

Did he really do that? Could he possibly have said that? Did it really happen that way? And so, as we read on, our friend becomes a stranger—the lovable qualities which we imagined in him fade, his faults—we all have faults—become something worse. Perhaps it is always so and we should not read the lives of our departed friends. Here is certainly a quite remarkable biography.

**Haematology.** A Glossary of Terms in English, American, French-Spanish, Italian, German, Russian by LICENA ROMEI BRACONI. Amsterdam. London. New York. Elsevier Publishing Co. 1964. Pp. i+306. Price 90s.

For the practitioner who tries to read foreign language papers, this type of book is invaluable, mainly of course, because medical terminology in any language is a specialized language not found in the ordinary dictionaries.

This useful little book, of course, only covers haematology, though in the very widest sense. If similar publications from this company are of the same high standard, then international misrepresentations and misunderstandings ought to be all the fewer. After that a tourniquet test should be in French 'test du lacet', in Italian 'prova del laccio', in Spanish 'prueba de Rumpel-leede', in German 'Stauungs Versuch', in Russian 'npoca Typhuketom', speaks for itself. What is more, this book has an index in each language which really makes translation easy.

**Mountain Sickness.** B. BHATTACHARJYA, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.M. Bristol. John Wright & Sons. 1964. Pp. 58. Price 12s. 6d.

This is a competent monograph on the subject of the physiological changes which occur at high altitudes. The consequences to health and their treatment are described. Although not normal pabulum for a general practitioner, there must be few whose clinical understanding of hypoxia would not benefit from careful study of this subject.

### BOOKS RECEIVED

**Control of Communicable Diseases in Man.** Edited, JOHN E. GORDON. Published by the American Public Health Association. Price 11s. 0d. from Her Majesty's Stationery Office and the Scottish Home and Health Department with certain reservations to meet international commitments and agreements and differences in legislative and administrative practice.

**A Guide for the Medical Secretary.** H. E. M. WELCH, S.R.N., S.C.M. London. William Heinemann Medical Books Ltd. 1965. Pp. xii+81. Price 7s. 6d.

**Getting Married.** A Family Doctor Special. Published by the British Medical Association. Price 2s. 0d.

**Mechanism of Action of Sex Hormones and Analogous Substances.** World Health Organization. Geneva. 1965. Technical Report Series No. 303. Pp. iii-24. Price 3s. 6d.

**Neuroendocrinology and Reproduction in the Human.** World Health Organization. Geneva. 1965. Technical Report Series No. 304. Pp. iii+20. Price 3s. 6d.