

**The Treatment of Tropical Diseases.** W. H. JOPLING, M.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H. Bristol. John Wright & Sons Ltd, 1960. Pp. iii + 202. Price 20s.

This is a useful short summary of diseases encountered in the tropics; useful for the doctor in the temperate zone who might meet the occasional tropical disease, and a concise summary for the doctor in the tropics. The emphasis on discussing toxic reactions to treatment is most welcome. Useful hints on nursing management are given for such conditions as dehydration, oedema, shock, hepatic failure, and anuria. The chapter on chemoprophylaxis should prove useful to the family doctor who has to advise intending emigrants, as well as the notes on active immunization. It would however, be dangerous to accept the short statements on antibiotics, without referring to more extensive literature.

**The Development of the Infant and Young Child: Normal and Abnormal.** R. S. ILLINGWORTH, M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H. Edinburgh and London, E. & S. Livingstone Ltd, 1960. Pp. v + 318. Price 27s. 6d.

From time to time every practitioner is faced by a mother trying desperately to conceal her fears that her child is mentally backward. Much depends on his handling of the situation. This book will equip him to carry out that difficult task with the skill it demands. Though of only moderate size, it is packed with instruction and wisdom. The literature, so often conflicting, is carefully examined and extensive references are given. At the same time the emphasis is practical, with instructive case reports and a summary at the end of each chapter. A most illuminating section is that on History Taking, which shows how clear answers can be got to clear questions. The chapters on the Examination of the Child, on Normal Development, and those on Variations in the Pattern and in Individual Fields of Development are particularly helpful to the family doctor.

The book fills a real need, is very carefully produced, and will no doubt be a standby through many editions.

**Insulin.** *British Medical Bulletin.* Vol. 16 No. 3, September, 1960. Price 20s.

This volume contains fifteen papers on a substance of life-giving importance to an increasing number of people, together with something that is comparatively new; two papers on the synthetic hypoglycaemic agents which are now standing up well to the tests of use and time.

The study is of insulin rather than diabetes, the treatment rather