preferring to present an impressionistic picture derived from several sources. These include a secondary literature exemplified by the work of such scholars as Keith Thomas, Lawrence Stone, and Alan Macfarlane; casebooks by contemporary medical practitioners like Joseph Binns and John Symcotts; the London bills of mortality and parish records; diaries and private papers of well known (Evelyn and Pepys) and obscure (Josselin) lay people; and popular and vernacular writings. A preliminary sketch of the licensed and unlicensed healers of the day indicates the variety of secular, religious, and magical practices which then passed for medical and pseudomedical care.

Drawing freely on her source material for numerous illustrations, Dr Beier paints a vivid and disconcerting picture of the ravages of disease in an era of intellectual and material progress. Human misery is her dominant theme, and for the most part the reader is impelled to agree with Shakespeare that "The miserable have no other medicine/But only hope." The documentation is not only of interest in its own right; it may serve to put our current discontents with the National Health Service into historical perspective.

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In brief . . .

An opportunity to provide a rational basis for primary eye care by health workers is not fully exploited in *Primary Eye Care in Developing Nations* (by L Schwab. £2.50 paperback. Oxford:

Oxford University Press, 1987. ISBN 0-19-261544-0). The short text hovers between oversimplification, with attendant errors of fact, and the unnecessary use of complex terminology without consistent clarification. There is a lack of attention to basic pathophysiological principles, which might render otherwise turgid lists of treatment regimens more memorable.

Dealing mainly with the major causes of ocular morbidity and blindness in developing nations including cataract, trachoma, malnutrition, and glaucoma, the book also contains a useful review of specific regional problems and racial differences in patterns of morbidity.

Cataract may be associated with other diseases including uveitis, trauma, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal detachment, as the book describes. It would therefore be instructive to outline assessment of these complex cases and the complications that might be expected in their management. Trachoma and malnutrition result in serious disturbances of the cornea, which the book describes, though it does not emphasise the importance of the corneal environment in maintaining corneal refractive qualities and so the pathological implications are not apparent.

By contrast the chapter on glaucoma is more lucid and pragmatic, with emphasis on screening. The modification of available resources for clinical use is concisely approached, but the guidelines for organisation of public health programmes are rather lost among aetiological snippets from previous chapters. The book is a praiseworthy attempt to underline the role of primary health care in identifying patients with blinding diseases, but it unfortunately fails to provide clear principles of assessment, pathophysiological concepts, and hence choices of treatment.

What's new in the new editions?

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"The weakness of this book," one reviewer is said to have written, "is its weight; for when it falls on to the floor, it awakes me from sleep." Insulting words like this are unusual in book reviews. An analysis of 480 reviews from the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Journal of the American Medical Association*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, and *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* showed that favourable reviews were far more common than unfavourable ones: 88.5% compared with 11.5%.¹ The agreement rating for 55 books reviewed in more than one journal was high, being 86%; but perhaps this is expected because editors sift out the third rate books before beginning the difficult task of choosing those to review.

Clinical Ophthalmology. A Text and Colour Atlas. 2nd edn. J L Kennerley Banks. (Pp 140; figs and colour plates; £14.95 paperback.) Edinburgh: Churchill Livingstone, 1987. ISBN 0-443-03579-2.

There is hardly any need to buy this if you have the original book (published in 1982) for so little is new that it barely satisfies the minimum criterion of 10-15% for a new edition rather than a

reprint.² Occasional pictures have been replaced by better ones, such as those illustrating herpes zoster, divergent strabismus, choroidal tears, and the glaucomatous disc, and the text has sometimes been enlarged. Two new coloured photographs portray lens implants (p 75), and a fluorescein angiogram of the retina shows diabetic microaneurisms.

A Colour Atlas of ENT Diagnosis. 2nd edn, revised. T R Bull. (Pp 256; colour plates, £28 hardback, £14.95 paperback.) London: Wolfe Medical Publications, 1987. ISBN hardback 0-7234-0894-7, paperback 0-7234-0923-4.

Much is new, and advances in this subject since 1974 are beautifully illustrated. The cartoon of Sir Morrell MacKenzie, the austere Scottish physician and surgeon who founded ear, nose, and throat surgery as a specialty, is the same but the following are new: the fiberoptic or electric headlight instead of the traditional head mirror; pictures demonstrating microscopic examination of the ear drum; a coloured diagram to illustrate how hearing loss may occur; coloured photographs of modern hearing aids, and pictures illustrating the electronic cochlear implant which gives some appreciation of sound to those totally deaf; an acoustic neuroma shown by computed tomography and by nuclear magnetic resonance; and pictures illustrating rhinomanometry—a technique that gives a quantitative measurement of airflow through a nostril but is so far of little use clinically—and sinus endoscopy.

