gastric intestinal metaplasia present a complex problem if one reads the original literature, but Dr Day distills out the key observations required for a diagnostic approach. The same applies to the section on lymphomas, another complex area. As well as the five chapters on the stomach, there are three on the oesophagus and two on the duodenum. Those on the latter two sites fill a useful void in the literature for what are generally considered poor pathological sisters to the excitement of gastric pathology. The book finishes with a helpful section on upper gastrointestinal cytology contributed by Dr O Husain.

The illustrations are clear and well organised, being close to the relevant text. For clinicians who regularly sit in on biopsy sessions to review the weeks endoscopies, they form a valuable source of reference to check up on the pathologists diagnoses.

I strongly recommend this moderately priced book to pathology departments receiving any upper gastrointestinal material and to clinicians keen to understand the language of their pathology department.

There is one obvious omission, for *Campylobacter pylori* is not mentioned. I imagine however, this organism only reached the news stand as Dr Day with a huge sigh of relief posted off the final proofs. It will be an addition to look forward to in the second edition.

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Many a young aspiring surgeon, physician, radiologist or pathologist may wish to write a paper or prepare a dissertation on diseases related to the biliary tract. What then could be more suitable than an erudite historical introduction? To them this brief annotated historical review and reprint of ancient and classical articles will prove a boon. Even if you are not writing an article or thesis you will enjoy delving into the history of biliary disease; to tiptoe across the stepping stones of medical history will prove both stimulating and humbling.

This work is a collection of classical papers that have illuminated the progress of the elucidation, investigation, and treatment of biliary disease. The first paper is a fascinating 'Digest of historical literature' written in 1863 by Jophann Thudichum. It is followed by Jean-Louis Petit's account of empyema of the gall bladder written in 1743 and Theodor Kocher's story of 'Head-sized empyema of the gall bladder treated by incision'.

The articles are well chosen, well translated, and well edited. A few accompanying photographs of the authors and sometimes their patients add to the charm of the publication. I would have enjoyed even more biographical notes and even more photographs. It will be sad if the cost deters many from adding this slim volume to their personal library.

J ALEXANDER-WILLIAMS


After many years the well known format of *Clinics in gastroenterology* has changed, being replaced by an American series and a British version called *Clinical gastroenterology*. The first issue on liver tumours is thus of particular interest.

The format is identical to its predecessor with good line drawings and extensive up to date references. The subject is tackled extremely well by contributors who have particular experience in aspects of liver tumours ranging from aetiology to diagnosis and treatment. In particular, innovative techniques such as the diagnostic and therapeutic use of monoclonal antibodies and the use of implantable cytotoxic delivery systems are critically reviewed.

The overall impression given by this volume is that, despite the poor prognosis of liver tumours, research in molecular biology, biochemistry and oncology offers hope for the future. The editors of the first issue of *Clinical gastroenterology* have contributed well to the future success of the series.

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**News**

**BSG Jubilee Meeting**

The Jubilee Meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology was held in the University of London Institute of Education and School of Oriental and African Studies from 15–18 September 1987 under the Presidency of Mr John Alexander-Williams. The programme was structured to provide parallel continuous sequences of scientific presentations and BSG/Glaxo International Teaching Sessions; interspersed in these events, there were various symposia and lectures. The very large number of communications that were selected – 365 oral and poster communications – reflected not only the pent up
aspirations of those denied a forum by the absence of a Spring Meeting of the Society in 1987, but also the importance of this meeting for the Society and for gastroenterology at large. The Hopkins Endoscopy Prize Lecture was given by Dr T C Northfield, and the Endoscopy Foundation Lecture by Dr D G Coling-Jones; the BSG Research Medallist was Dr M J G Farthing. The identity and topic of the Sir Arthur Hurst Lecturer was appropriate to the occasion; Sir Christopher Booth, sometime President of the Society and of the British Medical Association, and past Editor of this journal, gave the Society ‘A view of the specialty of gastroenterology, past, present and future’. The cornucopia of scientific and clinical material was matched by a varied social programme with venues for social events ranging over the City of London. The Golden Jubilee Banquet was held in the Guildhall where in an appropriate break with tradition, black ties were the order of the evening. All in all, a memorable meeting; those children who will be responsible for the Centenary Meeting should be aware that this meeting, to quote the show business adage, is a hard act to follow.

