

therapy have been incorporated, including the use of oral hypoglycaemic agents in diabetes and the new amino-oxidase inhibitors in depression. A summary of the provisions of the Mental Health Act of 1959 is given in the section on psychological medicine.

Minor omissions include lack of any mention of roseola infantum, phenylketonuria and agricultural insecticide poisoning, while room is still found for "hardy annuals" like glanders and von Gierke's disease. Cardiac infarction is discussed at length, but no reference is made to the current controversy about dietary fat and high blood cholesterol in its aetiology.

In the main, the editors have succeeded in their task of compressing the whole field of medicine into a relatively small compass, while retaining a pleasantly readable style. The outlook throughout is essentially practical, and, where necessary, treatment is described in detail. It is a book to be recommended to general practitioners, as providing a convenient, and relatively painless, means of revising and keeping up to date.

The illustrations include a number of useful radiographs and E.C.G.'s. The printing and general layout is attractive and the price extremely reasonable.

Antisera, Toxoids, Vaccines and Tuberculins in Prophylaxis and Treatment. H. J. PARISH, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., D.P.H., and D. A. CANNON, O.B.E., M.B., B.SC., D.T.M. & H. Fifth edition. Edin. and Lond. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1961. Pp. v + 288. Price 37s. 6d.

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on general subjects.

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Modern Treatment Yearbook 1961. Edited by SIR CECIL WAKELEY
BT, K.B.E., C.B., LL.D., M.CH., D.SC., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.E., F.R.S.A.,
F.A.C.S., F.R.A.C.S. London. The Medical Press. Pp. iii + 310.
Price 35s.

The current issue of this annual is no disappointment. There are 31 chapters dealing with a great variety of problems, all interesting to the general practitioner, and arranged in the sort of order in which his patients present themselves, that is, without any obvious sequence. This makes for variety and, as most of the chapters are complete accounts, of isolated subjects, has no obvious drawbacks.

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