

The complexity of the apparatus required for applying the intracellular dyes, and the techniques required for subsequent study and analysis, will confine the techniques to research departments but their potential value is enormous. The filling of single neurones with these dyes and substances allows intracellular anatomical relationships to be studied in a new way which will certainly yield new information.

The only fault one can find with the presentation of the many excellent illustrations is the absence of size scales on the photomicrographs and electron-micrographs.

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TUMORS OF THE EXTRA-ADRENAL PARAGANGLION SYSTEM—INCLUDING CHEMORECEPTORS AFIP Fasc. 2nd Series By G. G. Glenner and P. M. Grimley. (Pp. 90; illustrated; \$4.50.) Armed Forces Institute of Pathology: Washington, D.C. 1974.

This new volume of the *Fascicles* maintains the high tradition of the series, and will remain one of the comprehensive and authoritative editions for many years. The authors give a very clear account of the anatomy of the chemoreceptors and paraganglia, with adequate information and references to embryology, physiology, and comparative studies. The illustrations—diagrams, dissected specimens, light microscopic and electron microscopic preparations—which have been culled from experts around the globe are of excellent quality.

Every pathology department should have this book for reference. Departments which do not automatically purchase the new editions should consider this as a selective purchase from the series.

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MANUAL OF BASIC NEUROPATHOLOGY By R. Escourolle and J. Poirier. (Pp. 209; illustrated; £4.05.) Saunders: London. 1973.

Intended for medical students and those beginning their training in neurology, this little book was originally published in the French language. Its immediate success justifies an English translation (by Dr Lucien J. Rubinstein) which will undoubtedly increase its circle of admirers. Only those who have tried to write a simplified but correct and comprehensive text for beginners will recognize how well the authors have succeeded. A well-chosen, concise text with excellent line diagrams, tables, and beautifully reproduced photographs provide an admirable introductory account of neuropathology. The hydrodynamic theory of syringomyelia is not included, and a few sections suffer from excessive condensation but there is no doubt that the book

successfully fulfils its objective. Indeed, senior clinicians would be glad to have this basic manual.

J. A. SIMPSON

POSTOPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS IN NEUROSURGICAL PRACTICE By N. H. Horwitz and H. V. Rizzoli. (Pp. 427; illustrated; Price not stated.) Krieger: New York. 1973.

The first edition of this book in 1967 was well-received and covered a much wider range of neurosurgical knowledge than its title indicated. The present volume is a reprint with certain additions and is not described as a second edition. As far as can be seen the bibliography has not been extended beyond 1965, but it is very complete up to that date. Every aspect of neurosurgery is dealt with apart from the surgery of abnormal movements, and of epilepsy. In addition to its main purpose, which is a description of postoperative neurosurgical complications, the book introduces each topic with a historical review and attempts to assess the efficacy of procedures, and reviews the literature very thoroughly for this purpose. It is a most comprehensive account of neurosurgical treatment, not by any means as depressing as its title would suggest. It is written in a clear and easy style, and would prove of value to the trainee as well as to the experienced neurosurgeon. A copy should be available in any unit library or even on a neurosurgical ward. It is a mine of useful information and can be warmly recommended.

JOHN HANKINSON

NEUROLOGICAL SYMPTOMS IN BLOOD DISEASES N. D'Eramo and M. Levi. (Pp. 304; illustrated; £9.50.) Harvey Miller & Medcalf: London. 1973.

This book has been translated from Italian and the English edition bears the imprimatur of Maxwell M. Wintrobe. Idiosyncrasies of the translation interfere with the meaning of the text—for example, 'papillar oedema' is not immediately familiar to English readers. Ambiguous terms are used: the word 'marrow' when referring to the spinal cord might well cause confusion in a book on blood diseases. Neologisms such as 'perniciosisiform' are painfully prominent.

The authors' creditable efforts to be comprehensive have been at the cost of critical selectivity. There are descriptions of contradictory methods of treatment with no guidance as to which may be the more appropriate. There are bald statements which are contrary to ordinary experience: treatment with vitamin B₁₂ is said to achieve total regression of the neurological disorder in subacute combined de-