BSG Research Award 1988
A three page summary of personal research work is invited by the Education Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology who will recommend to Council the recipient of the 1988 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 1988 but need not be a member of the BSG. All (or a substantial part) of the work must have been done 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 1988. Applications (18 COPIES) should be made to: The Honorary Secretary, BSG, 3 St Andrew’s Place, Regent’s Park, London NW1 4LB, by 1 December 1987.

Reduced Subscription for Trainees

_Gut_ is available at a reduced rate of £48 per annum to bona fide trainees in gastroenterology in the areas of basic science, medicine, surgery, pathology or radiology. The reduced subscription rate will be available for one year in the first instance and a fresh application will be needed for any subsequent year, up to a total of three years. The offer does not apply to members of the BSG. Trainees should be of registrar or senior registrar status, or equivalent. Application forms are available from The Subscription Dept, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JR. (Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.)

_Hopkins Endoscopy Prize_

The Hopkins Prize is offered annually for a paper on any topic relating to endoscopy. Applicants are invited to submit a three page summary of the proposed paper to the Endoscopy Committee of the BSG who will recommend to Council the recipient of the 1988 award. Collaborative work is acceptable but written approval for such entries and for the designated presenter must be provided by all principal contributors to the study. The recipient will present a 15 minute paper at the BSG Spring meeting in Leicester in 1988 and will receive a prize of £100 and a permanent memento. Applications (four copies) should be submitted to: Dr N Krasner, Department of Medicine, Walton Hospital, Rice Lane, Liverpool L9 1EA. The closing date for entries is Friday 18 December 1987.

_OMGE Young Investigator Scholarship_

The Governing Council of OMGE is prepared to make available a number of awards for young investigators in gastroenterology. The award will consist of a round trip economy air fare from the site of the candidate’s residence to the next World Congress, plus a cash award of $1000. Additional awards in similar or lesser amounts may be made. Further information from the Sec General, Prof I A D Bouchier, Dept of Medicine, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh EH3 9YW, Scotland.

_Hans Popper Award 1989_

The Falk-Foundation EV, Freiburg/Br, West Germany, announces the creation of this award for achievements in research of liver diseases. The prize is US $25,000 and will be awarded every three years, the first on 12 October 1989 during Basel Liver Week. This prize is to recognise outstanding contributions to clinical and experimental hepatology by scientists under 50 years. Details from Dr Dr Herbert Falk, Falk Foundation EV, Habsburgerstr. 81, D-7800 Freiburg, West Germany.

_Course in Gastroenterology_

To be held in Oxford 3–6 January 1988. Details from Dr D P Jewell, Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford OX2 6HE. Tel: Oxford 249891.

_ROMA 88: International Congresses of Gastroenterology and Digestive Endoscopy_

To be held in Rome, Italy from 4–10 September 1988. Further details from STUDIO EGA, Viale Tiziano 19, 00196 Rome, Italy.
IVth Congress of the International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism
To be held in Kyoto, Japan, from 26 June to 2 July 1988. Details from 4th ISBRA Congress, Room 520, New Kyoto Center Bldg, Shiokoji-Shunmachi, Shimogyo-Ku, Kyoto 600, Japan.

International Association for the Study of the Liver (IASL)
The next meeting of the Association will be held in Toronto, Canada, from 2–4 November 1988. Further details from: Dr L M Blendis, Eaton Wing 9–220, Toronto General Hospital, 200 Elizabeth Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 2C4, Canada.

Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver
The 6th Biennial Scientific Meeting will be held in New Delhi from 13–15 February 1988. Further information from: Chairman, Organising Cte, APA for the Study of the Liver, Dept of GE and Human Nutrition, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi 110029, India.

American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
The 38th Annual Postgraduate Course and Annual Meeting on ‘Advances in hepatobiliary disease seen in practice’ will be held from 25–28 October 1987 at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. Further information from SLACK Inc, 6900 Grove Road, Thorofare, NJ 08086–9447, USA. Tel: (609) 848–1000.