

abroad in the Mediterranean and Balkan countries, in some of which sanitary standards are less than satisfactory, the risk of contracting ascariasis at least has increased. For this reason the subject of soil transmitted helminths should interest the general practitioner, and as a ready book of reference this small report could hardly be bettered.

Handbook for the Catholic Nurse. K. F. M. POLE, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P. & S., M.D., London. Robert Hale Ltd. 1964. Pp. 190. Price 15s.

Primarily addressed to Catholic nurses this small book gives an exposition of Catholic medical ethics which should be of use to a wider circle. The author stresses in his introduction that there is no such thing as denominational medicine and expresses the hope that non-Catholic doctors and nurses "may benefit from the exposition of the Christian moral principles common to us all, and by being given the reason for the Catholic attitude wherever it differs from their own."

All the major ethical problems likely to be confronted are dealt with fully and, on the whole, accurately. Not everyone will agree with Dr Pole's preference for the calendar method of assessing the infertile period, as against the basal temperature method. He also makes the rather sweeping assertion that hypnosis as a means of anaesthesia has *no* advantages over conventional anaesthetics.

These are minor criticisms of an otherwise excellent production for which there has been a definite need. I have already heard of one Catholic student nurse, working in conditions of (religiously speaking) some isolation, who has found it of the greatest help.

CORRIGENDUM

It is regretted that *Die Gezielte Diagnostik in der Praxis* and *Feinstruktur einer Allgemeinpraxis* were described as being in the joint authorships of Robert N. Braun and Hans Schulten. Introductions to both these books were written by Professor Schulten but Dr Braun was responsible in both cases for the authorship of the books.

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