

Price's Textbook of Medicine. (1973). Eleventh edition. Edited SIR RONALD BODLEY SCOTT. London: Oxford University Press. Pp. 1417. Price: £8.00.

Price's textbook of medicine is in a different class from the two books above, as it now consists of nearly 1400 pages and its size has become even heavier. The sheer quantity of material and the weight of this book, which has now reached six pounds, make it less and less suitable for reading through and it has now become a reference book rather than a first-line textbook.

In this role it is very good, and its objective of covering comprehensively modern practice in British internal medicine has been achieved. The latest edition is even better than its predecessors because it has admitted one of the disadvantages of the classification used in earlier editions, and new chapters have been written dealing with such general topics as growth and development, genetic aspects of medicine and immune mechanisms which are both important and welcome.

This book, at £8.00, is not likely to be bought by many general practitioners, but for those who are particularly interested in organic medicine, and who wish to have an authoritative and up-to-date reference book in their practice it can be strongly recommended.

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The Medical Annual (1972). Edited by SIR RONALD BODLEY SCOTT AND R. MILNES WALKER. Pp. xxxiv+518. 102 illustrations. Bristol: John Wright. Price: £6.00.

The appearance of the *Medical Annual* always gives a welcome opportunity to review the important literature from the previous year. This new edition lives up to the high reputation of its predecessors and the Editors, backed up by an impressive list of contributors, have produced a well balanced review. As usual the special articles, *Modern Trends in Undergraduate Medical Education* by Professor E. D. Acheson, and *Geographical pathology related to diet* by Dr Denis Burkitt, are both topical and timely.

The great value of the *Medical Annual* to general practitioners, who are faced constantly with the problem of keeping up to date over a wide field of medicine, is that it includes all the main specialties of medicine and surgery.

Although at first sight the price seems formidable, at less than one pence per page it is good value.

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