contain the results of the tests. A couple of pages of references complete the book.

This is a short, unique monograph on an important subject and has involved a lot of work. The results will be of benefit to future students and provide a further step in the understanding of the main text and three appendices, the last of which contains a 40-page glossary of terms. The first two chapters are by way of introduction, and contain an elementary account of atomic structure, radiation, and electricity. The main subject matter is in the next 10 chapters, which deal with the basic physical principles of production, attenuation and measurement of x-rays, the detection of radiocliudes inside and outside the body, and the use of these sources of radiation in therapy and diagnosis. The next three chapters are concerned with the problems of radiation protection, and the final chapter contains a selection of topics which do not naturally fit into the book elsewhere; these include particle beam, source, diagnostic ultrasound, and thermography.

Some topics in the book are carefully selected and are clearly presented. Each chapter starts with a short account of its purpose and objectives, and the subject matter is then laid out under numerous side headings. Table summarizing information are given in most chapters. There is a short list of references, mainly to papers published before 1965, and recommended sources for further reading at the end of each chapter. A comprehensive index is provided.

This is an excellent book for radiology students, and is obviously the product of a man who has had much experience in teaching these students. The author has kept the mathematical treatment complete to a minimum, which should help those who feel uncomfortable in the realms of theoretical physics. In criticism, the book tends to be wordy and with a tighter style of writing it could be reduced considerably in length. The older British reader may find that the now accepted Americanisms of “biologic” and “radiologic” for example lack elegance. Furthermore, the author is not international in the use of the word “billion.” Perhaps he might have chosen to be numerate rather than literate in this ease if he had kept overseas sales of his book in mind.

This book can be recommended for use as a course textbook for both teachers and students of radiology; it is not so strongly recommended as a reference book.

G. W. DOLPHIN.

V.D. Handbook


As its title proclaims this publication is literally a handbook about the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections; it is by no means a textbook and has little to offer the specialist. However, a quart of knowledge has been compressed into its pint size and it may appeal to the medical student, the undergraduates and the practitioner. There are 161 figures, mostly monochrome clinical photographs (6 in colour). Though small in size most of them illustrate satisfactorily the conditions described. Most chapters are concluded with a short, selected bibliography and the index seems adequate.

The presentation of facts in the text is highly concentrated and generally clear, but the beginner will have to absorb every word if he is to obtain a proper grasp of the subject. At first sight it appears that treatment of the various infections receives rather scant attention, but as most therapy comprises antibiotics the author has no doubt assumed that the reader is fully familiar with them and that detailed instructions are superfluous. Some unfortunate editorial errors have not been corrected; for instance, the legends under Figs. 102 and 103 are transposed; the legend for Fig. 143 refers to arthritis of the metatarsophalangeal joints but the illustration is a radiograph of the hand; and in the legend for Fig. 154 “corneal” should read coriolan. It is confusing to state (p. 88) “spontaneous recovery [of Clutton’s joints] with no defo- mity occurs even in the untreated” and to include Fig. 94, which shows gross de- formity of the knees.

However, this handbook can be recom- mended as a sound introduction to this in- creasingly important subject.

S. M. LAIRD.

McBurney’s Point: The Story ofAppendicis.


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Thyroid Replacement Therapy

In the article "Combination Thyroxine and Triiodothyronine for Thyroid Replacement Therapy" by Selwyn Taylor, M. Kapur, and Ross Adie (2 May, p. 270) of the Ac-

knowledgements section was omitted in error; this should have read as follows:

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be responsible for the R.P.I. estima-

Liquor Examination

In the article "Role of Liquor Examination" by W. W. Wilk (25 April, p. 220) the liquor bilirubin ratio referred to in the Table should have been 1.099 and 1.099 as stated.

Childhood Bronchitis

In the article "Urban and Social Origins of Childhood Bronchitis in England and Wales," by A. I. J. Price and P. M. Oram (4 April, p. 213), we greatly regret that there were a number of errors. The corrected sentences should have read as follows:

Page 213, para. 1, line 1: "A survey of respi-

atory disease in this age group showed a pronounced social class gradient ..."

Page 213, para. 2, line 11: "Parental social class was important in the past ..." (Grundy and Lewis-Faning, 1957; Douglas and Blomfield, 1958).