

microsurgery by J. Angell James and psychotropic drugs by Linford Rees are all explained in a way that those unversed in these subjects can easily understand.

Of the many medical annuals and year-books on the market *The Medical Annual* remains one of the best and most comprehensive.

Human Genetics. *British Medical Bulletin*, vol. 17, No. 3: The British Council, London, 1961. Pp. xiv + 264. Price 20s.

This excellent symposium, with an introduction by Sir Robert Platt, will be of interest only to those family doctors who want detailed or specialized information about particular aspects of this growing branch of medical knowledge. Chapters on mongolism, abnormal sexual development in man and the inheritance of congenital pyloric stenosis may have the widest appeal but each of the 15 chapters which make up the symposium is written by an acknowledged authority on his subject. Other subjects dealt with include, Turner's syndrome, Galactosaemia, Aminoaciduria, Pharmacogenetics, and the genetics of finger print patterns. A review is included of nine other important publications on human genetics or related subjects.

Handbook of Medical Laboratory Formulae. R. E. SILVERTON, A.I.M.L.T., F.R.M.S. and M. J. ANDERSON, F.I.M.L.T. London. Butterworths. 1961. Pp. v + 676. Price 90s.

This is a work for the laboratory technician and the assistant in bacteriological and pathological departments. It contains concise information on the formulae and methods of preparing solutions for the various techniques in use. As a reference work it serves a much needed purpose in that it brings this information together under one cover but it is hardly likely that the general practitioner would need to refer to it. The book is well produced.

The Ship Would Not Travel Due West. DAVID LEWIS, London, Temple Press Books. 1961. Pp. xii + 154. Price 21s.

Readers of the *Journal* will remember an account by Dr David Lewis of his reactions to sailing alone. In 1960 Dr Lewis took part in a solo race across the Atlantic. He arrived third in spite of the fact that his mast broke soon after leaving Plymouth and he had to return there for repairs. The book under review is an account of that passage and of his return home via the Shetlands. Those who sail the open seas and those who slip in and out of the little estuaries around our coasts will find this account fascinating. The endurance