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Gastrointestinal Haemorrhage

Aspirin
Dicumarol
Heparin
Indomethacin
Phenindione
Prednisone
Rauwolfia
Reserpine
Warfarin sodium

Peptic Ulceration or Gastritis

Aspirin
Corticosteroids
Methylprednisolone
Oxyphenbutazone
Reserpine
Sodium salicylate

Stomatitis

Actinomycin D
Fluorouracil
Melfalan
Methotrexate
Mercaptopurine
Vinblastine sulphate
Vincristine sulphate

Hepatotoxic Jaundice

Aminosalicilic acid
Halothane
Isoniazid
Oxyphenbutazone
Phenylbutazone
Promethazine
Sulphonamides

Paralytic Ileus

Amitriptyline HCl
Guanethidine
Methyldopa
Morphine sulphate
Nortriptyline HCl
Pargyline
Propantheline

Cholestatic Jaundice

Aminosalicilic acid
Chloramphenicol
Chlorpropamide
Erythromycin estolate
Methyltestosterone
Norethandrolone
Phenothiazines
Phenylbutazone
Triacetyloleandomycin

Constipation

Calcium salts
Dihydromorphinone
Ganglionic blocking agents
Lead
Morphine
Opium

Fifth symposium on advanced medicine This annual publication from the Royal College of Physicians is an invaluable progress report of wide interest. This number, published within five months of the Symposium on Advanced Medicine being new includes sections on gastroenterology, endocrinology, lung disease with thromboembolism, treatment of malignant disease, calcium metabolism and bone disease, biochemical screening for the physician, advances in neurology, and drug addiction. The section on gastroenterology includes the following papers: 'Premalignant disease of the gut' (M. J. S. Langman), 'Chronic idiopathic gastritis: cause and effect' (N. F. Coghill), 'Clinical analysis of dysphagia and other oesophageal lesions' (D. A. W. Edwards), 'Symptomatic disorders after gastric surgery' (Alan G. Cox), and 'Problems of alimentary bleeding' (F. Avery Jones).

There is in fact no section which has not some considerable interest for the physician who is mainly concerned with gastroenterology. Published by Pitman Medical. Price 55s.

After vagotomy The present limitations of gastric surgery are still indicated by the publication first of books concerned with postgastrectomy symptoms and now with the book edited by J. Alexander Williams and Alan G. Cox entitled 'After vagotomy'. It is indeed a timely publication in view of the present popularity of the operation. The book is divided into six sections: 'Pathophysiology of vagotomy', 'Results', 'Complications', 'Practical problems', 'Special indications', and 'Vagotomy and after'. The contributors include all those best known in this field on both sides of the Atlantic and one from India, Professor Varma, who discusses the special problems of peptic ulcer in developing countries. This is a very comprehensive, well thought-out book, and is an important topical contribution to gastroenterology. Published by Butterworths, price £6.

We welcome the publication of *Rendiconti delle Riunioni Romane di Gastro-enterologia*. This journal publishes the text of lectures, case reports, and round table discussions held at the monthly gastroenterological meetings in Rome, and is issued every four months (April, August, and December) free to those attending the meetings. An English summary will be added to the text presented in languages other than English. It is published by Edizioni Luigi Pozzi, S.p.A., Via Panama 68, 00198, Rome, and the editorial staff have their offices at 11 Clinica Medica, Policlinico Umberto I, 00100, Rome.

The first number contains the following articles: 'Recent data on gastro-intestinal hormones and related polypeptides' V. Erspamer; 'Observations on colonic diverticulosis' A. Torsoli *et al*; 'The Role of pylorus in the aetiology of gastric ulcer' A. M. Connell; 'Risks and complications in needle biopsy of the liver' G. Menghini and D. Caporicci.

BOOKS of interest to readers of *Gut*.

Diseases of the digestive system This book brings together 33 articles on gastroenterology specially written for the *British Medical Journal*, and the result is a very practical and up-to-date review of present-day gastroenterological practice. The various chapters cover the alimentary tract, liver, and pancreas, and each article is written by someone who has made a special study and acquired special personal clinical experience. The result is a very good and quite inexpensive publication, and one which will be widely appreciated. Price 40s. (U.S.A. \$5.00).

Proceedings of the third symposium of the European Pancreatic Club This collected volume entitled *Progress in Pancreatology* contains lectures and discussions from the symposium held in Prague from 2 to 4 July 1968. It is divided into four sections: 'Alimentary and relative polypeptide hormones', 'Pancreatic hydrolases', 'Surgical treatment of pancreatitis', and a fourth section of free

papers. Most of the reports are published in English and the remainder in French and German. The minutes of the panel discussion on 'Surgical treatment of chronic pancreatitis' are included. The price of the publication including airmail charge is \$5 in Europe and \$6 outside Europe, and may be obtained from Mladá fronta, Gorkého 24, Prague 1.

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Value of hypotonic duodenography as an adjunct to pancreatic scanning D. M. MCCARTHY, L. KREEL, J. E. AGNEW, and I. A. D. BOUCHIER

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