

immunology dealing, for example, with antibodies, blood groups and anaphylaxis, we are led by easy stages to consider the cellular and genetic aspects of self-recognition and then introduced to the clonal-selection and other theories of immunity. The second half of the book applies the clonal-selection theory to the interpretation of several non-medical as well as medical problems: the analysis of blood stains, the classification of micro-organisms, the effect of Xrays on immunity, allergies such as sedormid purpura, and the auto-immune diseases. Finally comes an inspired glimpse into the future.

The words are easy to understand but their meaning not easy to comprehend. For that reason this book is well worth reading.

Goodbye, Doctor, Goodbye. PETER MANNIGIAN. Lond., N.Y. and Toronto. Abelard-Schuman. 1963. Pp. ix + 155. Price 16s.

The Story of a Woman Physician. G. M. WAUCHOPE, B.SC., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G., Bristol. John Wright & Sons Ltd. 1963. Pp. iii + 138. Price 17s. 6d.

To write ones autobiography or memoirs is fashionable. It is not necessary that the author be well-known though to have been a statesman or a field-marshal is certainly to be assured of a market. The present vogue for things medical—stimulated by television—has placed the memoirs of doctors amongst the best sellers.

Both the books under review are addressed equally to laymen and to doctors and both have the inevitable faults of this endeavour. *Goodbye, Doctor, Goodbye* by Peter Mannigan is a competent autobiography. Sprinkled here and there, as is to be expected, with the unusual case and the opinions of the author on life and on medical practice and politics, it makes good reading.

Dr Wauchope has succeeded in writing a most readable and informative book. Her life in medicine began during the first world war at St Andrews University and then at the London Hospital. Her pen pictures of the life of the hospital during that time are little masterpieces, as are those of the giants who made The London one of the greatest medical schools in the country between the wars. Here is a history of the development of modern medicine so vivid as to make the changes that have taken place and the effect they have had on those who have lived through them easily understood by doctor or layman. To have done this so well is a considerable achievement. Dr Wauchope confesses that she does not write easily and that her compositions are the result of much thought and alteration before the finished version is achieved. Would that others spent so much time and care in what they write. This autobiography will become one of the minor classics of medical literature. The present edition is produced in paper-back format; its type is small but clear. So good a book deserves a hard binding.