

discussed and their action on the various systems described. Dosages and methods of administration are listed.

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**Medical treatment: a textbook of therapy in four volumes.** Third edition. Volume 1, Cardiovascular and respiratory diseases including tuberculosis. Edited by KENNETH MACLEAN, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P. and GEORGE SCOTT, M.D., M.R.C.P. London. J. & A. Churchill Ltd. 1968. Pp. viii+280. Price 40s. 0d.

The third edition of this book appears with several new features. It will in future be divided into four volumes rather than appearing as one large book. However, chapter and page numbers will carry on throughout the four volumes. Each volume will contain an index, and the fourth will contain a comprehensive index of the entire book. Each volume will be published as it is completed with the aim of being right up to date on publishing day. The volumes are also to be printed in paper back as a means of reducing cost, even so volume one will cost 40s. 0d.

The book is the work of several authors, edited by Dr Kenneth Maclean and Dr George Scott. Each author is a recognized specialist in his own field, and apart from Lt-Gen. Sir Robert Drew, each one has a close connection with Guy's Hospital, this is deliberate, and an attempt at uniformity of thought. The second edition was used as the starting point, and as a framework, for the new edition. By and large the book has been rewritten, and thoroughly revised in the light of more recent research and thinking.

Volume one deals with cardiac and respiratory diseases including tuberculosis and the cover is wide, and in great detail. In the main the approach is dogmatic, but if there is room for discussion, for example the place of anticoagulants in coronary thrombosis all facets of the subject are presented and the author then suggests a suitable approach. The text is concise, and clearly set out with several sections and subsections to each topic, making quick reference easy. Each chapter has its own list of references and in this edition they are more comprehensive and wide ranging than previously. If the next three volumes maintain the high standard of this first volume, the end result will be an excellent textbook of medical treatment.

**Bacteriology and immunity for students of medicine.** Formerly **Bigger's handbook of bacteriology.** Ninth edition. F. S. STEWART, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.C.Path., M.R.I.A. London. Baillière, Tindall and Cassell. 1968. Pp. viii + 603. Price £2 15s.

Though this is essentially a new edition of *Bigger's Handbook of bacteriology*, in that the

arrangement of the chapters is as in the previous editions, each chapter has been largely re-written. The result is an intelligible account of bacteriology and virology as far as present knowledge can take it. The re-writing and revision have been done superbly well.

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**Nursing skin disease.** I. B. SNEDDON, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P. and R. E. CHURCH, M.A., M.D., B.Ch., F.R.C.P.. London. Edward Arnold (Publishers) Ltd. 1968. Pp. viii+96. Price 12s. 6d.

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