic, University of Rome Medical School, Policlinico Umberto 1°, 00161, Rome, Italy.