

cloxacillin are not mentioned in the treatment of penicillin-resistant staphylococcal infections, and daranide is misspelt. The chapter on tuberculosis is extremely well done.

As with others in this series this is a valuable reference book when considering differential diagnosis, or refreshing the memory quickly.

Neurological Manifestations of General Diseases. JOHN A. AITA, M.D., PH.D. Illinois, U.S.A. Charles C. Thomas. 1964. Pp. xiii + 921. Price \$24.50.

In his preface to this remarkable work, Dr Aita explains his objectives. "A wealth of neurological phenomena appear in diseases not traditionally considered neurologic diseases. Neurologic manifestations of many diseases have long been lost in the borderlands between specialities, the concern of only the occasional worker who has sought and studied them."

The author rightly believes that every doctor should have access to a very wide and fully documented field of information concerning these nervous aspects of many illnesses usually first cared for by general surgeons and physicians in their routine practice. It is plain that Dr Aita has faced successfully a formidable task in producing this book, which imparts information to its reader with the relentless accuracy of a computer, and which carries at the end of each section an unusual number of comprehensive references.

Here is a most valuable book for the hospital library. It will be well thumbed on those too familiar occasions when the diagnosis is still in doubt, and signs of nervous disease add to our perplexity. Admiration for the author is increased by the humility, as well as the determination, with which this book faces the many present gaps in our clinical knowledge; and we are grateful for his insight as well as for his help and encouragement in our often difficult performance as, "the neurologist-of-necessity".

Clinical Neurology. LORD BRAIN, D.M., F.R.C.P. Second edition. London, New York, Toronto. Oxford University Press. 1964. Pp. i + 400. Price 38s.

To some general practitioners, even the title of this comprehensive work by its most distinguished author is a little formidable, but closer examination will quickly serve to reassure. The price of this beautifully produced book is moderate, and its illustrations and scholarship make reading it a pleasure. Both the author and his publishers are to be congratulated on this second edition of a volume that has already won high praise from our profession, and which has much in common with Lord Brain's larger work *Diseases of the Nervous System*.

The general practitioner realizes how deeply he is involved in the complex neurological problems of his patients, and he is grateful to Lord Brain for setting out clearly the most modern methods for the management and successful treatment of many diseases that are common in daily practice, often running a very protracted course. In each illness a clear explanation is given as to what the clinician should do, and also why he