

tuberculous Disease of the Respiratory Tract " thus laying undue emphasis on the importance of tuberculosis in present day practice. The infant mortality rate for 100,000 births in 1961 was 324 from bronchitis or pneumonia and from tuberculosis (all forms) 1.3. This is an example of how this otherwise excellent work is unbalanced. The illustrations are good, the paper and typography excellent and the book is easy to handle in spite of its weight.

The Paediatric Prescriber. PINCUS CATZEL, M.B., B.CH., M.R.C.P., D.C.H., R.C.P. & S. Oxford. Blackwell Scientific Publications. 1963. Pp. vii + 261. Price 20s.

The first edition of this small book was warmly welcomed. The second edition is even better. It is better printed on whiter paper, which makes it easier to read. The scheme of dosage now adopted makes it as suitable for use with adults as with children, and much simpler and safer. There is a most valuable chapter at the beginning on antenatal and neonatal prescribing, while evidence of careful revision is given in the final section where transfusion is described for iron poisoning and the use of 2-PAM for insecticide poisoning. In between there are many improvements, large and small, and altogether it can be recommended unreservedly for practitioner and consultant alike. It is packed full of just the information required in any rational prescribing, all beautifully laid out and easily accessible.

Mental Subnormality. W. ALAN HEATON-WARD, M.B., CH.B., D.P.M. Second edition. Bristol. John Wright and Sons Ltd. 1963. Pp. v + 87. Price 7s. 6d.

The Mental Health Act of 1959 repealed the Mental Deficiency Acts. It abolished the previous descriptive terms for amentia, and introduced the terms "subnormality" and "severe subnormality". This small handbook describes concisely and clearly the present extent of our knowledge of the causes, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis of these conditions. There is a description of types of intelligence and personality tests, and a useful summary of the relevant sections of the Mental Health Act that deal with the care of the mentally subnormal.

The family doctor who is concerned about a child's mental development, or who is consulted by parents about the treatment of a subnormal child, or the emotional problems engendered by one, or the risks of further pregnancies, will find useful help in these pages.

The Principles of Rehabilitation. W. RUSSELL GRANT, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.PHYS.MED. Edin. and Lond. E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1963. Pp. xi + 76. Price 12s. 6d.

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