Chamberlain's Symptoms and Signs in Clinical Medicine. An Introduction to Medical Diagnosis. 11th edn. C Ogilvie, C C Evans. (Pp 604; figs and colour plates; £19.95 paperback, ELBS version available at £9.95.) Bristol: Wright, 1987. ISBN 0-7236-0864-4.

About 100 illustrations, many in colour, are new, according to the preface, and there was no reason to doubt this for since the previous edition, in 1980, the book has been much enlarged and Christopher Evans, a consultant physician in Liverpool, has joined Colin Ogilvie in producing it. New chapters include "Symptoms and signs in tropical diseases," and "The endocrine system" and other chapters have been revised. Signs include those found by electrocardiography, phonocardiography, echocardiography, and cardiac catheterisation, and all are explained clearly by line drawings and pictures—for example, the common echo patterns of mitral and aortic valve movement. Some books hardly change or even deteriorate with time but this, like good wine, has improved. (A useful self assessment companion book is *Questions and Answers for Symptoms and Signs in Clinical Medicine* by J E Earis and C Ogilvie. (£5.95 paperback.) Bristol: Wright, 1987. ISBN 0-7236-0865-2. It consists of multiple choice questions, short histories, "pair associations," and questions on illustrations.)

Guide to Clinical Laboratory Diagnosis. 3rd edn. J A Koepke, J F Koepke. (Pp 432; figs; £35.25 paperback.) Connecticut: Appleton and Lange, 1987. Distributed by Prentice/Hall International. ISBN 0-8385-3519-4.

Although coming from the United States of America, where the need for "defensive medicine" often compels the ordering of numerous unnecessary tests, the book aims at advising students, house officers, and others how to choose those tests that will give the greatest amount of information in the most efficient manner and for the least possible cost; this will lead to the more efficient use of the clinical laboratory. It is problem oriented: chapters include topics such as chest pain (with cardiac enzymes clearly explained), hypertension, jaundice, anaemia, unexplained fever, and pregnancy; new chapters cover screening tests, therapeutic drug monitoring, laboratory procedures on the ward, changes in appearance, and the acute surgical abdomen (but please get rid of gastric analysis in the next edition). The brief clinical details are concise and sensible. The last page shows a picture of a zebra with the caption "When you hear hoof beats, think of horses, not zebras"—an amusing variation of "common things commonly occur."

Understanding Child Abuse. 2nd edn. Ed D N Jones, J Pickett, M R Oates, P R H Barbor. (Pp 372; figs; £25 hardback, £7.95 paperback.) London: Macmillan, 1987. ISBN hardback 0-333-42892-7, paperback 0-333-42893-5.

Not surprisingly, this is a readable and informative handbook, for it was written by a consultant paediatrician and senior lecturer in psychiatry (both from Nottingham) and two social workers—and no doubt each combed the text for gobbledeygook. David Jones, who is general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers, when thanking his wife (who read all drafts and proofs) and his children for suffering an intolerable invasion of family time facetiously suggests that authorship is itself a form of child abuse.

Borderlines, such as that between punishment and physical abuse, are sometimes unclear, and whereas newspaper reports of sexual abuse may be in black and white doctors often notice shades of grey.³ New parts since the 1982 edition include research studies and the need for a multidisciplinary approach, updating the section on "Different types of abusing parents," and a new chapter on "The response to child abuse: current reality and future challenge." Sexual abuse is dealt with realistically and compassionately, the view expressed being that "The abusive act itself is considered to have long-term harmful effects, but it would appear that the type of intervention may have an equally harmful effect on the child and the

family. Medical examination of girls and boys to establish whether or not there has been penetration is experienced by many as more violating than the original incident... and being forced to give evidence in court against a parent who may still be loved and respected is undeniably traumatic. The professionals bear a considerable responsibility to ensure that their intervention does not worsen the child's situation." There are 22 pages of references and bibliography and lists of government reports and papers, inquiry reports, and relevant legislation.

Law and Medical Ethics. 2nd edn. J K Mason, R A McCall Smith. (Pp 368; £18 hardback, £12.95 paperback.) London: Butterworth, 1987. ISBN hardback 0-406-50130-0, paperback 0-406-50131-9.

