

**Clinical Genetics** 2nd edition edited by Arnold Sorsby. (Pp. xi + 646; illustrated. £17·00.) Butterworth Group, London. 1973. This is a comprehensive textbook of clinical genetics, with contributions from 31 outstanding British and American authorities. An opening section deals with general problems, such as the taking of a family history, pharmacogenetics, immunogenetics, and lethal and sublethal malformations. Twenty-one chapters are devoted to the genetic aspects of the individual specialities, such as metabolic disorders, the muscles, the central nervous system, the haemopoietic system,

and cancer. A concluding chapter lists all known syndromes. The section on the alimentary tract is covered in detail by Dr R. B. McConnell.

**The Chinese Medical Journal** has restarted publication this year. Formerly it was in English only, but it is now in Chinese with shortened English translations. In view of the differences between western and Chinese medical experience it is of special interest to read. In the second issue there is an account of surgery in 1230 patients with oesophageal and gastric carcinoma.

#### Corrections

On page 288 of the paper by J. Schragar and M. D. G. Oates (*Gut*, 14, 324-329), column 1, line 16 of the discussion (in glycoproteins with blood group specificity) the phrase should read correctly (in glycoproteins with blood group specificity H).

We regret that in the paper by Penninckx *et al* (*Gut*, 14, 393-398) figs 2 and 3 have been transposed.