Advances in this subject since the last edition in 1983 are as great as those in progressive clinical specialties, and these are clearly described. "Neonaticide and selective non-treatment of the newborn" is the new title of chapter 7, where, as in the chapters on the following, for example, the text has been updated: euthanasia (active and passive/voluntary and involuntary), allowing the patient to die, reproductive medicine (now reflecting the Warnock report), psychiatry and the sex offender (revised in the light of the Mental Health Acts), and (a new chapter) "Treatment of the aged" (because of an increasing number of legal and ethical issues). The large number of new legal cases listed at the beginning is alarming, but that is international. Books about the law can be hard going, but this is very readable as well as being both erudite and practical; I am tempted to note that Dr McCall Smith (associate dean of the faculty of law in Edinburgh) writes best selling children's books—and to suggest that every writer should have this qualification, which compels clear writing. The senior author (formerly regius professor of forensic medicine in the University of Edinburgh) is well known for having written successful books such as *Forensic Medicine for Lawyers* and others.

Neonatology. A Practical Guide. 3rd edn. A G S Philip. (Pp 576; figs; £14.95 paperback.) Philadelphia: Saunders, 1987. ISBN 0-7216-2116-3.

This is a concise practical handbook, well illustrated and documented with references—there being about 600 new ones. Chapter 23, "Milestones in neonatology (events of the past 25 years)" includes all that has happened since the last edition in 1980, which is spelt out in the updated text—for example, intracranial haemorrhage, neonatal (this being the first four weeks of extra-uterine life) infection and necrotising enterocolitis, neonatal tetanus, congenital tuberculosis, transmission of hepatitis B, and interpretation of results of laboratory tests and radiographic findings. The pictorial quiz now includes 147 multiple choice questions, and appendices cover topics such as exchange transfusion technique, acid base nomogram, growth and blood pressure norms, and a "fool's guide" to respiratory management of the neonate. The author (MD and FRCPEd) is professor of paediatrics in the University of Vermont College of Medicine, USA.

Paediatric Emergencies. 2nd edn. J A Black. (Pp 960; figs; £70.) London: Butterworth, 1987. ISBN 0-407-00280-4.

The 61 contributors (37 only in 1979) have produced a book that covers every conceivable emergency and more as well, and the editor has done an excellent job as the style is concise and consistent—the ease of reading being aided by plenty of sub-headings, some lists, flow charts, and line diagrams. Sections include "Trauma, accidents and travel"; "Shock, acidosis and electrolyte disorders"; "Intensive treatment and emergency anaesthesia"; "Neonatal emergencies"; and "Practical procedures"; and the 24 appendices complete its encyclopaedic quality. There is even a part on tropical and subtropical disorders, included because of the increase of intercontinental travel.

Interpretation of the word "emergency" is wide, and the book includes, for example, anorexia nervosa, amoebiasis, and diabetes insipidus—infants being at great risk because they cannot indicate their need for water. But I suppose that any acute disease in children can develop more rapidly. The overlap with general medicine is strikingly shown by this splendid tome, and it would be helpful for any trainee or trained physician whether in paediatrics, mesiatrics, or geriatrics.

Proceedings of the Tenth International Association of Forensic Sciences Congress, Oxford, 1984. Ed A Clift. (Microfiche, 31 sheets including indexes; £50 including postage.) Available from A C Associates, 39 Witley Avenue, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3JD. ISBN 0-950178-2-6.

Do not buy this unless you have a microfiche reader/printer at hand. Although published three years after the conference, it still contains much to interest those concerned with this specialty—for example, Professor Keith Mant lecturing on "Forensic medicine—

to be or not to be," Mr Roger Henderson QC about "Scientific evidence from the lawyer's point of view," Dr John Havard on "Professional secrecy—privilege or principle," and Miss Margaret Pereira about "Quality assurance in forensic medicine." Not all the 630 papers are recorded here, but abstracts of them were published in the *Journal of the Forensic Science Society* in 1984 (volume 24 parts 4 and 6) and photocopies of individual papers can now be bought from the present publisher.

Any reader who is unfamiliar with technology in the library should buy *Medical Libraries: a User Guide*, which has just been published to celebrate the centenary of the BMA Library. Librarians like microfilm as it saves storage space and can be got out when needed but, as the author of the booklet sympathetically writes, "... it is rarely the librarian who has to read them." Even scanning these proceedings with a fiche reader was tiresome. So long live the printed word and the joy of browsing.

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Accidents and Emergencies. A Practical Handbook for Personal Use. 5th edn. R H Hardy. Revised by J Bache. (Pp 416; figs; £12.50 plastic back.) Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987. ISBN 0-19-261650-1.

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